

Solemnity of the Assumption

Dear beloved in Christ, we celebrate today the bodily taking up of the Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life which the Church teaches as a dogma - Assumption. This doctrine is part of the treasury of the Roman Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodoxy, Oriental Orthodoxy, and parts of Anglicanism. In the Eastern Orthodox churches, the Assumption is referred to as the Dormition of the *Theotokos* (a Greek word literally meaning "God-bearer"). But it was dogmatically defined by Pope Pius XII on November 1, 1950, in the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*, while exercising papal infallibility. Thus, the Church teaches that the Virgin Mary "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."



The readings today especially the first and Gospel readings are about women and God's creative, redemptive, and salvific action through them. The first reading from the Book of Revelation narrates the vision of a woman about to give birth and the huge Dragon is bewilderingly rich in biblical symbolism. The author of Revelation probably did not have Mary of Nazareth in mind when he described the "woman" in this narrative. He sees the "woman" as a symbol for the nation and people, Israel. She is pictured as giving birth, as Israel brought forth the Messiah through its pains. The woman is also symbolic of the Church, and the woman's offspring represents the way the Church brings Christ into the world. The dragon represents the world's resistance to Christ and the truths that the Church proclaims. The Gospel reading relates Mary's canticle of thanksgiving for God's gifts to her. Through God's favour, Mary is the Mother of Christ and of the Church.

The solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary gives us the assurance and hope of our own resurrection and assumption into Heaven on the day of our Last Judgment. It is a sign to us that someday, through God's grace and our good life, we, too, will join the Blessed Mother in giving glory to God. It reminds us that we, too, must be pure and holy in body and soul, since our bodies will be glorified on the day of our resurrection. It challenges us to imitate Mary's self-sacrificing love, her indestructible faith and her perfect obedience. May we celebrate this solemnity with ever-living faith which manifests itself in charity as we hope to be with Mary and her son Jesus in the end.

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%

Monthly Pro-Life Mass

The monthly Pro-Life Mass is on Wednesday, **18th August at 7.30pm at Holy Cross, 113 Dixon Ave, G42 8ER. This month we will also resume Adoration, from 6.15 to 7.15pm.** All welcome!

The celebrant will be Fr Joseph Burke.

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 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.



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15th August 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: Apocalypse 11:19;12:1-6,10

Psalm Response: "On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold"

SECOND READING: Corinthians 15:20-26

GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:39-56

Mass Book: YEAR B Part:2 Page: 112

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

This Sunday 15th August, we will have the opportunity to thank all our parish volunteers for their wonderful help and services to our parish community during this terrible time of the Pandemic. They are indeed **"Our Heroes"**. **There will a light refreshment in the Hall after 11am Mass.** Special thanks to Domino Pizza for supporting us. There will also be, snacks, 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

"The Almighty has done great things for me." Mary praises God for his power at work in her life. Say "Yes" to God as she did: let God work in your life for the good of his people! Speak to our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison e-mail: vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel 01418895056.

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 fourth and fifth evenings will take place on **Tuesday 24th AUGUST in St Mirin's cathedral at 4.00pm** and **Wednesday 25th 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 Markey 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

Willie Robertson Jim McMenemy Peter Connor
Patricia Coleman Kevin Markey
Anne Grady (Funeral on Monday)
Nan O'Neil (Funeral on Tuesday)

Those whose anniversaries occur

Betty McCaig Catherine McDevitt Rose Duffy Susan
Tierney George Thorburn Michael Muir Margaret
Shearer Robert Farrell James Muir Garry Willock