

**PROJECT GAMBIA
PEOPLE FEEDING
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THANKS TO PAISLEY DIOCESE

Aidan and Rebecca from Project Gambia sent a lovely letter thanking the Paisley diocese, our clergy and people for all our support over the past year. Their parish collections in the diocese raised over £30,000 in 2019, which allowed them to extend their school feeding programme three-fold in the last year. They were really touched by the warmth of welcome in the parishes, as well as the assurance of our prayers. Many thanks to all who supported them.

POSTERS IN THE PORCH

There are posters in the porch giving details of the following events:

- **White Mass** for Catholic Healthcare Professionals & the work of Healthcare in Scotland, on Sunday 9th February.
- **A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** on Tuesday 11th – Thursday 13th February.
- **Una Voce Tridentine Mass** on 22nd February
- **Healing Service** on Sunday, 1st March

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Rev. Brian Mackenzie

In Residence

Mgr. James Cunningham
(retired)

Times of Services

Sunday Masses

Vigil (Saturday) 5.00pm;
10.30am, 12.00noon
and 5.30pm

Monday to Saturday

Rosary at 9.35am
Mass at 10.00am

Confessions

Thursday & Saturday:
9.30-9/50am;
Saturday
4.30-4.55pm
& after Vigil

Exposition

Thursday: 10.30-11.30am

DIocese OF PAISLEY

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PARISH BULLETIN



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY 2020



John the Baptist knew Jesus as his cousin, but it is not clear until we read today's Gospel that John recognized Jesus as the promised Messiah. John called Jesus the "Lamb of God." We are familiar with the title for Jesus, "Lamb of God," because we hear it in our Eucharistic prayers during mass. The Lamb of God comes to take away the sins of the world. And, indeed, Jesus died that we might be free of our sins. The lamb figured in much of Jewish tradition, especially as a symbol of sacrifice, but certainly we recognize the image of "shepherd" as one who leads the flock through darkness and difficult terrain. The message of John's gospel is for us—the simple sheep—to

follow Jesus, the shepherd.

Reflection for Families

As parents we certainly can understand the image of Jesus as "shepherd." We are constantly leading the way for our children and serving them with endless love. When they are sick or hurt, we would gladly take their pain and suffering if we could. It is clearly through these feelings that we begin to understand just what Jesus has done for us. As parents, when we show our unending love for our children, they too get an inkling of what Jesus' love is for them as well

PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME AND LET OTHERS SEE IT

THANKS

Many thanks for last week's collection which amounted to £1,908 and £957 for Justice & Peace.

FAMILY MASS

Our Family Mass takes place at 10.30am this Sunday. The children of Primary 6 will lead the liturgy and everyone is invited to come through to the hall after the Mass for a cup of tea.

PARISH COUNCIL GROUPS

The next meeting of the Fabric & Finance Group takes place this Tuesday, 21st January.

The Young People Group will meet on Monday, 27th January.

Both meetings are at 7.00pm in the Chapel House.

LADIES NIGHT

There will be a Ladies Night in the Church Hall on Friday, 21st February with all proceeds going to NET Ministry. Tickets cost £5.00 and go on sale this Sunday. Alternatively, telephone Mary McGroarty on 07710 512991 or Margaret O'Rorke on 07952422973. We would appreciate any donations of raffle prizes for the night and these can be handed in to the Sacristy or Chapel House.

MEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Each Tuesday after the 10 o'clock Mass, a group of men meet informally in the hall for coffee, a biscuit and a blether. Any Tuesday morning you wish to join us, you will be made most welcome.

SAFEGUARDING

The next session of Safeguarding Training, Induction Part 1 for volunteers doing or planning to do regulated work with children and vulnerable adults, or both, will be held in the Diocesan Offices, Ingle Street, on **Monday, 20th January at 7.00pm.**

The new Safeguarding Part 2 Training session, is for volunteers who have previously attended Safeguarding Training Part One, or Safeguarding Training Level one, more than 18 months ago. If you attended Safeguarding Training Level One in 2016 or 2017, you should put your name forward for Safeguarding Training Part 2. The next session will be on **Tuesday 21st January at 7.00pm** in St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Clarkston.

Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office at safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk or 0141 847 6138 to register for either of these sessions.

A full list of the dates for these sessions in the coming months is available on the noticeboard.

ADULT FORMATION

All are invited to a series of three Scripture talks in St. Conval's, Linwood, starting with tea/coffee at 6.30pm, talk from 7.00-8.30pm. See the poster in the porch for details.

ST. MIRIN'S CHAPLAINCY CENTRE AT UWS

In addition to our program of Masses, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Thursdays during term time from 4.00-5.00pm.**

THINK VOCATION

Like Isaiah in today's reading, God formed you in the womb to be his servant. How will you serve Him? Perhaps in priesthood or religious life? Speak to your Vocations Director, Fr. Morrison: email vocations@rcdop.org.uk

DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD

Thinking about Diocesan Priesthood in 2020? The Catholic Church in Scotland is now inviting enquiries from those considering applying for seminary. For more information please contact Fr. John Morrison: e-mail: vocations@rcdop.org.uk

THINKING ABOUT ADOPTION?

Have you ever considered adoption? If you think you can offer a loving family home to a child or even siblings, we would like to hear from you. Please contact us for a confidential chat and some further information on 0141 332 8371 or visit our website:

www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk

DINNER DANCE

There will be a Dinner Dance to raise funds for the Diocese of Paisley Pilgrimage to Lourdes on Saturday, 22nd February in Greenock Town Hall, 7pm (for 7.30pm). Tickets cost £35 (includes 3 course meal, fizz on arrival and live band). Dress formal. For tickets and further information please email lourdes.rcdop@gmail.com or phone **07950 483042**. Includes return bus from Renfrewshire/East Renfrewshire. Donations of raffle prizes and auction items greatly appreciated.

THE COMMUNITY VARIETY SHOW FUNDRAISER

Come along to our great fun Community Variety Show Fundraiser in St Stephen's High School, Port Glasgow on Friday, 21st February, 7.00pm. This event is a fundraiser event for our Diocesan St Mirin's Fund and is organised in collaboration with the Diocese. For tickets, £5.00 email varietyshow@rcdop.org.uk. We are holding back one slot in the show for any person or group in the diocese who want(s) to perform as singers, dancers or any other suitable variety act. For information please get in touch with varietyshow@rcdop.org.uk <https://rcdop.org.uk/events/the-community-variety-show-fundraiser>