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CLERGY

Parish Priest: Fr Pat Hennessy **Assistant Priest:** Fr Bernard Mournian

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SUNDAY 24TH MAY 2020: THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

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

Sunday 24th

First Reading: Acts 1: 12-14
Response to Psalm: *I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.*
Second Reading: 1 Peter 4: 13-16
Gospel: John 17: 1-11

Monday 25th	Tuesday 26th
First Reading: Acts 19: 1-8 Response to the Psalm: <i>Kingdoms of the earth, sing to God</i> Gospel: Jn: 16: 29-33	First Reading: Acts 20: 17-27 Response to the Psalm: <i>Kingdoms of the earth, sing to God</i> Gospel: Jn 17: 1-11
Wednesday 27th	Thursday 28th
First Reading: Acts 20: 15, 28-38 Response to the Psalm: <i>Kingdoms of the earth, sing to God</i> Gospel: Jn 17: 11-19	First Reading: Acts 22: 30, 23:6-11 Response to the Psalm: <i>Preserve me Lord, I take refuge in you.</i> Gospel: Jn 17: 20-26
Friday 29th	Saturday 30th
First Reading: Acts 25: 13-21 Response to the Psalm: <i>The Lord has set his sway in heaven.</i> Gospel: Jn 21: 15-19	First Reading: Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31 Response to the Psalm: <i>The uprights shall see your face, O Lord.</i> Gospel: Jn 16: 23-28

MAY ROSARY MONDAY AT 7.00 PM

Please pray for the following:

SICK: Linda Sutherland

Recently Dead: James Magee; Helen Stewart; Peter McBride; Joseph Gallagher; James Monaghan;

Anniversary: Bishop Joseph Devine; Jack McGrath; Tommy Mullen; Michael Mallon; Mary Smith; Liam McBrearty; John Alexander Black; Sarah Shiels

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE IN CHURCH SERVICES?

Shortly after the church was closed, we obtained some equipment which has enabled us to “live-stream” daily Mass. Many have expressed their appreciation of this facility which helps them to stay in touch with the parish community. We have also been able to live-stream the Praying of the Rosary on Monday evenings in May.

The audiences for these come from other parts of Scotland, the UK and abroad. If you have internet access at home, on a phone, iPad, laptop or PC, you can use the links provided on our website and Facebook page to join our daily Mass.

The resulting increased traffic on our social media and website pages has underlined the value of using technology to encourage wider participation - not only by our own parishioners, but by some who may never have visited our church or any Catholic church. It has also been of benefit to some suffering from dementia who are able to recognise our church and to recollected fond memories.

So, as we prepare to re-open, we are reflecting on how we might develop the use of live-streamed Masses to meet the needs of those who will not be able to attend Mass physically in the near future.

We are mindful that not everyone is able to participate in daily Mass on-line. We wish to find ways of helping everyone to keep in touch with the parish community. Any suggestions?

WHEN WILL THE CHURCH RE-OPEN?

The latest Scottish Government plans tell us that in *Phase 1*, which will begin on 28th May, churches will remain closed. When we enter *Phase 2*, we will be able to open for private prayer and *Phase 3* will allow for some church services to resume with limited numbers able to attend. *Phase 4* - likely to be some months away yet - should see a return to ‘unrestricted’ church services.

However, all phases require us to demonstrate that we can ensure both social distancing and good hygiene/sanitisation measures inside the church building. It may be that *when* and *how* we come to church for private prayer and Mass will have to be very different from what we have been used to. This is the reality which we are all facing. It should cause us to stop and reflect on our priorities in life and to consider how we can continue to embrace our faith in the months ahead.



WHAT CHANGES WILL WE SEE IN CHURCH?

The photograph above illustrates that you should expect to see a number of different arrangements. We will be required to change: opening times, limited numbers allowed to enter the building, one-way entry & exit routes, restricted seating. Prior to re-opening, we shall provide you with clear advice on how to prepare for coming to church and how to keep safe when you are here.

CAN WE FIND ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS TO RE-OPEN?

We are grateful to those who have volunteered to help with the sanitisation of the church and to direct people in and out of the church. **But we will need more volunteers before we are allowed to re-open.** NB. *We respectfully ask that no one who is in any ‘vulnerable’ group should offer to be a volunteer.*

- Sign-up on our website or Facebook page.
- Email: stcolumbkille@rcdom.org.uk
- We need your name and contact details.

HOW ELSE CAN I HELP?

Pass on the information in this bulletin by phone or by printing a copy and passing it on to others.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP SO FAR

Thanks to all who have made their regular offertory contribution to the parish during these difficult times. **We encourage more parishioners to make their weekly donations by Standing Order, if you can.** Full details of how to do this can be found here: <https://www.stcolumbkille.org.uk/donate/>

IN THE MEANTIME . . .

KEEP WATCHING the live-streamed Mass. Check on the parish website and Facebook page for the latest news. **KEEP PRAYING** for the sick and housebound and for their carers. **PRAY SAFE. STAY SAFE.**