

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Dear friends in Christ, Today's readings explain how God, like a good shepherd, redeems His people and provides for them. The readings also challenge us to use our God-given authority in the family, in the Church, and in society, responsibly and with fidelity. In our first reading, the prophet Jeremiah speaks of the doom that awaits the shepherds of Israel that failed in their work which made the Sheep be dispersed (Jer 23:1) and at the same time reassures of God protective providence to the scattered sheep as the Lord the Good Shepherd will gather them from where they have been dispersed (Jer 23:3). This manifests God Justice. For God's 'justice' is not like human justice, which consists in the observance of and obedience to the law, whether it be the Jewish Law or civil law. God's justice consists in fidelity to his promises, the promises made originally to Abraham, and repeated to Moses and David, the repeatedly renewed covenant, the promise of patronage and protection, if only they will put their trust in the Lord.

St Paul in our second reading introduces Jesus as the shepherd of both the Jews and the Gentiles and explains how Jesus, the good shepherd, has reconciled all of us with His Father by offering Himself on the cross. Paul also speaks about another reconciliation between Jews and Gentiles, brought about by Jesus' accepting both into the same Christian brotherhood. St Mark in today's gospel gives the account of the return of the sent apostles. At both the beginning and end of this section of the Gospel we are reminded that the foremost duty of the disciples is to be with Jesus: 'they were to be with him' (Mark 3.14). The disciples who were sent out on their mission now return to Jesus, and now, the much larger crowd 'from every town', who had searched for him so determinedly and successfully, are welcomed and pitied by Jesus. Furthermore, he begins to teach them. The final quotation, 'like sheep without a shepherd' is a clear allusion to the Israelites after the death of Moses, who would be like sheep without a shepherd until Joshua is appointed as leader (Numbers 27.17), and more widely to the Lord sending a shepherd to replace the careless and self-indulgent shepherds of Ezekiel 34, Jer.23:1-3.

Dear brothers and sisters, God has called us to shepherd His flock. Just like the apostles sent, the demands that we be good shepherds. To be good shepherds, we must recognize that our apostleship is not an autonomous venture but a continuous prayerful passage from the presence of God to the presence of the people and back to God. We must be connected to God as His grace is essential. Through us, the Church must manifest the care, mercy and kindness of Christ and fulfil her double responsibility of teaching and feeding. May we be true shepherds that will keep together the flock of God and lead them to their heavenly home...



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 stninan@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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18th 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 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: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm Response: "The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want"

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:13-18

GOSPEL READING: Mark 6:30-34

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PARISH NOTICE

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS' GROTTA/ MEMORIAL WALL

You can now order 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

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Zoom vigil to Promote the Korea Peace Appeal Sunday, July 25 at 12 noon

In July 1953, North Korea, China and the United Nations signed an armistice agreement ending open hostilities on the Korean peninsula. The following year, China proposed a conference to negotiate a peace treaty, but 68 years later, there is no such negotiation. Since the end of the Cold War and the democratisation of South Korea, pressure from citizens has grown to negotiate and sign a peace treaty. Faith-based groups such as the Korean National Council of Churches and Pax Christi Korea have drafted at least one possible text for a treaty. Pax Christi Scotland hopes that in this 'political situation of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.' Register in advance for this meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZytduypzpkpHdB771e48b4oK9KPYUS07Fiv>

Baptism Congratulations

To Ernest Tichatora Sithole & Lorna Anne Callery-Sithole whose son **Nevanji James Sithole** will be christened after 12noon Mass this Sunday.

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/>

World Day For Grandparents and Elderly

Pope Francis has established throughout the Church the celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly beginning in 2021 on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. This year it will fall on **Sunday 25 July**. This coincides with the celebration of the *Amoris Laetitia* Year of the Family, which began on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph 19 March and will conclude at the World Meeting of Families in Rome in June of 2022.

Healing Service

A healing service will take place in St Brendan's Church Hall (Parish Priest, Father Joe McCauley) Kelso Street Yoker G13 4BH. Speaker - Joe Livingston. Tuesday 27th July at 7-30pm. All Welcome.

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 Year of St Joseph

Our third evening will take place on **THURSDAY 5TH AUGUST** in St Mirin's cathedral at **7pm**, to pray for our Clergy and Religious commending them to St. Joseph. **ALL WELCOME** to attend this devotion. There will be Exposition, Benediction and Evening Prayer of the Church. Please use Eventbrite link to book your tickets. Alternatively call Angela to book a place on 0141 237 3584

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/diocese-of-paisley-33712912941>

Think Vocation

"He took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd." Do you feel called to bring people a sense of Jesus's pastoral love as a priest, deacon or religious? Speak to Fr. John Morrison - email vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel 01418895056.

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 Peter Inch

Those who are recently deceased

Marie Theresa Ritchie Baby Sophia Elizabeth Graham Jim Collins Janet Humphries Ian Holmes Jane Rice

Those whose anniversaries occur

James Petrie Joseph Tafatawona Sithole
Month's mind of Fr Louis Mendy