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FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER/SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2020

Parish Services this Week

Mass:- Monday-Friday 10am; **12pm**; 1pm
Funeral masses: Mon 23rd Nov, 10am – **James Weldon R.I.P.**
(Mourners only) Tues 24th Nov, 10am – **James Sweeney R.I.P.**
Wed 25th Nov, 1pm – **David Jackson R.I.P.**
Fri 27th Nov, 1pm – **Marie Kelly R.I.P.**

Saturday 10am; **4pm (Vigil)** and 5.30pm (Vigil)

Sunday **8am**; 9am; 10.30am; 12pm; **1pm** & 4pm

Live Streamed Masses: Sunday 12 noon; Mon-Fri 1pm; Sat 10am

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday-Saturday 9.30-10am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before 10am mass, in Our Lady's side chapel or by arrangement

Baptisms/Weddings: Please speak to a member of the clergy to make an appointment.

LIVESTREAMING PRIVACY NOTICE

During live streaming, our camera is focussed on the area of the sanctuary. Please note that you will be seen on camera when going to Communion. If this causes you concern, please speak to the Clergy.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUNDAY MASSES

Places at Sunday Mass MUST be booked through our online booking system

www.st-columbkillessunday-mass.eventbrite.com, or by **PHONE** or **TEXT** 07783 340539.

Last week's collection - £1554 - Thank you for your generosity

EXTRA SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY MASSES

Due to Tier 4 restrictions we can only admit 20 people to Mass. We are extremely grateful that our clergy have offered to put on extra Masses to compensate for this. Please see above for times of extra Masses.

We urgently need new stewards to cover all these Masses. **Stewards do not need to book for Mass, you are always guaranteed a place!**

If you can help, please email miriam.mckernan@googlemail.com.

BOOKING A PLACE AT MASS

Sunday Mass - through our online booking system as normal

www.st-columbkillessunday-mass.eventbrite.com.

Weekday Masses – Parishioners now have to sign-up for weekday Mass. A sheet will be available through the stewards to reserve your place. As numbers are so limited you can only book a maximum of 2 weekday Masses. We would also ask that if you have attended Mass during the week that you consider **NOT** attending on a Sunday to give as many people as possible the opportunity to attend Mass.

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Please consider making a regular donation to the parish. The easiest way to do this is to set up a standing order with your bank using our bank details:-

Sort Code: 83-26-24

Account No: 00255006

Filling out our Gift Aid form will allow us to claim an extra 20% of your donation from the taxman, at no cost to yourself!

Standing order and Gift Aid forms are at the back of the church or on our website.

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

We will be celebrating Mass for our parishioners who have died in the last year over 2 weekends - **Saturday 21st November 10am and 11am and Saturday 28th November 10am and 11am**. Please note this is for family of deceased parishioners only and attendance is by invitation. **There will be no public mass on Saturday morning for those 2 weekends.**

VOTIVE CANDLES FOR THE HOLY SOULS

During November, votive candles for the Holy Souls are available to purchase at the back of the church. The stewards will light these and place them on the altar for you before Mass.

FESTIVE CAFÉ

Unfortunately due to Tier 4 restrictions our festive café is postponed until 13th December.

EASYFUNDRAISING

Do you shop online? Easyfundraising is a great way to support your church at no cost to yourself! Click here to go to Easyfundraising to sign up and select your cause (St Columbkille's Church Building Fund). When you are ready to shop go to the Easyfundraising website first, click on the retailer you want to shop with - it will take you to the retailer's website where you can shop as normal. After you've checked out the retailer will make a donation to our account—at no extra cost to you!

MARY'S MEALS – DOUBLE THE LOVE

Donations made to Mary's Meals from now until 31 January 2021 will be doubled by the UK government, up to £2 million – meaning they can reach even more hungry children with life-changing school meals! To donate to Mary's Meals click [here](#).

80TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIONS

Vestment sponsorship –We are offering parishioners the opportunity to donate to this, either in your own name or as a lasting legacy for a loved one. Names will be embroidered onto the vestments – can be an individual's name or a family name. **Thank you to everybody who has donated to this so far. Many people have expressed how grateful they are to be able to remember their loved ones in this way, especially those who have gone to God during the pandemic and didn't get the funeral they deserved.** Envelopes for your donation are at the back of the church. Certificates, in a similar style to those given for the fresco sponsorship, are available for those who would like to commemorate their donation e.g. if it was being given as a gift. For more information see Fr Mournian.

Mass with Bishop Toal – Unfortunately due to Tier 4 restrictions this Mass has been postponed.

SVDP GIFT TREE

Please could you return your donations as soon as possible with the gift tag attached and place them under the tree. This will give us plenty of time to arrange for them to be delivered. Thank you for your support.

SVDP & LIDL - 'Teaming up to Tackle Hunger'

We are delighted to share that SVDP has been selected as the confirmed charity partner for Lidl Rutherglen and their 'Teaming up to Tackle Hunger Campaign' which started on Thursday, 12th November. For 4 weeks shoppers are encouraged to donate one of 5 products (rice, UHT milk, muesli, chopped tomatoes or tinned tuna) to SVDP's foodbank. The donations will be added up and the products matched in quantity by Lidl. Please support our local SVDP foodbank if you can. If anyone needs SVDP's assistance with anything their contact number is 07935359292.

CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

There are now Christmas Mass Bouquet cards available at the back of the Church. These would make a lovely gift at Christmas. Cards cost £1. Please fill out a Mass Offering envelope and place in the green box at the back of the church.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Catholic Education Week takes place each year from the Feast of St Margaret of Scotland (16th November) until the Feast of St Andrew (30th November). This year's theme is : *"Jesus Christ- The Way, The Truth and The Life"*

The purpose of Catholic Education Week is to highlight the significance of education, not only for young people but for society as a whole. Students, parents, teachers and others are asked to reflect on their own roles in the education process – at home, in school, in the local parish and in other educational settings.

Catholic Education Week Prayer

*Jesus our Teacher, in your love for us,
help us to develop our own talents
so that we may become like you
and lead lives of goodness.*

*Bless all learners and all teachers.
May our Catholic schools continue to serve our
families, our communities and our country.
Help us, through our learning, to believe in you
and to celebrate the life of your Church.*

*Help us to grow in holiness as we grow in
friendship with you and try to become saints.
We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, our
Lord. Amen*

THANK YOU – FLOORING FOR CHURCH HOUSE

Thank you to the parishioner who has donated tiles for the porch of the church house. May God bless you for your goodness.

PARISH CHRISTMAS GREETING

We will be sending out a parish Christmas card soon with all the times and details of Masses during Advent and Christmas. We are looking for volunteers to help stuff envelopes and deliver the cards. Contributions towards cost of stamps would be very much appreciated!

Please pray for the following:-

Sick

Patricia Fay, Marie Murphy (France), Helen McAllister, Fraser McAllister, Isabel McEwan, David M^cPhail, Sophia Walker (9), Jim Ferguson, Joe Doherty, Trudi Hewitt, Mark M^cLachlan, Eric O'Neil (5), Bea van der Linden, Margaret Gray, Margaret Malone

Recently deceased

James Patrick Corrigan, Marie Rose Kelly, William McCarthy, Eugene Gallagher, Mary Friel, Helena Smith, Gerry Matonti, Mary McGowan, Allison Fletcher, John Sweeney, Sandra Steele

Anniversaries

Baby Emma Rooney, Sauro Sichi, Gerardo Pontiero, James Ward, Gerry Hannah, Denis and Frances Connor, Michael and Lily Docherty, Roderick and Jeanette Docherty, Helen McEwan, Tom and Annie Gilroy.

Baptism

We welcome Angus Haugh to our community

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA (287-305) – Feast Day: 25th November

Patron Saint: Philosophers, preachers, young women

St Catherine was the daughter of Constus, the Governor of Alexandria, which at the time was one of the finest cities in the world - a centre of learning and culture as well as faith. Thanks to her noble birth, Catherine was well educated and of high intelligence. It is said that at about age 14 she experienced a vision of Mary and Jesus as a Child, that prompted her conversion to Christianity.



When the Roman Emperor, Maxentius visited Alexandria he commanded his soldiers to bring Catherine to him because as well as being extremely clever, Catherine was well known for her beauty and the Emperor wanted to see her for himself. Undaunted by being presented to the Emperor Catherine berated him for his cruel persecution of Christians. Amazed at her audacity, Maxentius had his most gifted orators and philosophers' debate with her to persuade her that her Christian faith was nonsense. Catherine was moved by the Holy Spirit and spoke so eloquently about her Christian faith that many of the Emperor's men were converted...and subsequently put to death.

Maxentius was furious and had her scourged and then imprisoned. She was scourged so cruelly and for so long that blood poured from wounds all over her body. But throughout her torture she was serene. The Emperor then ordered her to be imprisoned without food or water so that she would starve to death. It is said that angels came and took care of her. Twelve days later, when the dungeon was opened, a bright light and fragrant perfume filled it and Catherine came forth even more radiant and beautiful.

Having failed to change her mind about her faith through torture, Maxentius tried to win her over by proposing marriage. As his wife, she would be an extremely powerful empress but Catherine refused saying that she was married to Jesus Christ. Infuriated at her rejection and frustrated that he couldn't change her mind about her faith the Emperor ordered her execution by a most cruel means, the breaking wheel. The breaking wheel is an ancient form of torture, a brutal punishment that results in a slow and painful death, normally reserved for the worst criminals. When Catherine touched the wheel, it broke into pieces and she was spared this horror. Incensed, Maxentius ordered her to be beheaded. Catherine herself ordered the execution to commence and it is said that a milk-like substance rather than blood flowed from her neck. Legend tells that Catherine's body was taken by angels to Mount Sinai, where God had given Moses the Ten Commandments. There is a monastery dedicated to St Catherine there to this day that holds her remains, which still emit a sweet fragrance after all this time.

St Catherine is venerated as one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers, a group of saints venerated together because their intercession is believed to be particularly effective, especially against various diseases. This devotion, began in Germany during the time of the Bubonic Plague with the veneration of 3 Virgin Martyrs - St Catherine, St Margaret of Antioch and St Barbara. Over time other saints were added who offered protection against particular illnesses. St Catherine is prayed to guard against sudden death and diseases. St Joan of Arc said that St Catherine of Alexandria, along with St Margaret of Antioch, visited her and were appointed her divine advisers.

