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**Mass Times**

Saturday Vigil 4pm, Sunday 10am (Family Mass)

**Daily Mass:**

10am except Wed 6pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Wed 5.25pm - 5.55pm Sat 10.30am - 11am

**Exposition:**

Wed 5pm - 5.55pm, Thursday 10:30 - 11:30am

**Rosary**

Mon - Sat 9.30, Mon 7.30pm

**Baptisms:**

By appointment

**Marriages:**

Minimum of 6 months' notice



## Twenty -Seventh Sunday Year A – 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**St Vincent De Paul:** Contact No 07598511261  
**Hall Bookings:** Contact No 0141 580 6642

### Last week's Collections

**Offertory:** £367.15 **Weekly Standing Orders:** £355

**Building Fund:** £213.67

### OCTOBER MONTH OF HOLY ROSARY

There is Rosary each Sunday of October followed by Benediction at 4pm. Please come along to honour Our Lady and respond to her request to daily pray the Rosary.

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Following on from our Consecration of Scotland to Mary the Paisley Diocese want to get as many people as possible praying the ROSARY, from Sunday 1st October.

- post & share on Facebook.Twitter.Instagram
- comment using the tag '+prayingtheROSARYeveryday+'
- tag people involved or email colettesweeney@rcdop.org.uk with the tag
- make the tag logo your profile pic for the month
- or take a picture of you praying with your ROSARY

Details of ROSARY events throughout October to follow For FREE ROSARY Beads email colettesweeney@rcdop.org.uk <https://rcdop.org.uk/news/praying-the-rosary-everyday>

**CREDL** - Any students from Paisley Diocese studying the Certificate in Religious Education by Distance Learning (CREDL) who require seminar assistance can contact Marianne Boland on 0141 847 6130 for more information.

### Jesuit Ministries at the ISC:Glasgow

They are offering a course in Pastoral Care, this may be of particular interest to teachers. Please see the following link for more details <http://www.iscglasgow.co.uk/pcc.html>

### SCIAF Real Gifts. [www.sciaf.org.uk/realgifts](http://www.sciaf.org.uk/realgifts)

These make great presents for friends and family while helping people in poverty. Catalogues in porch.

### VOLUNTEERS WITH PVG CERTIFICATES

The Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Group has recommended that all Volunteers doing regulated work with children and vulnerable adults or both, should do the Level 1 training by the end of year.(Diocesan Policy)

**St. Fergus', Paisley:** Thurs 2nd November at 2pm

**St. Colm's, Kilmacolm:** Tues 7th November at 7pm

**St. Conval's, Linwood:** Tues 14th November at 7pm

Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding officesafeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk or 0141 847 6138 to register for a training session. There will be limited space at each session, therefore volunteers should register up to one week before the date of the training session.

### Mary's Meal

Mary's Meals will come to the Parish on the weekend of 14th/15<sup>th</sup> Oct and the Van will be available on the Sunday after the 10.00am Mass to collect unwanted clothing. This includes belts, bags, shoes and household textiles of bedding/curtains, however **No Duvets or Pillows**. There will also be a short talk at Mass and an opportunity to buy raffle tickets. Last year the raffle raised £130,00 and Rags to Riches bag collection £175,000.

### 1st Anniversary Mass for the Right Rev. John Aloysius Mone.

Bishop John invites you to join him on Monday 16th October at St Mirin's Cathedral at 7:00 pm. All welcome, refreshments in the hall afterwar

### 4<sup>th</sup> National Divine Mercy Conference

This will take place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> of Oct at St Augustine's Church, Coatbridge from 9am-5pm. To register go to [www.glasgow.ac.uk/catholic](http://www.glasgow.ac.uk/catholic) chaplaincy/divine mercy. See poster in porch for more details.

### Marriage Matters: Maintain a common

purpose. Remember our courting days and the long, thrilling conversations we had about our future together. They were part of our falling in love and of establishing a common purpose in married life. St Paul reminds us of the mark of a Christian: "Be united in your convictions and your love, with a common purpose and a common mind." (Ezek18: 25-28 Phil 2: 1-11 Matt 21: 28-32)

## **Fatima Vigil**

This Thursday the of 12th October we will celebrate our sixth and final Fatima Vigil of this centenary year. Because we are receiving the pilgrim statue, the format will vary slightly: 7.30 Solemn Welcome and Crowning of the Statue; Rosary, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. As Always, the hall will be open from 7-7.30pm and again after Benediction.

