

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time year B

Dear brothers and sisters, the readings this Sunday present the God who cares and provides for his people and thus invites us to be humble instruments in God's hands by sharing our blessings with our needy brothers and sisters. They



point us to how we can satisfy the deeper hunger of our life. Here, we must point out first that these miracles are might signs and at the same time parable with many lessons about the all-sufficiency of God to meet the vast needs of the world through our little contributions.

The first reading tells us how the prophet Elisha, by invoking God's power, fed one hundred men with twenty barley loaves. Elisha relied on faith, not on what he had but on what God would do with what the Prophet had received as a gift. This miracle foreshadows the gospel account of Jesus' miraculous feeding of the pursuing crowd seeking the Master. Jesus' miraculous feeding of the five thousand people, using five barley loaves and two fish offered by a boy in the crowd through the apostles, is associated with the Holy Eucharist early in the Church's tradition. The people immediately interpreted the miracle, giving Jesus two Messianic titles: "The prophet" and "the one who is to come." This miracle or sign as St John calls it teaches us that God works marvels through ordinary people. Elisha's servant and Jesus' disciples distributed the bread provided by God through generous people who were willing to share their food with the hungry. Thus, God meets the needs of people through the goodwill and services provided by members of His community. The Gospel story teaches that Jesus meets the most basic human need, namely hunger, with generosity and compassion.

Brothers and Sisters, our take-home lesson today is that God cares for us. He provides more than enough for everybody and will do more if only we can generously give what he has given to us for the betterment of all. As Christians, we need to commit ourselves to share and to work with God in communicating His compassion to all as the early Christians did. God always blesses those who share their blessings - treasure, time, and talents with loving commitment. We can begin our humble efforts at "sharing" right in our parish by participating in the works of charity done by the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Once physical pangs of hunger are satisfied, then we are challenged to satisfy the deeper fits of hunger, for love, mercy, forgiveness, companionship, peace, and fulfillment. Have a lovely Sunday!!

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)



ST MARY'S PARISH PAISLEY

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25th July 2021

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Parish Mass & Prayer Times

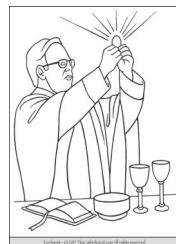
Weekday Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday @ 9:30am

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.stmaryrcpailsey.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: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalm Response: "You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires"

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-6

GOSPEL READING: John 6:1-15

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PARISH NOTICE

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS' GROTTO/ 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

New Heating System Donations



Now £29,231.00.00

Thank You!!



CARFIN DAY

The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Carfin, led by Bishop John Keenan, will take place on **Sunday 29th August 2021**. Mass of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at 3pm followed by the Rosary Procession which will take place at 5:30pm. Catering facilities are available at the shrine.

THE TIMETABLE FOR THE DAY:

- 1:00 pm Arrival for Personal Prayer and visit to the Shop and Tea Room.
- 2:30 pm Preparation for Mass.
- 3:00 pm Mass with the Anointing of the Sick. Followed by a break for Tea, Toilets etc
- 5:30 pm Marian Procession
- 6:00 pm Departure of Buses.

Baptism Congratulations

To **Joseph Daniel Baldwin & Lisa Baldwin** whose daughter **Isabella Lisa Baldwin** 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. A LL 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 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
Joe Burns James McNulty

Those who are recently deceased

Ardith Chamness Marie Theresa Ritchie
Janet Humphries Alan Morrison
Marie Theresa Law Brian Jude Law

Those whose anniversaries occur

Catherine Crawford Peter McGarry Agnes Tracey
Desmond Higgins Ben Chamness
Cathy Lavelle Francis Andrew Meichan