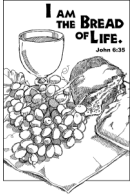


18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B



Dear brothers and sisters, our gospel reading this Sunday is a continuation of last week Sunday's gospel which is the Johannian bread of life discuss. Last week Jesus fed the more than five thousand people with only five barley loaves and two fish and He escaped from them when they wanted to make him king. Today, the people have found Jesus and they asked

him this all-important question "Rabbi, when did you come here?" (Jn. 6:25). We must note the intent of this question and the title used by the people now recognized Jesus as Rabbi (Teacher, Prophet) but their desire or intent is to have more of the food thus Jesus' response to them "I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life," (Jn. 6:26-27). Thus, Jesus invites them to seek for the spiritual food that last which he has come to give.

Our first reading from the book of exodus presents the event of the manna in the desert which was a historic event in the lives of the chosen people of God. For the people, it is a manifestation of God's love but to God, it is a way of showing them He is the Lord (Ex.33:29). The historical basis is that God cared for his people and provided them with food during a generation's wandering in the savagely inhospitable desert of Sinai, a huge, infertile expanse of rock and sand, where virtually nothing grows. This care is focused on manna, a sweet substance excreted from bushes on Sinai in a way that Israel found miraculous. But this is just a prefiguration of the true bread which Christ has come to give so that "whoever eats it will never be hungry" (Jn.6:35)

Beloved in Christ, today's readings challenge us to be more concerned with spiritual food than with physical food and to get our spiritual food regularly from the word of God and the Holy Eucharist - the Heavenly Bread - because only God can satisfy the various forms of our spiritual hunger. Physical food can only satisfy our momentary desire but spiritual food satisfies the innermost hunger that quells and cushions the fundamental desire of every soul. It brings about perfect harmony between us and God, joining with Christ in his resurrection - making us new beings fused with Christ or grafted into Christ as St Paul said in the second reading; through which we live with Christ's life-principle, rather than our old corrupt life-principle. This very food that transforms us is the Holy Eucharist - Christ's great gift to the world. May we hunger for this true food and ask Jesus daily to give us this bread always to nourish our souls with this Heavenly Manna and carry Jesus to our homes and workplaces, radiating Jesus' love, mercy and compassion all around us.

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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1st August 2021

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

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: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Psalm Response: "The Lord gave them bread from heaven"

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:17,20-24

GOSPEL READING: John 6:24-35

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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 except 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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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.

Think Vocation

"I am the Bread of Life." Jesus comes to us in the Eucharist. Could you be called to priesthood, to bring the presence and power of Jesus to his people in the sacraments? Speak to our local Vocations Director. Fr. John Morrison - email vocations@rcdop.org.uk or phone 0141 8895056

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/>

NET Ministries

This September NET Ministries Scotland will bring over 10 young people from the USA and Wales for 10 months to minister in our schools and parishes and encourage our young people in their faith and belonging to the Church. 'Host Homes' are essential for these young missionaries to rest, pray, eat and participate in home life. In return, they provide a strong Christian witness in the host homes. Could you provide a (bed/couch/sleeping bag) for a one-week time frame for a minimum of 2 people, with breakfast, packed lunch and dinner? They usually leave in the morning and return at dinner time. Please email maryshields@netscotland.org or call Mary Shields at +44 7720 969390.

Marriage and family webpage

The Diocese has a dedicated page on the website for Marriage and Family life. It contains a wealth of information, support and resources for many aspects of this important vocation. For more information please visit <https://rcdop.org.uk/marriage-family-life-2>

March for Life UK

This will take place on **Saturday 4th September** in Central London from approx. 10.00am - 4.30pm. The Diocese of Paisley together with SPUC Glasgow are organising an overnight coach which will leave from St. Mirins' Cathedral at midnight on Friday 2nd September picking up at St Andrew's Cathedral and Gretna Green. The coach will return from parliament square at approx. 5.30pm with an ETA of midnight. The cost per person will be £30. To book a seat please use our Eventbrite link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/march-for-life-september-2021-coach-tickets-163611601705> We recently had the highest ever annual abortion figures in the UK. Let's do our part in turning the tide in our nation. More information on the days' event is available at [Home - March for Life UK](#) For all other enquiries please contact Marianne by email at curia@rcdop.org.uk or Louise at lgrant@spucscotland.org thank you.

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

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

Michael Jones Jim McMenemy
Janet Humphries Alan Morrison
Margaret Rose
Brigid Catherine Quinn

Those whose anniversaries occur

Laura Anne Donnelly
John Barr
Agnes Cattigan Isa Dickson