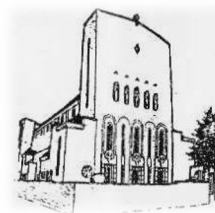


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SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2020: THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

SERVICES AVAILABLE ON-LINE THIS WEEK: HOLY MASS DAILY AT 12 NOON

Sunday 17th

First Reading : Acts 8: 5-8,14-17
Response to Psalm: *Cry out to God with joy, all the earth*
Second Reading: 1 Peter 3: 15-18
Gospel: John 14: 15-21

Monday 18th

First Reading: Acts 16: 11-15
Response to the Psalm *The Lord takes delight in his people*
Gospel: Jn: 15: 26-16: 4

Tuesday 19th

First Reading: Acts 16: 22-34
Response to the Psalm *You stretch out your hand and save me O Lord*
Gospel: Jn 16: 5-11

Wednesday 20th

First Reading: Acts 17: 15, 22-18: 1
Response to the Psalm: *Your glory fills all heaven and earth*
Gospel: Jn 16: 12-15

Thursday 21st

First Reading: Acts 1: 1-11
Response to the Psalm: *God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast*
Gospel: Mt 28: 16-20

Friday 22nd

First Reading: Acts 18: 9-18
Response to the Psalm: *God is king of all the earth*
Second Reading: Jn 16: 20-23

Saturday 23rd

First Reading: Acts 18: 23-28
Response to the Psalm: *God is king of all the earth*
Second Reading: Jn 16: 23-28

MAY ROSARY MONDAY AT 7.00 PM

Please pray for the following:

Recently Dead: Martin O'Rourke; Fr John Wolstenholme (Comboni Missionary); Ruth Rusk; Linda Divers

Anniversary: Denis Deeney; Jim McColgan; Owen Buckley; Marie Alan; Bernard Mournian; Maria Flynn; Helen Durnin, Sheila Folan, Hugh Kearney

Month's Mind: Liam Gildea

IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT COVID-19

HOW HAS COVID-19 AFFECTED THE PARISH?

Since the church was closed on 19th March, our parish community has not been able to function as normal. Sadly, some of our parishioners have suffered ill-health and bereavement without the comfort of having access to Mass and the sacraments. While many have been placed on furlough from employment, others have been working in the front-line as doctors, nurses, pharmacists, care providers, teachers, social workers, shop workers, transport workers etc. An umbrella group, *Camglen Covid Support*, with staff from South Lanarkshire Council, the Foodbank, Healthy & Happy and our parish SVDP have been distributing food and other assistance, using the Parish Hall as a distribution base.

HOW HAS IT AFFECTED CHURCH SERVICES?

At this time, and until further notice, as part of the enforced health restrictions on social gatherings, all churches in Scotland are closed to the public. Our Priests are only allowed to celebrate Mass in private. Funeral services are being conducted in cemeteries and crematoria and are restricted to immediate family members.

WHEN WILL THE CHURCH RE-OPEN?

We are waiting on guidance from the Bishops of Scotland who are being advised by two working groups formed in response to the pandemic. In collaboration with the Scottish Government, the Bishops will offer clear guidance on WHEN and HOW churches may re-open. Our parish will follow the directions issued by Bishop Toal.

WHAT CHANGES ARE WE LIKELY TO SEE?

It is too early to anticipate what restrictions will remain when the church re-opens. However, with social distancing likely to be with us for a very long time, we will all have to adapt to some new arrangements. We will keep you informed of any changes as information becomes available.

HOW CAN WE PREPARE FOR THESE CHANGES?

It is clear that we will need the services of a significant number of **VOLUNTEERS**: some who can help with the cleaning and sanitisation of the church and others who can act as stewards to direct people in and out of the church. Before the church re-opens, these volunteers will be given training to ensure that the necessary health and safety requirements are being met.

HOW CAN I VOLUNTEER?

We respectfully ask that no one who is in any 'vulnerable' group should offer to be a volunteer.

This is VITAL if we are to protect everyone.

- You can complete the 'sign-up' form on the parish website or Facebook page.
- You can email: stcolumbkille@rcdom.org.uk
- We need your name and contact details (phone & email address) so that we can contact you with more information.

HOW ELSE CAN I HELP?

If you know of parishioners who will not see this Bulletin:

- can you telephone them and give them this news?
- can you download the Bulletin, print off a few copies and drop one through the letterbox of another parishioner?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP SO FAR

We have been humbled and delighted by the generosity of so many people who have made their regular offertory contribution to the parish by Standing Order, using the DONATE fundraising package or by handing in envelopes to the Chapel House. In these times, when many people are suffering financial hardship, it's great to see that the needs of the parish are still uppermost in your minds – helping us to meet the continuing costs of the church and house. Looking ahead, we need to encourage more parishioners to make their weekly donations by Standing Order. Full details of how to do this and how you can continue to support the parish can be found on the Parish website: <https://www.stcolumbkille.org.uk/donate/>

WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?

You can be reassured that plans are being made for the time when it is safe to re-open the Church. We will provide more information in weekly Bulletin. If you 'sign up' to act as a volunteer, someone will call/email you to tell you about what we need you to do and what training we will provide.

IN THE MEANTIME . . .

KEEP WATCHING the live-streamed Mass at 12 Noon each day when more announcements will be made. Check on the parish website and Facebook page for information. **KEEP PRAYING** for our clergy, for the sick and housebound. **STAY SAF**