ST JOSEPH GREENOCK

Sunday 26 June 2022: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:1 Kings 19:16,19-21

The Lord said to Elijah, 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.'

Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 15(16):1-2,5,7-11

O Lord, it is you who are my portion.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.'

O Lord, it is you who are my portion.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your righthand happiness for ever. O Lord, it is you who are my portion.

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1,13-18

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as

yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me', replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say goodbye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

Liturgical Calendar

Tuesday 28: St Irenaeus – Memorial

Holy Mass in school, 11.00am

Wednesday 29: ST PETER AND ST PAUL – SOLEMNITY
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – Vigil: Tuesday 6.00pm
Morning 10.00am

Summer schedule of Mass at St Joseph

From 2nd July to 14th August the weekend masses will be: Vigil 5.00pm, Morning 10.00am. There won't be Sunday 5.00pm mass.

Peter's Pence

This is the practice of the laity to provide financial support to the Holy See to allow the Holy Father the means to respond to those suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease. Catholics around the world contribute roughly £70M annually through this collection. In 2017 this collection raised £15,191 which is fully remitted to the Apostolic Nunciature. There will be a special collection on 25 th/26 th June.

Divine Mercy Monthly Devotions

The Friends of Divine Mercy Scotland invite you to a Divine Mercy Mass at **7 p.m**. followed by Adoration on **Wednesday 29th June 2022** which will be celebrated by Monsignor Joe Burke at St Mary's Church, 163 George

Street, Paisley PA1 2UN. All are welcome. These devotions are held on the last Wednesday of every month.

Think Vocation

"When the Spirit of Truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth." Ask the Holy Spirit to guide young people as they discern the life God is calling them to. Perhaps you are discerning a call to priesthood or religious life. Speak to our Diocesan Vocations Director Fr. John Morrison tel: 01418895056 email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk

Family Rosary Book

We invite all families to make a special pledge during Our Lady's Month: to pray the family rosary at home every day. Family Rosary books have been specially commissioned and printed to guide families in this simple devotion. www.marriagefamilylife.org/books

<u>Safeguarding Training - PART TWO - Church Volunteers</u>

There will be a Part Two training session taking place on;

Saturday 10th September at 10.30oam in St. Mirin's Cathedral Hall, Paisley

Safeguarding Part Two Training session, is for volunteers who have previously attended Safeguarding Training Part One, or Safeguarding Training Level One, more than eighteen months ago. If you would like to attend one of these training sessions please contact **Sarah Jane Colhoun on 0141 847 6138** or safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk

Safeguarding Training - PART ONE - Church Volunteers

There will be a Part One training session taking place on:

Tuesday 13th September at 7pm in the Diocesan Offices, Incle Street, Paisley, PA1 1HR

As part of the safe recruitment procedures for the Catholic Church in Scotland, new volunteers undertaking regulated work should complete an application form for their role, apply to become a member of the PVG scheme and attend Safeguarding Part One Training. If you would like to attend one of these sessions please contact **Sarah Jane Colhoun on 0141 847 6138** or safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk

Fundraising for HCPT 2022/23.

The recently published book, *Celtic Minded 5* (£15), is being sold from some parish stalls to allow around £5 of its proceeds to help local HCPT Lourdes funds (with 25% also going to the Celtic FC Foundation charity). Several chapters have a particularly Catholic and religious focus (schools, community, charity, ethos, heritage), including from Bishop John who reflects on Celtic's Catholic roots and their meaning for the Church today. If you can take a box (26 copies) or can use contacts to help raise money to send kids and helpers to Lourdes this coming July and at Easter 2023, please contact Dr Joe Bradley, editor, at imbradleyresearch@gmail.com

Conference for Young Adults on Evangelisation Durham University 9 to 11 September 2022. YouCAN, and the Centre for Catholic Studies have organised "On Fire!", a Conference to stimulate evangelisation and learn about God's call for us to evangelise, how this looks in practice, and the problems we face. There will also be practical sessions on how to evangelise, given by trainers from Catholic Voices.

For more details, and to book please go to https://www.dur.ac.uk/conference.booking/details/?id=1818

Playlist for Life.

Promoting the use of personal music for those living with Dementia. This can be a lifeline and can make living with Dementia easier and happier. They are currently building a network of Playlist for Life Help Points in the Renfrewshire community. If you are interested in free resources that might benefit those living with Dementia and/or their family/carers? By signing up they will send out the pack of resources and also offer places on their free eLearning. To find out more -https://www.playlistforlife.org.uk/apply-help-point/

Mary's Meals UK

We really need your help so we can keep our promise to the more than 2 million children who rely on a nutritious daily meal at school from Mary's Meals, especially as Covid-19 has hit many developing countries so hard.

We are looking for confident speakers who are passionate about ending child hunger and ensuring that every child receives a daily meal in a place of education.

Church speakers can help contribute to our work by sharing our story with local churches and faith groups, helping to inspire them to support us with prayers, donations or by becoming volunteers themselves.

Church speakers can also choose to get involved in other activities, such as helping to organise fundraising events, distributing promotional materials or providing administrative support.

This is a great opportunity to enhance your communication skills, while also making a huge impact on the lives of some of the world's poorest children.

We have great opportunities to put your skills to good use, and we will provide training and support to help you feel confident in your role. Please visit marysmeals.org.uk/volunteering, email info@marysmeals.org or call us on 0800 698 1212 to find out more.