

## 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Dear friends, after the great feasts, we are back to the ordinary time of the season and straight away, Jesus plunges us back to his teaching of his kingdom – the kingdom of God – whose sole mission is its establishment. The readings this Sunday brings to light his teaching on the mysteries of this kingdom. Theologically speaking, today's readings especially the first and the gospel readings using imageries (Parables/Allegories) focus our attention on the birth and growth of the reign or rule of God (Kingdom of God), in our human lives and on the gigantic growth of the Church from very humble beginnings. Both growths are slow and mysterious, guided by the power of the Holy Spirit.

In our first reading, the prophet Ezekiel speaks of the resurgence of a shoot from the highest branch of the cedar planted on a very high mountain of Israel that will turn to be the noble cedar that will house every kind of winged creature (Ez. 17:22-24). Theologically speaking, this is a tailpiece, promising that Israel will again become a great cedar tree, in whose shade the nations will come to take shelter. Our today's gospel parables from St Mark account use the same figure of a great tree in which all peoples will shelter (Mk 4:26-34). Jesus compares the growth of the Kingdom of God to the germination of a wheat seed and that of a tiny mustard seed. Both have exceedingly small beginnings. The wheat seeds, by gradual but steady growth, help the farmer to get a bumper crop. In the same way, the life principle in a tiny mustard seed enables it to grow into a large bush. The reign of God in human hearts and the growth of the Church in the world also have small beginnings. But the Source of all life, God the Holy Spirit, gives to both a steady, persistent and gigantic growth, provided we, the members of the Church, cooperate with God's grace.



Our take-home messages today are: (a.) as the seeds need to be sown, there is the need for the little human effort (sowing the seed), to bring the good harvest. Jesus followers must do their best to plant the seeds so that the power of God can work on them. We must be active non-passive members of the kingdom of God. (b.) We must realize that we are not the sole architect of the growth and so its fruitfulness is not by our making but by God's grace. God is the unseen source of the fruition of the seed. So, don't get discouraged rather be encouraged (c) while the human agent is seen at the beginning (sowing) and the end (harvesting), it does not imply that we are the sole owner of the kingdom, rather we called to participate to be part of the kingdom. So dear friends, the conviction that the growth of the Kingdom of God is the work of the Holy Spirit and needs our humble cooperation should make us optimistic in continuing our work of witnessing. We should continue sowing tiny seeds in the form of words of love, acts of encouragement, deeds of charity, mercy and forgiveness.

### **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?

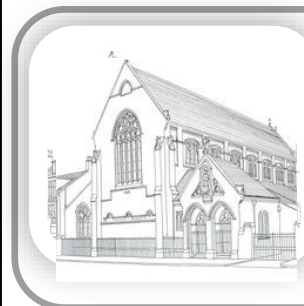
**Gift Aid:** If you pay tax as for a Gift Aid form and your one-off signature we get an extra 25%

### **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](mailto:stinian@rcdop.org.uk)

### **Evening of prayer for Healthcare workers**

Bishop John would like to invite all healthcare workers and friends to an evening celebration to Mark the Year of St. Joseph, patron saint of workers. There will be a time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, prayers for all those involved in our healthcare system and will finish with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All welcome to attend at **St Mirin's Cathedral on Thursday 24th June at 7.00pm**. Please use the Eventbrite link to book your tickets. Alternatively, call St Margaret's Church, Johnstone to book by phone on 01505320198. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/>



## **ST MARY'S PARISH PAISLEY**

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13th June 2021

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### **Parish Mass & Prayer Times**

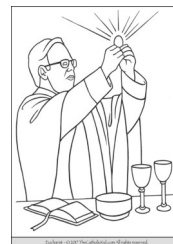
**Weekday Mass:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday @ 9:30am

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](http://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:** Ezekiel 17: 22-24

**Psalm Response:** "It is good to give you thanks, O Lord"

**SECOND READING:** 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10

**GOSPEL READING:** Mark 4: 26-34

**Mass Book:** YEAR B Part:2 Page: 41

## PARISH NOTICE

### NEW HEATING SYSTEM PROJECT APPEAL

So far, we have raised **£25,231.00** with the interest free loan of **£4000** from a parishioner, making a total of **£29,231.00**. 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**.

### Monthly Divine Mercy Devotions and Holy Mass

Just a wee reminder that the Monthly Divine Mercy Devotion, Holy Hour and Mass holds every last Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in St Mary's Church, 163 George Street, Paisley PA1 2UN. Devotion begins with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy chaplet followed by Holy Mass. All are welcome.

### HAWKHEAD CEMETERY MASS

Will take place on Sunday 13th June at 2pm with a limited congregation of 150 people. All cars should be parked on Scott's Road and pedestrians should enter the cemetery using the side gate. Unfortunately, there is very limited provision for Blue Badge holders (10 only), who can bring their cars into the cemetery using the main entrance. Please check St Mirin website for tickets

## DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

### Scripture and Spirituality Conference 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.carmelite.uk.net/ssc) or contact [ruth.preston@carmelite.org.uk](mailto:ruth.preston@carmelite.org.uk) Tel: 07849 596 572

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> August. For more info and registration, <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason/>

### Think Vocation

"The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed". From small and simple beginnings, God makes his Kingdom grow. Is that small seed planted in your heart, which might flower into service in the Church? Contact Fr. John Morrison tel: 0141 8895056 or email [vocations@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk)

### 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](mailto:counselling@rcdop.org.uk)

### 20 Days for Life June 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 till June 20<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 53<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> until June 20<sup>th</sup> outside of the QEUH in Glasgow from 8am until 8pm each day. To take part email [Ogilvie1615@outlook.com](mailto:Ogilvie1615@outlook.com)

### New Heating System Donations Now £29,231.00.00 Thank You!!

Special thanks to the special donors last week.



£100 (Cheque)



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**Total: £200.00**

### Special Collection - Sick and Retired Clergy - 13 June 2021

We remember our Sick & Retired Priests of the diocese with great love and affection. We have fourteen retired priests of our diocese, still active in prayer and witness: one living in Rome, two living in Chile, five in houses throughout the diocese, three in parish presbyteries and three at the Residence of the Little Sisters along with Bishop John Cunningham. We thank God for the gift of these priests and keep them in our prayers. You can donate easily to this collection by visiting our Diocesan website [www.rcdop.org.uk](http://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

### Congratulations to our 200 Club May Draw Winners

1st Jim Lacey £100

2nd Miss McClan £50

3rd Kevin Lusk £30

### 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 Bobby Muir Michael B

#### Those who are recently deceased

Ellen McFadden Graham Cheers Teasy (Teresa) McGurn  
Gerry Shearing Amelia Pallisco Eamon Crerand  
Maureen Bayne

#### Those whose anniversaries occur

Mane Ritchie Garry Willock  
Mary Kerr Betty McCaig