

St Columbkille's Rutherglen

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CLERGY

Parish Priest: **Fr Bernard Mournian**

In Residence: **Fr Pat Hennessy**

In residence: **Fr Stephen Reilly**

Deacon: **Rev Bill McMillan**

TWENTY FIRST ORDINARY SUNDAY

SATURDAY 22ND /SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST 2020

Parish Services this Week

Mass:- Monday-Friday 10am; 1pm
Saturday 10am; 5.30pm (Vigil)
Sunday 9am; 10.30am; 12 noon & 4pm
Live Streamed Masses: Sunday 12 noon; Mon-Fri 1pm; Sat 10am
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before 10am mass, in the porch

LIVESTREAMING PRIVACY NOTICE

When Mass is being live streamed to Facebook and YouTube, our camera is focussed on the area of the sanctuary and the steps in front. Please note that you may be seen on camera when going to Communion. If this causes you concern, please speak to the Clergy.

WEEKLY DONATIONS

The parish income has been severely affected by the pandemic, however the running costs remain the same. We rely completely on the charity of parishioners, therefore, if you are in a position to do so, please consider setting up a standing order or making a regular contribution. The easiest way to do this is to set up a standing order with your bank. These are our bank details:-

Sort Code: 83-26-24

Account No.: 00255006

If you make a regular donation to the church and haven't already filled out a Gift Aid form we would encourage you to do so. There is no extra cost to yourself but for every £1 you donate, the church gets an extra 25p through Gift Aid.

For those who already Gift Aid their donation, thank you. Envelopes are ready for collection at the back of the church.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUNDAY MASSES

Places at Sunday Mass MUST be booked through our online booking system www.st-columbkillesunday-mass.eventbrite.com.

Only those who cannot go online should **PHONE or TEXT** 07783 340539. You must leave a message or text to tell us:

1. which Mass you wish to attend (offer 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice)
2. the NUMBER of places to be reserved
3. the NAME of each person attending
4. a PHONE NUMBER so that we can confirm.

Bookings for the next weekend can be made from **Monday 9am until Saturday 10am. No-one can be admitted to church for Sunday Mass unless they have reserved a place (maximum of 50).**

WEEKDAY MASSES

There is no need to book for weekday mass, places will be allocated on a first come first served basis (maximum of 50).

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST MONICA (331-387) Feast day: Thursday 27th August

Patron saint of wives, mothers, conversions, alcoholics and abuse victims

All mums worry, it's part of the job description!!! St Monica was no exception. Even though her son, Augustine, went on to become one of the great saints of the church he caused her no end of worry and heartache.

Monica, was a Christian who lived in North Africa during the fourth century. She was married to a pagan man called Patritius, who was prone to violent tempers, often directed towards Monica. Her patience and kindness in the face of this abuse and her prayers for Patritius eventually led to him converting to Christianity.

Monica is well known for being the mother of St Augustine. When he was a boy, she taught him about Jesus. As he grew up, he rejected the faith his mum had taught him and made life choices that Monica was extremely unhappy about, mainly living an immoral life and joining a religious group called the Manicheans. She was so angry with him that she threw him out the house! But she never stopped praying for him, worrying about him and loving him.

When they moved to Milan, Monica introduced Augustine to the bishop of Milan, St Ambrose, who became a great influence on Augustine and finally opened his heart to God. It was St Ambrose who officially baptised Augustine as an adult, as was the practise in those days. St Monica was overjoyed that her prayers had finally been answered...it had taken 17 years! She had been praying for her son for a long, long time but she never gave up hope that God would hear and answer her prayers.

St Monica died shortly after Augustine embraced his faith. She never lived to see him become a priest and subsequently a bishop. But that didn't matter...Monica didn't have to worry about him anymore. Her last words to St Augustine on her deathbed, were,

'Lay this body anywhere...I only ask this: that you remember me at the Lord's altar, wherever you are.'

This is the greatest gift we can give our loved ones (alive or deceased) that we remember them during the holy sacrifice of the Mass. In these days of instant gratification, St Monica is a wonderful example of the power of persistent prayer, of patience, faith and hope in God's infinite grace. He will never abandon us.

PRAYER TO ST MONICA

Exemplary mother of the great Augustine, you perseveringly pursued your wayward son not with wild threats but with prayerful cries to heaven. Intercede for all mothers in our day so that they may learn to draw their children to God. Teach them how to remain close to their children, even the prodigal sons and daughters who have sadly gone astray.

Amen.



MAINTENANCE OF THE PARISH

The clergy of the parish would like to extend their thanks and gratitude to those parishioners who have given so freely of their time and resources over the last few months, maintaining the parish. From the decorating in the house and hall, the work that has been done in the garden, donations of furniture, light fittings, outdoor taps, sanding, the list goes on! The clergy are delighted with all the work that has been done and humbled by the generosity of the parishioners of St Columbkille's. May God reward you for your goodness.

STEWARDS REQUIRED

As lockdown has eased and people have been returning to work and personal commitments, we are finding that we are short of stewards to assist at Mass, both during the week and on a Sunday. If anyone would like to help us in this capacity, please click on the relevant link below where you will be redirected to our volunteer form. Full training will be given. For more information please contact Fr Mournian.

Form A Volunteer Application form (to be completed by previously "safely recruited" parish volunteers who will act as stewards)

Form B Volunteer Application form (to be completed by NEW volunteers who will act as stewards)

This seems like a great opportunity to thank those of you already volunteering as stewards and cleaners. Without our small army of volunteers, we would be unable to open the church for Holy Mass as often as we can. Many parishioners have commented on how grateful they are to our volunteers for allowing them the chance to return to Mass, it simply wouldn't be possible without you. Thank you and God bless you all.

READERS

Due to the current situation there is no reader's rota. However, anyone wishing to read at mass is most welcome to. Please let the priest know before the start of mass and take your seat at the side of the sanctuary beside the ambo.

CONGRATULATIONS

On behalf of the parish we would like to offer our heartfelt congratulations to friend of the parish, Fr Paul Denney, on his new appointment as Parish Priest of St James, Coatbridge. We wish him well in his new position and ask you to remember him and all the priests of our diocese, especially those taking up new roles, in your prayers.

Please pray for the following:-

Sick

Bea van der Linden (Netherlands) . Ann Creely, Laurence Buchanan

Recently deceased

Agnes Mary Birrell (*Requiem mass – 31st August, 10am*), Maria Hernandez, Janice Connor, Margaret Murray, Myles McBride, Bill Houston, Mrs Smith.

Anniversaries

John McGuire, Hugh Shiels, Sheila Craig, Hugh McGhee, Jim Crossan, Bernard Duffy, Cathie Connolly, David Conner, Angela Dillon, Mrs Mary MacDonald, Bartley Folan, Stuart Williams.

Months mind

Dorothy O'Hara

Birthday remembrance

Cathie Connolly

Wedding

Congratulations to Alan and Caroline Berry (nee Lynagh) on their recent wedding. We wish them well in their new life together.

Baptism

We welcome Sophie Carroll and Connor Joseph Murray to our community. Please keep them and their families in your prayers