

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Dear Friends in Christ, today's readings remind us of the mission God has entrusted to us through the church - how we are to prepare for it, what we may encounter and how to handle it. Our call is to preach the Good News of Jesus by bearing witness to God's love, mercy, and salvation, as revealed through Jesus: "God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world." (Ephesians 1:4). To this mission, we have to give our entire being, whether accepted or rejected, our concern should be to do the work we have been called to do.



The first reading (Amos 7:12-15), warns us that our witnessing mission will be rejected, as happened to the Old Testament prophets like Amos. He was ordered by Amaziah, the angry chief priest serving in the Northern Kingdom of Israel at Bethel, to take his prophesying back to his own country, the Southern Kingdom of Judah. Since his message did not march with the popular empty flattering praises meant only to please the king. So, Amos was asked to leave. He was booted out of the national shrine and told to shove off home and mind his own business. Our Gospel reading shows the sending of the twelve Apostles (Mk.6:7-13). Their mission is to preach God's healing, kindness, forgiveness and mercy but they are to be witnesses (reason for sending them in pairs), they must rely on God's providence (reason for travelling light - no food, haversack, spear tunic etc.) and must avoid unnecessary familiarities (reason to stay in one house). This mission however is not exempt from hardship and rejection (reason to shake off the dust of their feet). But in all, they are to be walking illustrations of God's love and providence in action.

Dearly beloved, God sends us today to be witnesses of his love in our world. Just like Amos and the apostles, he calls us to surrender all to him and preach his message of peace, love, repentance and healing to our world. Like the prophet Amos and the apostles, we must prepare ourselves for the demands of this mission - Acceptance and rejection, joys and sorrows, sacrifices, detachments and praises. May we be true disciples and apostles sharing in Christ's mission in order to bring many souls to heaven. Remember, we are called to share with others not just words, or ideas, or doctrines but an experience, - our experience of God and His Son, Jesus. Be the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matt 5:13-16)

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

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 or tel: 07765 435295/0771 990 9844. (Project Coordinators: Mandy Powell & Janette Crisp)



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Parish Mass & Prayer Times

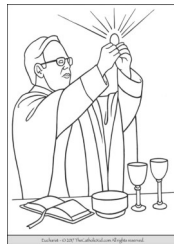
Weekday Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday @ 9:30am

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 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: Amos 7:12-15

Psalm Response: "Let us see, O Lord your mercy and give us your saving help"

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

GOSPEL READING: Mark 6:7-13

Mass Book: YEAR B Part:2 Page: 50

PARISH NOTICE

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS' GROTTO/MEMORIAL WALL

You can now order for Bricks for your loved ones. As was done earlier, financing this will be through sponsorship, on which hopefully, we will be able to claim gift-aid from the government for any UK taxpayer. However, if you are not a Taxpayer, you can still purchase.

The bricks are available:

Single brick with two lines containing 16 characters per line maximum: E.g. In Loving memory (16) of John Smith (13)

Double brick with 4 lines of 16 characters per line maximum.

Suggested contribution/Sponsorship

£20 for Single Brick

£30 for double brick

Please contact Gerry McCourt if you wish to order.

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.

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

New Heating System Donations



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Special Collection - The Apostleship of the Sea - 11th 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 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 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

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

The second evening for the Year of St Joseph

This will take place on **Monday 12th 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

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 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

Jim O'Shea Theresa Temple Thomas Joseph McKenna
Gerry Shearing Diane Howbridge Jimmy Taylor
Marie Theresa Ritchie

Those whose anniversaries occur

Rose Price Gordon Anderson Betty McCaig Francis Bradley
Garry Willock Alex Haggarty