## **October Visit of the Fatima Pilgrim Statue to Paisley Diocese**

The Fatima Pilgrim Statue, touring Scotland in this centenary year of the apparitions of Our Lady, will be in Paisley Diocese from 7th – 16th October. We encourage you to make a personal pilgrimage with your petitions to Our Lady in this time of special grace. On the Feast of the Holy Rosary, Sat 7th October, 4.30pm, Bishop John will welcome the Pilgrim Statue to St. Mirin's Cathedral in a Welcome Service with Holy Rosary, followed by the Vigil Mass celebrated by Canon Oliver at 5.30pm. Bishop John will celebrate mass at 12noon on Sunday 8th October in the Cathedral. The Statue will remain in the Cathedral for special services and personal devotion through the following week. It will be taken to Christ the King, Howwood for the last Fatima Vigil of the Centenary Year, Thursday 12th October, and remain for the weekend. Its last stop will be in the Chapel of the Little Sisters' Holy Rosary Residence on Monday 16th October

## **St. Mirin's Pilgrims Walks –**

The next walk is on Saturday 4th November from Glasgow to Paisley - meeting at Glasgow Cathedral Precinct at 09:30am.

## **The Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 29th June- 6th July 2018.**

The Diocesan pilgrimage is open to all, however any pilgrim with an acute medical condition or who is taking regular prescription medication will be asked to complete a medical form. This allows us to ensure that we have a team of nurses and helpers willing to assist you. It also lets us order the correct number of wheelchairs for the pilgrimage.

We are still awaiting the full details and booking forms for the pilgrimage. If you would like to be placed on the mailing list please contact Anne Louise 01475 638132

## **Youth to Lourdes 2018**

We are currently in the process of arranging the Youth Lourdes Pilgrimage for 2018. The Pilgrimage will leave Scotland on Thursday 28th June 2018. We will arrive in Lourdes on Friday 29th June. We will arrive back in Scotland on Friday 6th July. The pilgrimage is open to anyone in the present s3, s4, s5 or s6. The cost this year is £550.00. The deposit to reserve a place is £60. If deposits are paid, however, by or on Sunday 8th October we will be able to offer a reduced price of £510.00 #earlybirdoffer. Places are reserved only upon payment of the deposit and the return of the application form.

Our first group meeting will be at St. Patrick's, Greenock on Sunday 8th October at 2pm. If you like to know more please contact Fr. John Morrison at St. Patrick's on 01475720272 or email johnmorrison1976@gmail.com.

**Community Money Advice:** One-in-seven adults in local parishes are at three months behind with bills or feel their debts are a heavy burden? Community Money Advice Scotland (CMAS) is a Christian charity supporting independent advice centres run by churches to tackle this growing problem. Local volunteers receive accredited training to develop their own skills and provide free face-to-face advice for anyone struggling financially due to rising rents, unpaid bills or benefit sanctions. We need your help to reach out and support those affected across our Diocese. If you are interested in becoming a trained adviser for this vital service or would like more information, please contact: Stephen Curran, CMAS Operations Support Manager 0141 423 4671, 07554 905275, stephen@communitymoneyadvice.com, Facebook communitymoneyadvice, Twitter @CMA\_Scotland

## **I Am Me Scotland**

This a community charity that works in partnership with Police Scotland to raise awareness of and tackle disability hate crime. Disability Hate Crime is one of the most under reported crimes in the UK, with an estimated 97% going unreported. There are 1 million people in Scotland registered as disabled or with a long term illness. Many incidents go unreported as disabled people accept abuse and harassment as part of daily life.

**I Am Me Scotland.** They are hosting their first ever fundraiser this Friday 13th October FREE entry into our raffle with every ticket priced £10. It is from 7pm- 12 midnight at Ralston Golf Club, Strathmore Avenue, Paisley, PA1 3DT. If you'd like to purchase tickets, or make a donation, please get in touch with us at iamme@renfrewshire.gov.uk or call 0141 618 6241.

**Legacies:** When making your Will have you thought of leaving a legacy to the parish or diocese? Gift Aid: If you pay tax ask for a Gift Aid form and with your one-off signature we get an extra 25%.

## **Fundraiser in aid of Across Scottish Jumbulance**

This will take place in St.Mirins Cathedral hall on Sunday 29th October after the 10am and 12pm Masses. There will be teas, coffees, cakes, biscuits and rolls and sausage on sale. There will also be a raffle.

**We pray for those who are Sick:** Ronald Burns, Peter Cairney, John Cannon, Anne Cox, Joseph Din, Jean Docherty, Ree Dunn, Joyce Van Gorder, Bob Fairlie, Matthew Fearon, Ellen Hendry, Daniel Hughes, Rena Jardine, Rebecca Keay, Margaret Skea, Andrew Madsen, Maureen Muldoon, Elizabeth Mc Cusker, Yvonne Mc Lachlan, Agnes O'Donnell, Sr Patricia Reilly, Irene Rome, Sonia Galligo Romero, Elizabeth Turnbull, Laurie Thompson. Esther West, Janet & Jimmy Smith.

**We pray for those who have died recently:** John Farrell and for the Anniversaries of Helen Burns, Eileen Cameron, John Cleary, Eamonn Duggan, Jim Heaney, Agnes & Willie Mc Hugh, Francesco Rossi.