

# SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

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## Solemnity of All Saints

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 | 1 Jn 3:1-3 | Mt 5:1-12A

### GROW AS A DISCIPLE

PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

In journalism school, a professor admonished future reporters: "Show, don't tell." In other words, don't start a story with a generality such as: "It was a nice day." Instead, be specific: "The sun shone through the clouds and the air had a hint of the first snow." This Sunday, we hear Jesus not only tell us, but show us through the poetic language of the beatitudes what holiness looks like. As if that weren't enough, we celebrate All Saints' Day, honoring those holy men and women (known and unknown) in heaven whose lives exemplified the beatitudes. Jesus and the saints remind us that we cannot do it alone; we need God's help to live "blessed" lives. With God's grace, we, too, can aspire to holiness and sainthood.

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In his apostolic letter on the call to holiness, Pope Francis reminds us that the beatitudes are not simply platitudes. "Let us allow his words to unsettle us, to challenge us and to demand a real change in the way we live," he writes. "Otherwise, holiness will remain no more than an empty word." (*Gaudete et Exsultate* 66) He points out that we cannot do it alone, but only with the help of the Holy Spirit, who can free us from those stumbling blocks that may hold us back. Strengthened through prayer and the Eucharist, the road to holiness begins by putting one step in front of another - whether that means reordering our priorities, being more patient with our children, friends, or spouse - or aspiring to be what Pope Francis calls the saints next door: "Those who, living in our midst, reflect God's presence." (*GE* 7)

### REFLECT

Read the section on the beatitudes in Chapter 3 of *Gaudete et Exsultate*, Pope Francis' 2018 apostolic letter on the call to holiness. Ask the Holy Spirit to help us become the saints "next door" to those we encounter in our daily lives.

## Safeguarding 'Thought for the Month' - November 2020

The Catholic Church is committed to respecting, protecting and nurturing the dignity of all people.

## Mass Bookings

Mass Booking for the coming week will normally become available on a Friday evening. These can be made through using the link on our website or by phoning **07593 825035**. Please don't use the normal parish phone number for bookings.

Since only about one eighth of our parishioners can get to Mass each weekend, please consider allowing others to have an opportunity secure a booking for Mass.

If you need to cancel then please do so as early as possible so that others may be able to come to Mass. For online bookings, all those contained within the booking can be cancelled by using the ***view and manage booking link*** on the confirmation email. If you wish to cancel just one person from a booking with multiple attendees then please call the mobile number above. If you made the booking by phone then use the mobile number above to cancel.

## Volunteers

Thank you to all the Volunteers who have enabled us to be open and have Mass by helping with the welcome and cleaning over the past months.

We need to supplement that group of Volunteers to see us through the coming months. Please consider being a part Welcome or Volunteers group. To do please use the following link and enter your details. Margaret, who helps to organise the groups, will then be in touch with you to check put everything in place to get you on our team.

<https://www.stcharles-paisley.org.uk/welcome-cleaning-volunteers>

## Confirmations

Details of the arrangements for Confirmations for S1 pupils from our area will be communicated by St. Andrew's Academy this week. The celebration for all young people from our area will be taking place in St. Mirin's Cathedral, which of course is where they would have taken place under normal circumstances.

## First Communions

The children from P5, who would normally have received their First Communions in Eastertide of last year, will be receiving their First Holy Communion over the next two Saturdays. Bishop John has asked us to offer the celebration before Advent and this time was chosen to allow the pupils to be best prepared by our Primary School. Of course, it is not the ideal time or circumstance to be celebrating the Sacraments. We would all wish that it was possible to allow more people to attend and have a greater celebration but Government and Church policies for Coronavirus make it impossible to celebrate in any other way at this time. Anyone who wishes to watch online will be able to do so through our YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/c/StCharlesChurchPaisley> Please keep the young people in your prayers over these next two weeks.

## Food Bank Collections

St Charles' SSVP are collecting donations for the Food Bank **BEFORE** every public Mass. A member of SSVP will be available to collect donations, which should only be placed into the bag provided by the SSVP member. Please note that nothing can be left in or around the church area. Sincere thanks for your ongoing generosity.

## Annual St. Conval' s Cemetery Mass Sunday 1 November 2.00pm

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Join with us LIVE on Youtube on Sunday 1st November at 2.00pm for the Paisley Diocese Cemetery Mass at St. Conval's Cemetery. Due to current Government Restrictions we can only allow access to the 200 people who have registered for this event via Eventbrite. Please be advised the Mass will be LIVE STREAMED on YouTube by following this link [https://you.tube/ubCmEq\\_0ejY](https://you.tube/ubCmEq_0ejY). Diocese of Paisley. Please note that the cemetery will be closed from 1.30 – 3.30 to allow for the cemetery mass to go ahead under the government restrictions.

