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CLERGY

Parish Priest: **Fr Bernard Mournian**

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Deacon: **Rev Bill M'Millan**

TWENTY THIRD ORDINARY SUNDAY

SATURDAY 5TH /SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Parish Services this Week

Mass:- Monday-Friday 10am; 1pm

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday-Saturday 9.30-10am

Funeral mass: Tuesday 8th Sep, 10am – *Ann Creeley R.I.P.*

(Mourners only) Thursday 10th Sep, 1pm – *Maria Rozanska R.I.P.*

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 or by arrangement

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.

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.

Thank you to everyone who has been generously donating when they attend Mass and through standing orders. **Last weeks collection:- £2010.**

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).

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST PETER CLAVER (1580-1654) – Feast Day: 9th September

Patron Saint : African missions, Republic of Colombia, those in slavery

St Peter Claver was born in 1580 at Verdu, Spain. He was brought up in a close knit, loving family however tragedy struck him at the age of 13, when he lost his mother and brother within days of each other. His father sent him to study at the Jesuit College in Barcelona where Peter developed a strong devotion to Our Lady, finding in Mary the protection and comfort that he missed from his own mother.



During his studies Peter became attracted to the Jesuit way of life and at the age of 22 entered the novitiate. Peter went to Majorca to continue his studies and it was here that he befriended an elderly lay brother, Brother Alonso Rodriguez (himself now a saint). He was known for his holiness, humility and kindness and was a huge influence on many of the students, in particular Peter Claver. It was Brother Alonso who awakened in Peter a desire to work in the newly discovered West Indies.

When Peter Claver arrived in the New World, he wasn't convinced he should become a priest, having enjoyed life as a lay brother during his studies. This changed in 1615 when he was sent to Cartagena, where he was introduced to Fr Alonso de Sandoval, who ministered to the slaves arriving from Africa. Through assisting Fr Alonso in his ministry and the example he set to Peter, of proclaiming God's love to the slaves and administering the Sacraments to them, Peter was convinced that this, too, was his vocation. He was finally ordained a priest at Cartagena on 19th March 1616.

The slave trade was big business in Peter Claver's day. Enormous profits were made from this appalling, dehumanising trade and Cartagena, where Peter lived, was an important port for the distribution of slaves. It is hard for us to imagine the horrors these people suffered - tightly packed into the hold, chained together, ill-treated, with very little food or water, during a journey which lasted 2 months, terrified of what lay ahead. About a third of them never made it off the boat.

Peter would meet these slave ships as soon as they arrived. He would collect donations from families of fruit, biscuits, wine and perfume (to mask the stench in the hold). He would nurse the sick, baptise the dying and attempt to restore their dignity. Using pictures and translators he taught them about God, how much He loved them and baptised as many as he could. Throughout his 38-year long ministry he baptised over 300,000 slaves.

Towards the end of his life, Peter Claver ended up paralysed and reliant on others to care for him. Unfortunately, the slave that was asked to nurse him neglected him terribly, leaving him unwashed for days and without food or water. Peter never complained believing it was a penance for his sins. Peter died on Our Lady's birthday (**also celebrated this week**), 8th September 1654.

St Peter Claver has inspired many others to follow in his footsteps. The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver are a congregation, founded by Blessed Mary Theresa Ledochowska. They have a community of sisters in Bellshill. We pray for them that they may continue the work St Peter Claver started and for all of us that we, like St Peter Claver, may be able to see the face of Jesus in everyone we meet.

ST PETER CLAVER, SLAVE OF SLAVES, PRAY FOR US.

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS

If any of our sick or housebound parishioners wish to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick please get in touch with Fr Mournian.

BAPTISMS

We are delighted that we are now in a position to be able to resume baptisms. Anyone wishing to have their child baptised should get in touch with Fr Mournian or Deacon M^cMillan to make the necessary preparations.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Are you or anyone you know interested in becoming a Catholic? Have you been baptised but would like to enter into full Communion with the Church (i.e. receive the remaining Sacraments)? Would you like to learn more about the Catholic faith? (for Catholics and non-Catholics alike) We are hopeful that our **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation in Adults)** course will begin within the next few weeks. Details are still being finalised and will be published as soon as possible. However, if you wish to make enquiries just now, please contact Fr Mournian or Chris Hughes (0141 563 9548). All enquiries are confidential and no commitment is required.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The children from Primary 4 in St Columbkille's School will make their First Reconciliation on Monday 7th September in the school. The children were all prepared to make their Reconciliation the week the country went into lockdown and regrettably it had to be cancelled. We are delighted that it is finally going ahead and ask you to keep them and their families in your prayers. The school will be live streaming the service through their Twitter page from 11am.

BLUE SKY MOBILITY

Thank you to Blue Sky Mobility, who generously donated a scooter, in response to the parish's appeal for help. The recipient of the scooter is very happy with their new ride! Blue Sky Mobility are a family run business based in Castlemilk, providing mobility products and services in Glasgow (0141 634 6270).

BEREAVEMENT BUDDIES

Thank you to our bereavement group for their invaluable help and support to so many over the lockdown. If you or anyone you know would benefit from their support, please contact the church house for contact details.

CARITAS STUDENTS

Thank you to all the Caritas students who came along on Saturday to help with the garden/grounds clean up, your help is very much appreciated!

SVDP FOODBANK

The St Vincent de Paul foodbank is up and running again after the lockdown. This service 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

Bea van der Linden (Netherlands), Laurence Buchanan, Margaret Gray, Margaret Malone

Recently deceased

Eilish McKeavenay, James Murray (England), Caroline Kelly, Michael Brady, James Flanagan, Jane Dalton, May Gillan, Ann Creeley, Jean Kerr, Edward Kelly, Kathleen Macmillan, Carolyn Beaton, Ann Coyle, Maria Rozanska, Catherine McFadden.

Anniversaries

Jimmy and May Cassidy, Margaret Petrie, Bill Hoey, Isabella Kennedy, Liz McGinty (Martin), Neilly Carr, Joe and Isabella (Isa) McGuigan, Marie McGuire, Christopher Cawley

Birthday Remembrance

Kathleen Maguire

Baptism

We welcome Cole Robert Sweeney and Grace Eleanor Daily to our community. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.