

PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR B



Dear friends in Christ, today we celebrate the outpouring of the holy spirit on the disciples of Christ which marks the beginning of the Church. This great event happened on the day of Pentecost – fifty days after the resurrection of Christ. On this day, the promised advocate, the Paraclete descended on the apostles and our blessed mother Mary in the form of tongues of fire and they spoke in different languages as the Spirit gave them. Ordinarily, Pentecost marks the definitive end of the Easter Season. It occupies a very important position in the Church’s life and liturgical calendar for it marks the beginning of the church’s missionary endeavour. It is a day of renewal and empowerment when the fearful disciples came out of their hiding and preached fearlessly to the people.

The readings today focused on the actions of the third person of the blessed Trinity – the Holy Spirit. Now the work of Jesus on earth has ended, the holy spirit initiates the evangelical mission of the church through the apostles. But who is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is the mutual love of the Father and the Son. The breath of the Lord and the one who sanctifies. The Holy Spirit empowers us, makes us strong Christians and soldiers of Christ (CCC 1302). This empowerment comes through the different gifts we receive from the Holy Spirit. Through them, we become bold to call God our Father (Rom 8:15), and above all, to proclaim to our world that, Jesus Christ is Lord. Also, the Holy Spirit helps us to bear good fruits in Christ (Gal 5, 22). He leads us into the kingdom of righteousness, peace and joy. He empowers us to go into our world to bring peace, unity, joy, love and salvation to nations. The first reading and the gospel reading explain the ‘how’ of the event. While the second reading speaks of the varied gifts of the holy spirit and the unity of works done by and through the same spirit. The slightest glance around a church full of people is enough to show the variety within the Christian community. But it needs the hints given us by Paul to remind us that every member of that community has his or her own special gift to contribute. Mercifully, these gifts are all different but from the same source.

So dear friends, Pentecost is a special feast and a great occasion to orchestrate the different gifts we have received from the one spirit through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. We must seek a better means of putting them into use. Now the work of the church is evident and the demand of it is imminent, we must let ourselves be guided by the Holy Spirit who fortifies, protects and sanctifies us. Only the Holy Spirit who fortifies, protects and sanctifies us. Only the Holy Spirit can calm our fears and restore order to our lives. He alone can empower us to face the daily challenges of our lives, families, communities, and our world at large. He alone can give us the right insight we need to navigate through the complex moments of this life. May we be enabled by the Holy Spirit to be faithful witnesses of the gospel in the world. Happy Feast of Pentecost!!

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

I regret to inform you that as of 27 April 2021, Joe Walsh Pilgrimage Tours have ceased to trade. This will mean that all pilgrims who have bookings carried over from 2020 and 2021 will have to invoke a claim through the TOPS protection policy held by Joe Walsh Tours. This can be accessed by following the link on their website. If you have any problem with this please contact Fr Gerry McNellis on 01475 632078 or stinian@rcdop.org.uk

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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23rd May 2021

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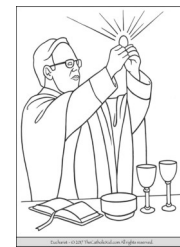
Parish Mass & Prayer Times

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 2:1-11

Psalm Response: “Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth ”

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-23

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PARISH NOTICE

NEW HEATING SYSTEM PROJECT APPEAL

So far, we have raised **£24,441.30** with the interest free loan of **£4000** from a parishioner, making a total of **£28,441.30**. 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**.

Monthly Divine Mercy Devotions and Holy Mass

Will take place on **Tuesday 25th May at 6:30pm** in **St Mary's Church, 163 George Street, Paisley PA1 2UN** and will be led by **Fr Joe Burke**. This divine mercy devotion will begin with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy chaplet followed by Holy Mass. All are welcome.

Special Collection - Pro-Life (Day for Life) - 30 May 2021

This collection helps the Diocese support pro-life causes with half of the funds collected going to the Bishops' Conference pro-life fund. 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

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

Annual Mass at St. Conval's Cemetery

Bishop John Keenan will celebrate our Annual Mass at St Conval's Cemetery, Barrhead on **Sunday the 6th June at 2:00pm**.

Tickets available to book now. Please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-convals-cemetery-mass-tickets-155817180381>

Faith & Reason: A Catholic Integration

A short, residential summer course exploring the relationship of faith with philosophy, science and culture. Particularly helpful for catechists and teachers fielding commonly-asked questions around Catholicism, besides anyone wanting to deepen their understanding of the Faith. Runs 5th - 8th August. For more info and registration, <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason/>

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

20 Days for Life June 1st 2021 till June 20th 2021 8am until 8pm each day

Due to Tier 4 restrictions our 2021 Lenten 40 Days for Life peaceful prayer and fasting vigil at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital in Glasgow was postponed. Sadly, in the midst of this current situation the government did not halt or restrict its abortion culture of death.

On March 23rd 2021 the government called for a UK National Day of Reflection to be held for those who had died from Covid the previous year. According to latest official figures at that time there had been **143,259 Covid deaths**. The following month April 2021 we marked the 53rd anniversary of the implementation of the **1967 Abortion Act which has resulted in almost 9.5million deaths of our unborn children here in the UK**.

Think of the unborn when you pray the words 'For what I have done and for what I have failed to do'. Think of those words in the ballot box. 'They will not grow old as we who are left grow old but we will remember them'.

We are coming out for a 20 Days for Life from June 1st until June 20th outside of the QEUH in Glasgow from 8am until 8pm each day. To take part email Ogilvie1615@outlook.com

New Heating System Donations

Now **£28,441.30.00**

Thank You!!

Special thanks to the special donors last week.

£120.00 (Cash)

£40 (Postal Order)



£1000 (Cheque)



£10+20 =30 (Cash)

£136.30 (Special Collection)

£100.00 (Cash)

Total: £1,426.30

Think Vocation

"There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service, but always for the same Lord." What kind of service do your gifts suggest? Perhaps you could offer them as a priest, deacon or in religious life? Speak to our Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison tel: 01418895056 or e-mail vocations@rcdop.org.uk

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 Sophia Young David Milravey

Those who are recently deceased

Edward Brown

Those whose anniversaries occur

Josephine & Edward O'Donnell Joan & Jimmy Kennan Sid & Marjorie Burns Joe & Terry Burns Agnes & Jack O'Leary Nan Crawford James Lowrie Ricky Price Alberto Puddinu Cesidio & Carmina Serapiglia Giovanni Puddinu Ricardo Puddinu Walter Puddinu Cossa Gavina Silvia & Oscar Marletta