## Annual Holy Mass - Hawkhead Cemetery

Father Joe Burke will celebrate **IN ST. MIRIN'S CATHEDRAL** the Annual Holy Mass for the souls of the faithful departed of Hawkhead Cemetery. **Sunday 8th November at 12.00pm.** Unfortunately, due to COVID, Mass will not be in the cemetery itself this year. All those with loved ones resting there are invited to join him online or in church through Eventbrite booking. Mass is livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bOpDi2GliU0&feature=youtu.be>

## Music Day

The Diocesan Liturgy Commission will host a Zoom music day on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00am- finishing at approx. 1.00pm or before. The group will look at learning some Mass parts to be used by cantors during these covid times, and for parish choirs to use once restrictions are lifted. Everyone is invited to join the meeting. Musicians, cantors and choirs are all welcome. Details of the zoom meeting will follow next week.

## Community Circle of Prayer

Every Friday evening people gather on line at 7pm for The Community Circle of Prayer. This half hour event simply consists of a little music, some readings and the opportunity to share our prayer petitions and support others in theirs. Each week there is a different broad theme; we have explored The Call to Discipleship, Care of our Sick, Forgiveness, Guardian Angels, The Faithful Departed, The Way of the Cross to name but a few. Last week was our 6 month anniversary!

Why not spend half an hour with us this Friday in community and fellowship? You would be most welcome! To join please use the Zoom link below

<https://zoom.us/j/8510142970?pwd=UUtVa2ZhOFUxa2NSZmJCckZOek0rUT09>

Just click and you are in! All Welcome from wherever you are.

## Diocesan Marriage Preparation

**This will take place over two evenings** (to best comply with COVID protocols) on **Wednesdays 4 and 11 November, from 7.00pm until 8.30pm in St. Mirin's Cathedral Hall.** Places are available for 12 couples whose wedding is before March 2021. Couples should attend both sessions. Places will be prioritised by wedding date. There is a £15 charge per couple to cover materials and administration.

Couples should register by emailing us at [marriageandfamily@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:marriageandfamily@rcdop.org.uk) and then instructions will be sent to you.

## 200 Club

Here is a list of the winners for March to September 2020. If you pay your subscription monthly, you will already have received a bank transfer direct to your account with your winnings. If you paid



your subscription on a yearly basis, kindly contact Fr Jim so that arrangements can be made for receipt of your winnings.

We will still be running the 200 Club in the coming year, therefore:

1. If you still wish to take part and already pay monthly through your bank, this will simply continue.
2. If you wish to make a one-off payment, or join for the first time, please contact Joseph McKeeman on 07760 542275 or email [joseph.mckeeman@btinternet.com](mailto:joseph.mckeeman@btinternet.com) for details on how to do this.
3. If you need a note of your number, or have any other enquiries, please contact Joseph (as above).

#### Winners For The Month of March 2020

43, , £200.00, *Kevin Cassidy*  
69, , £100.00, , *Eleanor McFarlane*  
34, , £50.00, , *Ainsley Gavin*  
94, , £25.00, , *Pauline Docherty*  
230, , £25.00, , *Elizabeth McKenna*

#### Winners For The Month of April 2020

197, , £200.00, , *Claire McNally*  
190, , £100.00, , *Elaine Green*  
64, , £50.00, , *Joseph McKeeman*  
39, , £25.00, , *Dorren Black*  
19, , £25.00, , *Margaret O'Rorke*

#### Winners For The Month of May 2020

72, , £200.00, , *Robert Brogan*  
208, , £100.00, , *Josephine Carline*  
11, , £50.00, , *Margaret Brown*  
48, , £25.00, , *Sean Docherty*  
205, , £25.00, , *Judith Kirk*

#### Winners For The Month of June 2020

71, , £200.00, , *Kevin Breslin*  
91, , £100.00, , *Katherine O'Kane*  
110, , £50.00, , *Louise Williamson*

111, , £25.00, , *Pat Stevenson*  
52, , £25.00, , *Catherine Cassidy*

#### Winners For The Month of July 2020

162, , £200.00, , *Susan Adams*  
83, , £100.00, , *Catherine Fyfe*  
173, , £50.00, , *David Hamilton*  
89, , £25.00, , *Liz Kane*  
8, , £25.00, , *Angela Magennis*

#### Winners For The Month of August 2020

66, , £200.00, , *Margaret McGowan*  
50, , £100.00, , *Mary McGroaty*  
29, , £50.00, , *Margaret Blair*  
52, , £25.00, , *Catherine Cassidy*  
6, , £25.00, , *Donald Boyd*

#### Winners For The Month of September 2020

51, , £200.00, , *William Hughes*  
98, , £100.00, , *Harry McBride*  
139, , £50.00, , *Jacqueline Robertson*  
57, , £25.00, , *Helen McKeeman*  
76, , £25.00, , *Elizabeth Docherty*

## **Working to Eradicate Domestic Abuse.**

The Scottish Interfaith Group on Domestic Abuse invites you to their Webinar on Wednesday 25th November 7.30pm (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women). The webinar will inform you with: insights into domestic abuse from a survivor: how COVID-19 has impacted abuse (Women's Aid and an MSP): the collaboration of all faiths against domestic abuse: the international aspect of domestic abuse from a leading charity; learning how to help. To register and receive the Zoom code go to <http://ifgoda.org.uk> You will receive an email with all the details. We can all help in the work of countering abuse.