

6th Sunday of Easter Year B

Dear Brothers and Sisters, for the past few weeks Christ has been teaching his disciples and all of us how we can be part of his kingdom. From his great sermons of himself as the Good Shepherd (Jn. 10:11-18), The Gate to the Sheepfold (Jn. 10:9), to his invitation to us to be branches of him the vine and his Father the Vinedresser (Jn. 15:5). Today he calls us to love which is the greatest of all the commandments (Matt 22:36-40). Jesus says to his disciples "as the father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love" (Jn.15:9-17). Apparently, Love is the crux of the biblical message today: Love, Friendship with Christ and with one another.

We see this great love of God for all played out in our first reading. Peter teaches us that God shows no partiality in His love and that there are no boundaries to abiding in love. God loves everyone, both the Jews and the Gentiles, and He wants everyone to be saved through His son, Jesus. That is why God welcomed the Roman centurion Cornelius as the first non-Jew to become a Christian. The reading tells us how God also allowed the Gentiles who heard Peter's speech to receive the same Holy Spirit and His gifts that Peter's Jewish audience had received on the day of Pentecost. Thus, we see in Cornelius a gentile Pentecost, a call to faith that opened the door of salvation to the whole world, indeed "God has no favourite, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him" (Acts 10:34). St John in our second reading teaches us the profound insight that "God is Love" He loves us even before we come to know him and love. To demonstrate his bountiful love for mankind, God offered his son "as expiation for our sins." This Divine love gives us the command as well as duty to love one another as we have been loved by God.

Today, dear friends, Jesus teaches his disciples and all of us to obey his commandment of love just as he has obeyed his Heavenly Father's will by fulfilling His commandments and remaining inseparably bonded with his Father. Jesus' unconditional, forgiving, selfless, sacrificial love for us must be the criterion of our love for others. He willingly gave his life to demonstrate his love for us. This is the highest expression of this love. So, our willingness to lay down our lives as Jesus did for people who don't deserve it is the perfect demand of this love which its goal and result will be perfect joy. Jesus no longer calls us slaves but "friends." He assures us that we can get whatever we ask in his name from his Father, as long as we remain in his love. May we abide in his love and express it in our relationship with others.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ST MARY'S CONFERENCE

Food parcels will now be given out every 1st Sunday of the Month. Do not hesitate to let us know if there is anyone or families in dire need of food or clothing.

Legacies: when making your Will have you thought of leaving a legacy to the Parish or diocese?

Gift Aid: If you pay tax as for a Gift Aid form and your one-off signature we get an extra 25%

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

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Ask your MP to sign a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain

A new parliamentary motion (EDM 1340) is calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion.

Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP, and ask them to sign this motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. It only takes 30 seconds using this easy-to-use tool. This tool can be accessed by visiting the link below: www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion



ST MARY'S PARISH PAISLEY

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9th May 2021

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Parish Mass & Prayer Times

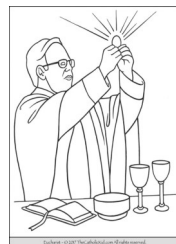
Weekday Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday @ 9:30am

Wednesday @7:00pm

Exposition/Adoration: Tuesday & Thursday @ 9:00am

Confessions: Tuesday & Thursday @ 9:00am

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil @ 4pm, & 5pm,
Sunday @ 11:00am & 12:00noon



N/B Because of the limited number allowed, we appeal to everyone to make use of the booking system on our Parish website www.stmaryrcpaisley.com to book a ticket for the weekend mass you wish to attend.

Baptism: Arrange with the priest

Marriage: Give at least six months notice (see Fr Jude)

SUNDAY HOLY MASS

FIRST READING: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Psalm Response: "The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations "

SECOND READING: 1st John 4:7-10

GOSPEL READING: John 15:9-17

Mass Book: YEAR B Part:1 Page: 138

PARISH NOTICE

NEW HEATING SYSTEM PROJECT APPEAL

So far, we have raised **£23,015.00** with the interest free loan of **£4000** from a parishioner, making a total of **£27,015.00**. We appeal for more support as the total sum of the project is **£29,000**. You can send your donation to the Chapel house with your name or send a cheque payable to St Mary's Parish. If you wish to make bank transfer kindly use our Parish Account details: **Sort Code:80-09-29 Acc.No.00783824**. We thank our parishioners who recently set up a monthly direct debit of **£20**.

