



### Solemnity of Corpus Christi

Today we celebrate Christ's great gift to the world 'His true body and blood' given as food for the salvation of the world. It is the celebration of his abiding presence (real presence) fulfilling his promise to be with us always till the end of time (Matt 28:20). This feast was introduced in the late 13th century to encourage the faithful to give special adoration to the Holy Eucharist. So, its celebration gives us an occasion to learn more about the importance and value of the "Real Presence" of Christ so that we may appreciate the Sacrament better and receive maximum benefit from it.

The liturgy of the word this Sunday focuses on the reality of this supernatural food explained within the context of a covenantal bond. The first reading while illustrating the covenant of God with the people of Israel made with the blood of animals by Moses, emphasizes it as a bond between God and his people that demands utmost adherence and faithful observance. The second reading from the letter to the Hebrews compares Jesus to the high priest of old but distinguishes Jesus as the perfect high priest who did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands rather "he entered once for all into the sanctuary not with the blood of goats or calves but with his own blood thus obtaining eternal redemption" (Heb.9:12). More so, in today's gospel, St. Mark tells the story of the Last Supper where Christ gave his body and blood to his disciple as a new and everlasting covenant (Mk.14:12-16, 22-26). Jesus' new covenant engages us in a new alliance and gives us new life. The story told in this reading is the warranty and guarantee that, each time we receive the Body and Blood of Christ, we are bound anew into his covenant.

Therefore friends, today's celebration is a celebration of life, salvation and grace. The Holy Eucharist as the Church teaches "is the source and the summit of the Christian life... for in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself...the Eucharist is also the culmination both of God's action, sanctifying the world in Christ and, of the worship, men offer to Christ... In brief, the Eucharist is the sum and summary of our faith..." (CCC1324-5). So, when we share in the celebration of the Eucharist, we share in the life of Christ the head and, in the life of the Church, his body. As we celebrate this great feast of Faith, let us worship what St. Thomas Aquinas did not hesitate to call, "the greatest miracle that Christ ever worked on earth". Before the greatness of this mystery, let us exclaim with St. Augustine, "O Sacrament of devotion! O Sign of unity! O Bond of charity!" affirming this, we repeat St. Thomas Aquinas' prayer of devotion to the Blessed Sacrament: "O Sacrament most holy! O Sacrament Divine! All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine!"

**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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6th June 2021

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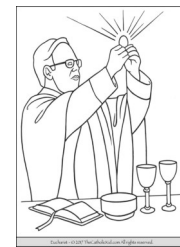
### Parish Mass & Prayer Times

**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:** Exodus 24:3-8

**Psalm Response:** "The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name"

**SECOND READING:** Hebrew 9:11-15

**GOSPEL READING:** Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

**Mass Book:** YEAR B Part:2 Page: 32

### 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.

## PARISH NOTICE

### NEW HEATING SYSTEM PROJECT APPEAL

So far, we have raised **£25,031.00** with the interest free loan of **£4000** from a parishioner, making a total of **£29,031.00**. 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.

**Confirmation:** Please keep in your prayers St Mary's P7 Pupil that will be receiving the sacrament of confirmation on Tuesday 8th June.

**Baptism Congratulations:** to **Harris Robert Campbell, Amelie Mackenzie Gauld and Ashlieghan Masengo Onyimo Ani** who will be christened this Sunday after mass. May God grant them his blessings and grace

## DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

### New Heating System Donations

Now **£29,031.00.00** Thank You!!

Special thanks to the special donors last week.



£150 (Cheque)



**Total: £150.00**

### 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

### 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/>

### Annual Mass at St. Conval's Cemetery

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

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

### 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)

### 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 Seamus McGurn  
Gerry Shearing Amelia Pallisco

#### Those whose anniversaries occur

Mary Kerr Sr Benchmans Thomas Hendren