

## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Dear brothers and sisters, it is never possible to forget the gaze of a child who is hungry or the desperation of a mother trying to secure her child's next meal. The need for food to sustain one's life is primal yet the ability to do so depends on many complex factors beyond oneself. Today, more than ever, we are continually exposed and aware of hunger in the world, whether it is in Yemen, Cambodia, Congo, Haiti or South Sudan. Yet, the ability to affect the reality of those who are suffering seems like it can be far from our reach. Our Gospel reading from John and our Old Testament reading from 1 King are about food for the journey. God gave Elijah food that nourished him for his life on earth (1Kg 19:4-8) and Jesus gives us food that both nourishes us in this life and gives us eternal life (Jn. 6:41-51).



Our first reading is very interesting, Elijah the great prophet who shut heaven for three and half years, brought down rain and fire from heaven, defeated and killed the prophets of Baal is now on the run for his life from Jezebel the wife of King Ahab. He was at his desperate moment lacking the basic need for survival - Food. Elijah here experienced both physical and spiritual hunger but he was nourished by an angel with the miraculous food that strengthened for the long journey to Mount Horeb. Jesus in today's gospel confronts his own obstacles - the Pharisees who do not believe in him. Thus, Jesus reveals himself as the true "Bread of Life that came down from Heaven," which gives eternal life (Jn. 6:51). Jesus proclaims that it is He Himself, the Incarnate Son of God, who is the new and perfect manna, literally "come down from Heaven" (Jn. 6:51).

Dear friends, the good news today, is that Christ draws us to himself every day through the Eucharist in order to nourish and strengthen us for our journey. He is the living bread that satisfies our spiritual hunger. He equally fills us with His Spirit who directs us on the right path on our journey. So today, God is saying to us as he said to Elijah in the desert, "arise, eat, drink," and continue your journey with new hope, zeal and a new spirit. May our lives be transformed by this heavenly food so that like Jesus we shall share in the joyous and challenging life of being the Body of Christ for the world - Bread for a hungry world, and Drink for those who thirst for justice, peace, the fullness of life, and even eternal life.

### **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 [stninian@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:stninian@rcdop.org.uk)

### **Faith in Change and Conflict**

We know conflict is part of life and can be both creative and destructive. We notice that many people - including those in faith communities - can struggle to find helpful ways to respond to change, transition, tension and difference. Some structures, cultures, systems and habits can make it difficult for people to hear each other well and relationships may break down. We also know that there is much transformational potential in conflict. **Faith in Change and Conflict** is a training course running in September and January for individuals or parish representative their parish or diocese. (<https://www.placeforhope.org.uk/training/course/faith-in-change-and-conflict>).



## **ST MARY'S PARISH PAISLEY**

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8th 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](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:** 1 Kings 19:4-8

**Psalm Response:** "Taste and see that the Lord is good"

**SECOND READING:** Ephesians 4:30-5:2

**GOSPEL READING:** John 6:41-51

**Mass Book:** YEAR B Part:2 Page: 59

## 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.

### Get Together for All Parish Volunteers

There will be one mass next Sunday 15th August 2021 at 11am after wish all parishioners will gather to thank our parish volunteers "Our Heroes". There will be Pizza, cakes and Ice Cream for all, thanks to our generous donors. Please, you can bring your bottle/drinks.

All are welcome!!!!



## DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

### Summer Raffle Draw

As announced, tickets are on sale for our Summer raffle. You can purchase one from **Anne Bradley** or **Kay Steel**. We also have special cards for sale

### 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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:curia@rcdop.org.uk) or Louise at [lgrant@spucscotland.org](mailto: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](mailto:counselling@rcdop.org.uk)

### The Year of St Joseph

Our fourth and fifth evenings will take place on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> AUGUST** in **St Mirin's cathedral** at **4.00pm** and **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August** in **St Mary's Greenock** at **4.00pm**, to pray for everyone involved in Education 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 01412373584

### 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

Stephen Boyle Jim McMenemy Janet Humphries  
Michael Jones Ardith Chamness  
Anne Grady Nan O'Neil

#### Those whose anniversaries occur

Samuel Okorie Rosemary McKeown Ian McNiven  
Charles & Elizabeth Scott James Scott  
Andrian McDermott Alberto Puddinu  
Elizabeth Woods Danny McKelvie Kevin Morgan  
Andrew Woods