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World Mission Sunday

Dear brothers and sisters,

If the pandemic has taught us anything, then it is perhaps the realisation that we all need one another. During the past 19 months many of us will have found that we have grown closer to our family, our friends and our neighbours. There are lots of stories of people helping others in their street with whom they had never really had a conversation until lockdown. Somehow, adversity also inspired us to find more ways to contact one another.

Sadly, many people died, and our hearts and prayers go out to those families who did not have the chance to have a proper funeral, a proper chance to grieve together. Looking back, though, there are many things we have to thank God for: the support of others, the chance to at least attend Mass online, the opportunity to pray more and to reflect on what is important in our life.

Today's first reading speaks of God's promise to deliver his people from exile and the responsorial psalm is a thanksgiving for having been brought home – What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. The idea of looking back and looking forward are contained in the theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's World Mission Sunday: *We cannot remain silent about what we have seen and heard*. This phrase is taken from the Acts of the Apostles and it is the response of St. Peter and St. John when they were forbidden to preach the Good News.

Missio – the Pontifical Mission Societies – is the Pope's charity, and your charity, to enable all of us in today's Church to share what we have with one another and particularly to help those who are in need. Through Missio, the Catholics of Scotland have built the first churches in mission countries, helped feed and educate children, helped nuns and religious set up clinics and hospitals and enabled young men and women to enter the priesthood and religious life. World Mission Sunday is the one day during the year when Catholics worldwide can demonstrate solidarity with one another, when we can show that the Church is a family and is a way of acknowledging how we need one another through financial support and prayer.

Pope Francis sees a direct link between climate change and poverty. We can, he says, only care for our planet if, at the same time, we also care for those who are poor in our world. In some ways the pandemic has been a test for us to start seeing a different way of living together in our 'common home'. This will be part of the message which Pope Francis will give to the COP26 meeting on climate change which will take place in Glasgow next month.

Through your donations to Missio Scotland over the past year you have been able to help poor parishes and communities in Africa, Asia and South America which have had to struggle with the pandemic without the vaccines or medical care that we have here in Scotland. In their name I wish to thank you for all you have given, both financially and through your prayers.

On this World Mission Sunday I appeal to you, on behalf of Pope Francis, to give what you can and to pray for a better and safer world for all of us.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Vincent Lockhart
National Director of Missio Scotland



Parish Safeguarding

The National Safeguarding Webinar took place virtually on 2nd October. There was a lot of information shared but the two main points are: 'In God's Image' version 2 is now published. This is the document which sets out the standards and procedures for safeguarding in the Catholic Church, including children and vulnerable adults. It is available at: www.bcos.org.uk

Secondly, the Bishops' Conference are establishing an independent watchdog, the Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency, to provide 'consistency, transparency and accountability'. It will have its own staff and management and will ensure that dioceses and religious communities meet national safeguarding standards.



RCIA 2021/2022

Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic? Or do you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic?

If so, there will be a short meeting on Monday 25th October in St Mary's Chapel House at 7pm.

All are welcome



Clydesdale Foodbank

Next weekend will be our Monthly Foodbank Collection to help support Clydesdale Foodbank. Bags of shopping can be handed to any pass-keeper, or left in the sacristy. Monetary donations can be placed in the basket with your weekly offering. Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the Foodbank.



The Cargill House Club

The Club has been in existence for over 50 years serving the elderly and Infirm in the Clydesdale area. The aim of the Club is to provide educational, recreational, and social facilities to persons over the age of 50.

The pandemic has impacted on the finances of the Club to the extent that they are struggling to keep going. Reduction in the footfall has reduced the income considerably and while they are keen to have their members return they also warmly welcome non-members to use their services. Situated next to the Memorial Hall in St Leonards Street they offer tea or coffee and food at very competitive prices and in very convivial surroundings. They also provide a takeaway service. **Currently, the cafe is open at 9-30am and closes at 2pm -open Monday to Friday.** The Club extends a sincere welcome to new members and details of Club membership are available from the cafe.

St Mary's Primary School

Several weeks ago Fr John-Paul asked the children from St Mary's Primary School to volunteer to help at Mass with various ministries. The response was excellent! Fr John-Paul now encourages parents to bring their children back to weekend Mass, and all those who have volunteered to fulfil ministries can receive training. We very much look forward to seeing the families back at weekend Mass.

St Mary's Incumbents Board

Many months ago Fr John-Paul ordered an Incumbents Board, listing all previous Parish Priests and Superiors of St Mary's. We are delighted to announce that the Board has arrived and can be viewed in the narthex. Once the narthex and porch have been painted the Board will be mounted. Thank you to the two families who contributed towards the cost of the Incumbents Board.

St Mary's Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will restart on Sunday 31st October at 10:30am Mass, and all children aged 3 and older are most welcome - Children's Liturgy is when the children go with adult leaders at the start of Mass to celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word that is more appropriate to their level of understanding. The focus during Children's Liturgy is how we can live our lives following the example of Jesus - we learn this through the Gospel readings.

