

## 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Today's liturgy of the word reminds us that although in life we may face many troubles, storms or discomforts, God is always our refuge and strength. The Church today teaches us the role of God in calming the storms of life both in the history of the Church and in the lives of Christians. The first reading from Job and the Gospel of Mark today, remind us that God is the creator of the world and the Master of the universe. God has the power to control and regulate all the natural, physical and spiritual forces. He has the whole world in his hands and so, directs the course of our lives and the history of this world. He knows when best to intervene. This is evident in his timely response to Job (Job 38:1,8-11) and in His intervention in the situation of his disciples (Mk. 4:35-41).

The first reading from the book of Job exposes in all its anguish the problem of the suffering of innocent people. In today's periscope, God responds to the many minds puzzling questions of Job - Why should my children die young? Why should I be subjected to long and humiliating situations and misfortunes? These timeless complaints, express the incomprehension and frustration of all who suffer undeservedly. God addresses Job for the first time, questioning his right to challenge God's authority and leading Job deeper and deeper into the mystery of creation. Thus, "Out of the storm," God reminds Job that He is in control. The lesson from the Book of Job connects with the Gospel account of Jesus calming the Storm. Christ demonstrates power over the mysterious sea thus showing he possesses the authority that belongs to God. That is the primary point of recounting the event: that those who hear about it will recognize in Jesus Christ, God made visible. The disciples ask among themselves after the calming of the sea: "Who can this be that the wind and sea obey him?" (Mk 4:41). St Paul in our second reading reminds us that when God intervenes, he does so out of love for us his children and the world (2 Cor.5:14-17).

Beloved friends, Life is full of storms. At times, they can be so strong and strange that our human strength may be flabby to support us. At such moments fear and complaints might take over the central stage of our life. Even in some cases, we might lose our faith in God, thinking that he has abandoned us or that he does not exist. But be assured that God never abandons nor forsake us (Ps 27:10, Is 49:15, Jer. 31:20). All we need is to have courage because Christ has conquered the world. In the midst of the storms of life, Jesus is always with us in the boat of our life. The violent storms we face in our lives: physical storms, emotional storms, spiritual storms, storms of sorrow, doubt, anxiety, worry, temptation, and passion, only Jesus is the answer. His word re-echoes "in the world you have trouble and suffering, but take courage I have conquered the world" (Jn. 16:33). May we never lose our faith but always recline to Jesus for "he is the author and finisher of our Faith" (Heb. 12:2).

### **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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20th June 2021

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

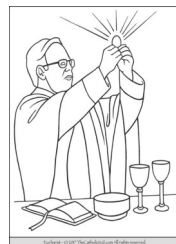
**Weekday Mass:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday @ 9:30am

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:** Job 3:1,8-11

**Psalm Response:** "O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever"

**SECOND READING:** 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17

**GOSPEL READING:** Mark 4: 35-41

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## 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.

### Caritas Commission - 'Improving the Cancer Journey'

The Caritas permanent commission would like to promote the work of The 'Improving the Cancer Journey' Service' within Renfrewshire Council. Details of the service can be found in the newsletter. Contact Karen Spencer & Caroline Kyle-Chittick - Improving the Cancer Journey Service Telephone: 0300 300 1380 (Option 1) / Email [adultservicesreferral.sw@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:adultservicesreferral.sw@renfrewshire.gov.uk)

## DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

### **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**

### Peter's Pence - 27 June 2021

This is the practice of the laity to provide financial support to the Holy See to allow the Holy Father the means to respond to those suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease. Catholics around the world contribute roughly £70M annually through this collection. The US is the biggest contributor at 30%, followed by Italy, Germany, Spain, France, Ireland, Brazil and South Korea. 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

### Think Vocation

"Even the wind and the sea obey him." Jesus brings calm when storms threatened to overwhelm us. Could you bring his calming, restoring presence to others and inspire faith in times of anxiety? Speak to Fr. John Morrison, our Vocations Director, email - [vocations@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk) or phone 0141 889 5056.

### 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/>

### 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)

### Evening Prayer and Benediction for the Year of St Joseph

Bishop John invites all parishioners to join him in the first of our monthly devotions to St Joseph in this special Jubilee Year, dedicated to the patron saint of workers. This takes place at St Mirin's Cathedral in **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm**. All welcome to attend this monthly devotion. During our first evening we will pray for all our health workers, and those under their care. Come along and show your support and thanks for the incredible job they have done, and commend them to St Joseph for their continued good work. 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/o/33509746663>

### **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 Anna McCartin

#### Those who are recently deceased

Michael Beith Frank Barron Teasy McGurn Maureen Bayne  
Amelia Pallisco Sadie Madigan

#### Those whose anniversaries occur

Helen Gallagher Gerard Higgins The Bisland Family  
Mary Armstrong Bridget McCaffery  
Catherine Duffin