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CLERGY

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TWENTY SIXTH ORDINARY SUNDAY

SATURDAY 26TH /SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 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

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday-Saturday 9.30-10am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before 10am mass, in the porch 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 may 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-columbkillesunday-mass.eventbrite.com, or by **PHONE** or **TEXT** 07783 340539.

Last week's collection:- £1627.

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.

EXTRAORDINARY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

During the month of October there will be extraordinary collection envelopes at the back of the church. These are to help us pay our levy to the Diocese which helps to cover the costs of educating seminarians, sick and retired priests, Catholic education etc.

There will be no other extraordinary collections until we return to normal church services. Please give as generously as you can.

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

October Devotions will take place on Mondays in October at 7pm. There will be recitation of the Holy Rosary and a short reflection followed by Solemn Benediction. Places **MUST** be booked through the registration steward when you come to Mass. Booking opens Sun 27th Sep.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation in Adults) course will begin as soon as Government Guidelines allow. For more information please contact Chris Hughes on 0141 563 9548. Enquiries are confidential, no commitment required.

80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH BUILDING

Our church building is 80 years old this year and to commemorate this significant milestone we have invited Bishop Toal to celebrate Mass for us on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Tuesday Dec 8th). Details to follow.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS

We will be selling parish Christmas cards featuring images of the frescoes or the altar at Christmas. If you would be interested in purchasing these can you please speak to Fr Mournian so we can gauge interest before we place our order!

PARISH REGISTRATION

We will be sending out a letter, in the coming week, to every household that is on our parish register. If you do not receive a letter it means you are not on our register! If you would like to be added please get in touch with your name, address and phone number.

BRING FLOWERS OF THE RAREST!

Anyone wishing to donate/contribute towards the flowers for the altar and for Our Blessed Lady's statue during October, please contact Fr Mournian.

HOLY SOLES

We will meet on Monday 28th Sep at 10.30am outside the church for a walk in the local area (social distancing applies).

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

The Young Adults Group will start up again, Government guidelines permitting, on 27th Oct at 7pm. The first talk will be given by Fr Matthew Carlin (PP of St Francis of Assisi, Port Glasgow) and is titled 'What does the Church teach on divorce and remarriage'. The talk will take place in the Church and will conclude with Solemn Benediction. The group is open to anyone between the ages of 16-35. New members welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The children from St Columbkille's Primary will make their First Holy Communion on Sat 24th October. There will be 3 Masses at 10.30am, 12pm, 1.30pm, **by invitation only**. There will be **no** 10am Mass that day. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

SVDP FOODBANK

The St Vincent de Paul foodbank is open to anyone who needs it and is available on a Saturday 10.30-11.30am in the Church Hall.

Please pray for the following:-

Sick

Eric O'Neil (5 years), Bea van der Linden (Netherlands), Laurence Buchanan, Margaret Gray, Margaret Malone.

Recently deceased

Hugh Downs, Elizabeth (Betty) Ruth, Margaret Wilson, Jimmy McDonald, William Ferry, Eilish McKaveney, Owen Flannigan, Benny Murphy, James McDonald, Michael and Madge Coyle

Anniversaries

Michael Coll, Rosaleen McGheachy, Philip Joseph Walsh, Joe McCauley

Birthday Remembrance

Tommy Fyfe

SAINT OF THE WEEK

STS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAFAEL – Feast day 29th September

THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS – Feast Day 2nd October

This week's saints aren't traditional saints, however, because the church reveres them, we give them the titles of saint and honour them with their own feast day. This week we are in for a treat as we celebrate the Feast of the Archangels, Michael, Gabriel and Rafael and then a few days later we remember in a special way our Holy Guardian Angels.

ST MICHAEL (*One Who is Like God*) Patron of soldiers, police officers and firefighters.

St Michael is best known for being the angel who defeated Satan and his followers and cast them out of Heaven and as such is revered as being the Prince of Angels and a powerful protector against the Devil. Pope Leo XIII had a vision of Satan and was so disturbed by what he saw that he composed the Prayer to St Michael. In the Old Testament, Daniel describes him as Prince of the Angels, Protector of Israel. St Michael was also the angel who appeared to the children at Fatima, to prepare them for Mary's visits. He announced himself to them as the Angel of Peace and the Guardian Angel of Portugal.

ST GABRIEL (*Strength of God*) Patron of messengers, journalists, communications

St Gabriel is, more than any other angel, God's holy messenger. In the Old Testament he appeared to Daniel and explained his visions and dreams to him. It was Gabriel who appeared to Zechariah to announce the birth of John the Baptist and we are told in Luke's Gospel that he declared '*I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God who sent me to speak to you and tell you this Good News.*' But by far, his most famous appearance in the Bible is when he announced that Mary would be the Mother of Our Blessed Lord at the Annunciation. He is also believed to be the angel who appeared to St Joseph in his dreams and is the Guardian Angel of the Holy Family.

ST RAFAEL (*Healing of God*) Patron of travellers.

St Rafael appears in the Book of Tobit and is sent by God to help 3 people - Tobit, Tobias (Tobit's son) and Sarah (Tobit's future daughter in law). Tobit and Sarah have both got their crosses to bear. Tobit has been blinded and cast out of society and Sarah has been cursed by the demon, Asmodeus, so that each time she marries, her husband dies on their wedding night. She has lost 7 husbands this way and has been shunned by society too. Rafael appears to Tobias, in human form, and they set off on a journey. When they return Rafael cures both Tobit, of his blindness and Sarah of the curse and she marries Tobias. Rafael reveals his true identity before he returns to Heaven when he says '*I am Raphael, one of the 7 angels who stand ready and enter before the glory of the Lord.*'

HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

From womb to tomb we are accompanied by our very own Guardian Angel, who never leaves our side, not even for a minute! The Catechism states that '*from its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession.*' St Basil told us that '*Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life.*' How amazing is that? A few saints were lucky enough to be able to see and converse with their own Guardian Angel, such as St Gemma of Galgani and St Pio who said '*how consoling it is to know that we are always under the protection of a heavenly spirit, who never abandons us.*' How right he is! Our Guardian Angel is always praying for us and interceding for us at the altar of God. When we die our Guardian Angel will present our soul to God. They are our guides and protectors and we should remember to thank them for all that they do for us.

Consecration of the Parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

During the month of October, we traditionally honour Our Blessed Lady. This October we will honour Mary in a special way by consecrating our parish to her Immaculate Heart. The prayer below will be said at the end of all masses throughout October and we would encourage you to say it at home as well. The consecration of our parish will take place on 31st October, Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In these uncertain times, it is more important than ever for us to call on Mary, Our Mother, to help us, to comfort us and to intercede for us.

Parish Consecration Prayer

O Immaculate, Mother of the Church and Queen of Heaven, we join together as the parish family of St Columbkille's to consecrate ourselves to your Immaculate Heart.

We consecrate to you all that we are, all that we have, all that we love, our bodies, hearts and souls.

To you we consecrate our families, our priests and all who serve in our parish ministries.

We entrust to you the sick and the dying and the souls of the faithful departed of our entire parish.

We desire that everyone may come to know you more fully and share in the benefits of your intercession of love.

We promise to follow with joy and humility the truths of the Catholic Church.

We promise to show you faithful devotion, to listen to the word of God and to read it attentively, to obey God's commandments, to participate in the feast of the Church, to seek the strength of the Sacraments, especially Reconciliation and the Eucharist.

We pray that we may always be ready to offer our prayers, sacrifices and sufferings to bring about the triumph of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in our souls and in those of our sisters and brothers, in our parish and the entire world. Amen.