St Mary's Lighting Grant

A few months ago we were pleased to announce that St Mary's had been successful in securing a Lighting Grant from Viridor Credits, to the sum of, £9,257, in order to make our lights more energy efficient and cost effective. We are now pleased to inform you that the internal lighting works have been completed and the external upgrades will commence in due course. Once again thank you to the Fabric & Finance Committee and all who supported our application.



Please Pray For The Following:



Recently Dead - Susan Mackie St Leonards Road
Anne Campbell; Bill Taylor (South Queensferry); Mary Fagan (Viewpark).

Months Minds & Anniversaries - Kate Hanlon; Lisa Geddes; Jessie Hynds; Mae Graham; Andrew Bancewicz; Elizabeth Goldie; Mary Doherty; Mary Murray; Cecilia Cioonan; Thomas Cioonan; Jim Reid; Annie Welsh; Rodger McConnell; Joseph Scott.

Funeral Arrangements - Susan Mackie Reception & Requiem Mass: Saturday 30th October 9.30am

November Lists - November Lists are available at the back of the church for you to record your deceased loved ones to be remembered at Mass each day during the month of November. Please remember to record your deceased family members, friends and former parishioners on your November List to be remembered at Mass. Completed forms can be returned before November.

St Mary's Passkeepers

Many thanks to all those who have volunteered to help as a Passkeeper. Most volunteers have already been contacted to attend the refresher/information sessions taking place after 5pm Vigil Mass on 30th October and 10.30am Mass on 31st October and all who have expressed an interest are very welcome to attend. If you have any questions or would like any further information, please contact Margaret Davis on 0775 380 2113.

October Special Collection

Traditionally October is the month when we offer our prayerful and financial support for the work of the Church in mission lands. During the month of October a collection basket will be available at the back of our churches for those who would like to donate to Missio Scotland, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission.



Parish Finances

St Mary's

Offertory Collection: £ 1,040.00
Standing Orders: £ 519.00

St Isidore's

Offertory Collection: £ 78.65
Standing Orders: £ 182.00
(Including St Mary Magdalene's)

St Mary Magdalene's

Offertory Collection: £ 70.00

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish.
For those who wish to pay Bank Transfer or Standing Order please find the relevant details below.

St Marys Mission RCDM 80-17-02 00265809

Parish of St Isidore's 83-16-11 00235026

St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

23rd/24th October

5.00pm J. Moynagh
10.30am S. Watson
5.00pm M. Davis

6th/7th October

5.00pm J. Moynagh
10.30am P. Roberts
5.00pm M. Davis

30th/31st October

5.00pm G. Abernethy
10.30am Sr M. Brady
5.00pm S. Casserly

13th/14th October

5.00pm G Abernethy
10.30am E. McCabe
5.00pm S. Casserly

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

23rd/24th October

5.00pm P. Freel
M. Keenan
10.30am J. McAlavey
T. Mullen

6th/7th November

5.00pm M. Keenan
C. McClafferty
10.30am C. Duddy
J. Wilson

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A. Dempsey
10.30am M. Davis
M. Keenan

13th/14th November

5.00pm T. Mullen
C. McClafferty
10.30am C. Duddy
J. McAlavey

Weekly Parish Schedule

Sunday 24th October

- 8.30am Holy Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood (St Mary Magdalene's)
9.00am Holy Mass for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary Magdalene's)
10.30am Holy Mass for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Isidore's)
5.00pm Holy Mass for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
6.00pm **Evening Prayer & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament St Mary's (Livestream)**

Monday 25th October

- 9.10am Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
7.00pm **RCIA Enquirers Meeting (St Mary's Chapel House)**

Tuesday 26th October

- 10.00am Holy Rosary (St Mary Magdalene's)
10.30am Holy Mass (St Mary Magdalene's)
11.40am Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
12noon Angelus & Holy Mass (St Mary's)
7.00pm **October Devotions St Mary's Primary School (Livestream only)**

Wednesday 27th October

- 9.10am Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
10.00am **Church Cleaning (St Mary's)**
7.00pm **Weekly Rosary Group (Zoom: ID 828 0546 0960 Passcode 638016)**

Thursday 28th October

- 9.10am Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
10.30am Holy Mass (St Isidore's)
7.30pm **St Mary's Church Choir (St Mary's Clubrooms)**

Friday 29th October

- 9.10am Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Saturday 30th October

- 9.10am Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
9.30am **Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Susan Mackie (St Mary's)**
5.00pm **Vigil Mass for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)**

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Liturgical Calendar

Thursday 28th October Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles - Simon "the Less" is also called "the Canaanite" and "the Zealot." Jude "(son) of James" (Luke 6:16; Acts 1:13) was traditionally identified as Jude, brother of James and author of the letter of Jude, but may also be the one called "Thaddeus" (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18). A tradition has Simon and Jude preaching and being martyred in Persia. Honoured among the twelve apostles, the first followers of Christ.