Special Collection this Sunday Communications - 16 May 2021

This collection pays for our national Scottish Catholic Media Office which provides a service to the press and media with information on the activities of the Church in Scotland. The office supports two employees. You can donate easily to this by visiting our Diocesan website www.rcdop.org.uk and clicking on the 'Online Parish Offertory'. This allows you to donate to any of the causes or parishes of your choice. Many thanks

1st Communion Congratulations: To the P4 Pupils that made the first communion on Saturday morning. Praying for the second group that will make theirs next Saturday 15th May.

Baptism Congratulations: to Kyla Nyaradzo Mamvuto who will be christened after 12noon Mass on Sunday

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

Scripture and Spirituality Conference 10th - 11th July 2021

John of the Cross and the experience of transforming love. This year's conference focuses on St. John of the Cross and his life changing teachings of how love can transform each and every one of us. Through six thought provoking talks, each of us can learn how to become beacons of light to greater reflect Christ and offer hope to a world in much need of healing. This year, we have been blessed with six renowned speakers, authors and experts, who will bring St. John's teachings to life and transform how we grow in our love and spirituality. For more information www.carmelite.uk.net/ssc or contact ruth.preston@carmelite.org.uk Tel: 07849 596 572

New Heating System Donations

Now £27,015.00

Thank You!!

Special thanks to the special donors last week.

£100.00 (Cash)

£100 (Cheque)

£50 (Cash)

£50+10 (Cash)

Total: £310.00



Think Vocation:

Sixth Sunday of Easter - 9th May 2021

"You did not choose me: no, I chose you, and I commissioned you to go out and bear fruit." Has Jesus perhaps chosen you to share in his mission as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life? Speak to our Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison tel: 01418895056 Or e-mail vocations@rcdop.org.uk

SCIAF Boxes: are available in the porch. Please take some home and help families grow their way out of poverty and hunger.

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Online Marriage Counselling available during Covid 19 Crisis

Our diocese has a Counselling Service for Catholics Married in the Catholic Church with our dedicated Catholic Marriage Counsellor. If you are concerned about your relationship and feel you are both unable to reach a conclusion alone, it is likely that you will benefit from marriage counselling. The counsellor is there to maintain a neutral, non-judgmental position. For information or advice please email in confidence counselling@rcdop.org.uk

Alpha Course in the Catholic Context - Diocese of Paisley Evangelisation Commission

Dear friends of Paisley diocese

The mission of the Church is to "Go, make disciples of all nations..." Matt 28. Alpha's mission is like it - we equip and serve the Church in its mission to help people discover and develop a relationship with Jesus. Jesus calls us to faithfulness to his mission regardless of the time and place we live. We know that 2020 has been a particularly challenging year due to the Covid-19 pandemic: lots of parishes are struggling financially; limitations on Mass attendance; parish ministries have had to reduce or stop altogether; continued social distancing has left priests and parishioners feeling disconnected and isolated; many priests feel overwhelmed and under resourced at this time. The idea of doing anything new can feel daunting, if not impossible. That's why, at Alpha, we want to help lighten that burden and equip parishes to raise leaders, share the good news of Jesus, connect people with each other and with God, and create community with other parishes. The team at Alpha - Catholic Context UK have developed new training for parishes in your diocese. This is a unique opportunity to be trained directly by the Alpha UK team to get up and running with Alpha Online. To register for training please click here. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Roche at michael.roche@alpha.org.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION DATES

Saturday 8th May 2021 & 15th May 2021
@ 10:00am

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

TUESDAY 8TH JUNE @ 7:00PM

As a parish Community we pray especially for

Those who are sick

Christine McAllister John Allison Sarah Jessiman Sarah McCann Martin Rogers John Kerr Ella Craig Winifred Kidd Declan Healy John Doherty Alan Morrison Donna Sim Helen Mackey Ian Scott Doreen Chin Anthony Cannon Jimmy McMenemy Jim O'Shea Brian McLaughlin Ian Gallacher Mary Johnston Joseph McEnhill Charlene Wheelan

Those who are recently deceased

John Craig Michael Cosgrove Anne Maley Paul Mason

Those whose anniversaries occur

Eleanor McMenemy Rose Craig Keith Whyte Robert Ogunvick May McNair Samuel Allison Brigid McGee Ernan O'Donnell Lyn Corrigan