

## 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Dear Brothers and Sisters, our readings this Sunday present to us in clear terms what awaits every true prophet and through Christ, every Christian – resistance, persecution, accusations, insults and rejection. These are the “icings on the cake” of every true disciple of Christ. God emphatically made this lucid when he exults all in the book of Sirach “my son, if you seek to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for an ordeal” (Sirach 2:1). The prophet Ezekiel, St Paul and our Lord Jesus provide us with valuable lessons on this. In fact, there is an obvious parallel between the rejection of Ezekiel and the rejection of Jesus by his own people of Nazareth who questioned “Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him?” (Mk 6:2)

Obviously, it could be adduced that today’s readings set to address the ordeal of a true prophet. In our first reading, Ezekiel was sent to the people of Israel, exiled in Babylon, to encourage them and tell them that, despite their disastrous losses, all was not lost. The hope of Israel was in them, rather than in the remnant left in Jerusalem. But they were ‘stubborn, obstinate and refused to listen. Why? Because the directness of this true vision “The Truth” which demands certain change and criticizes the status quo is always considered unpopular. The truth is often unwelcome, particularly when it involves criticism and demands change. In this scenario, the popular view tends to outshine the true message, so the true prophet has to face this challenging tense situation and must never compromise. St Paul faced the same defending his apostolate against a rival group of preachers whom he caricatures as ‘super-apostles’ who claimed to have authority greater than his. Paul faces not only opposition from without, but also weakness from within – a thorn in the flesh. He grows in understanding that he is not to depend on himself, but rather on Christ’s power, where divine grace works best through human weakness.

Jesus in today’s Gospel reading had to cope with opposition and rejection from his own people in Nazareth. They struggle to believe him because they know him and his family background. We see here the problem of familiarity as “over familiarity breeds contempt”. They looked down on Jesus because of his family background, thus they said “This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?” (Mk 6:3). So, they left the Message and attack the Messenger. What about us? Have we sometimes rejected, criticized, insulted or looked down on someone because of his family background, race, nationality or level of education? May we ask the Lord the grace to always speak the truth and be ready to acknowledge, appreciate and encourage the prophets of our time who stand for truth and justice in our society with wisdom of God in their heads, the power and love of the Holy Spirit in their words and the courage of God in their actions. May we be courageous to face rejection with prophetic courage and optimism. We must be strong and courageous!!



### 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)

### Do you have any Wrens in your family?

Looking to unite the indomitable ladies who joined the Women’s Royal Naval Service, specifically between 1946 and 1981 who completed basic training at Training Depot Burghfield/HMTE Burghfield/HMTE Dauntless/HMS Dauntless/Reading. They are looking for divisional photographs from those days and to reunite old friends, share anecdotes and relive exciting moments. Please contact email: [ddpwrens@gmail.com](mailto:ddpwrens@gmail.com) or tel: 07765 435295/0771 990 9844. (Project Coordinators: Mandy Powell & Janette Crisp)



## ST MARY’S PARISH PAISLEY

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4th July 2021

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### Parish Mass & Prayer Times

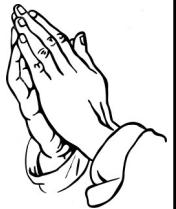
**Weekday Mass:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday @ 9:30am

Wednesday @7:00pm

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

**Confessions:** Tuesday & Thursday @ 9:00am

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday Vigil @ 4pm,  
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 2:2-5

**Psalm Response:** “Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy”

**SECOND READING:** 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

**GOSPEL READING:** Mark 6:1-6

**Mass Book:** YEAR B Part:2 Page: 48

## 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

Monthly Divine Mercy Devotions and Holy Mass will take place every **last Tuesday of the month excepts during the summer months (July & August) at 6:30 p.m. in St Mary's Church, 163 George Street, Paisley, PA1 2UN** and will be celebrated by Father Joe Burke. The Divine Mercy devotions will begin with Holy Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Divine Mercy chaplet. No booking necessary. Just give your details at the door for track and trace. All are welcome.

### Congratulations to Our 200 Club Winners

£100 – Louise McCourt  
 £50 – Jenette Keenan  
 £30 – Annie McAteer  
 £30 – Suzan Kelly

## DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

### New Heating System Donations



Now **£29,231.00.00**

Thank You!!



### Special Collection - The Apostleship of the Sea - 11<sup>th</sup> July

This provides practical and pastoral care to seafarers, regardless of nationality, belief or race through port chaplains and volunteer ship visitors. They welcome, offer welfare services, advice, practical help, care and friendship. Founded in Scotland, the Apostleship is now part of an international network known as *Stella Maris* that works in 250 ports around the world. Ninety per cent of world trade is transported by ship but the life of a modern seafarer is dangerous and lonely. They may spend up to a year at a time away from home, separated from their families and working in harsh conditions. 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

### Summer Mass Schedule

Please be informed that we will not have Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass throughout the months of July and August.

### 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)

### The second evening for the Year of St Joseph

This will take place on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm** in St Mirin's Cathedral. We will be to pray for all our parish volunteers, workers and those involved in our SSVP, Legion of Mary and other organisations, commending them to St Joseph, Patron Saint of Workers. All welcome to attend this devotion. There will be Exposition, Benediction and Evening Prayer of the Church. 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/diocese-of-paisley-33712912941>

### Think Vocation

"I am sending you to them." The prophet Ezekiel is called and sent to speak God's word to his People. Could you be called in a similar way to bring the Gospel to people in priesthood or religious life? Contact your local Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison tel: 01418895056 or email [vocations@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk)

### **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 Ged Farrell

#### Those who are recently deceased

Fr Louis Mendy Gordon MacPherson Brigid Catherine Quinn  
 Lily Barrett Eileen Forsyth Irene Hassan  
 Thomas Joseph McKenna (funeral on Monday)

#### Those whose anniversaries occur

Billy Deighan Anne Crawford Betty McCaig