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CLERGY

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TWENTY EIGHTH ORDINARY SUNDAY

SATURDAY 10th/SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER 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-columbkillessunday-mass.eventbrite.com, or by **PHONE** or **TEXT** 07783 340539.

Last week's collection - £2577 - Thank you for your generosity

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 will contribute to our levy to the Diocese which helps us 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. Envelopes can be returned with your weekly collection.

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS – MONDAY AT 7PM

There will be recitation of the Holy Rosary and a short reflection followed by Solemn Benediction. Places can be booked, on a first come first served basis, through the registration steward when you come to mass or by emailing stcolumbkille@rcdom.org.uk. Please be considerate to other parishioners when booking, we are mindful that there are only 4 weeks in October and places are limited.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Letters have been sent out to all parishioners who are registered on our database. If you did not receive a letter it means you are not on our register! Paper copies can be obtained from the stewards at mass. If you would like to be added to our register please ask a steward for a form or email us with your name, address and phone number.

RCIA GROUP

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation in Adults) group meetings will take place via Zoom for the foreseeable future. The first meeting will be Tuesday 13th October at 6.30pm. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or finding out more about our Catholic faith please contact Chris Hughes 0141 563 9548.

SALAMANCA UPDATE FROM DEACON BILL

Parishioners who were supposed to be travelling to Salamanca - Please note that your deposits have now been returned and paid into your bank accounts. Cheques have been posted to those who did not provide bank details. There is a difference of £14, due to currency exchange fluctuation, bank charges and ATOL Air Passenger charges.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CARDS

These are now available at the back of the church, priced £2 per card. Please place your money in the box provided.

NOVEMBER LISTS

These are available from the stewards. Please place your list and offering in the envelope and return to the box provided. Mass will be offered throughout November for all the names on your list.

HALL CAFÉ

The café is now open on Saturday mornings after 10.00am mass.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS

We will be selling parish Christmas cards featuring images of the frescoes or the altar at Christmas. They will be priced at £3.50 for 10, with larger special cards for 50p each. 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!

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

The Young Adults Group begins again on 27th Oct at 7pm with a talk by Fr Matthew Carlin (Parish Priest 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. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Fr Mournian by email frmournian@rcdom.org.uk

Please pray for the following:-

Sick

Mark McLachlan, Eric O'Neil (5 years), Bea van der Linden (Netherlands), Laurence Buchanan, Margaret Gray, Margaret Malone, James McPhilips

Recently deceased

Selina M^cGeever, Daniel Boyle, Patrick Brannigan, Jeanne M^cDonald, John Gallagher, John Devanney, Sadie Gallagher, Freddie McIver, Nancy Robertson, Rose Thomson

Anniversaries

James Greene, Margaret Barrett, David Campbell, Paul Burns, Helen Goodwin, Catherine Ballantyne, Margaret Ballantyne and James Ballantyne, Catherine Dolan, Stephen Wilson, John Wilson, Eileen Boyle, Margaret Callaghan, Kathleen Healy, John Fay, Philip Watson, Charles Callaghan, Jean McKinlay, Fr James O'Hara, Dr James Clements, Paddy Kelly, Helen Gillespie.

Months Mind

Eilish McKaveney, James McKinlay, Joyce M^cGeogh (6)

Birthday Remembrance

Frances Robertson, Agnes Bradley, Mary O'Neil

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST THERESA OF AVILA (1515-1582) – Feast day 15th October

Patron Saint : Headache sufferers, Catholic writers, loss of parents, lace workers.

St Theresa of Avila is one of only 4 women given the honour of Doctor of the Church, in recognition of her writings and teachings on contemplative prayer. However, Theresa's spiritual journey was not an easy one, she struggled with her holiness, closeness to God and in particular her prayer life as a young nun.



Theresa was born in 1515, in Avila, Spain. She came from a well-off family but her father was very strict and despaired of Theresa as a teenager because she was...well, just like many teenage girls, interested in clothes, her friends and being a bit of a rebel! So, he sent her off to a convent. She hated it at first, but over time grew to enjoy it thanks to her developing friendship with God plus the convent wasn't as strict as her Dad! She took her vows at 20 but found praying difficult because, as she put it, ***'My imagination is so dull that I had no talent for imagining or coming up with great theological thoughts.'***

She was a popular girl and placed a lot of emphasis on her friends, who she liked to sit and gossip with (I'm sure we can all relate to that)! After suffering from a particularly bad bout of malaria, which left her paralysed for 3 years she stopped praying completely. At the age of 41, a priest convinced her to start praying again but she still found it a trial. ***'I was more anxious for the hour of prayer to be over than I was to remain there. I don't know what heavy penance I would have gladly undertaken rather than practice prayer.'***

St Theresa's struggle with her prayer life no doubt resonates with many of us at different times of our lives. It can be difficult to set aside time to give to God, to find the right words to say, the level of concentration required. Yet, from her own struggles, St Theresa has written about how her prayer life, and as such her relationship with God, developed. She likened prayer to a conversation between friends. ***'For mental prayer, in my opinion, is nothing else than an intimate sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with Him who we know loves us. The important thing is not to think much but to love much, and so, do that which best stirs you to love. Love is not great delight, but desire to please God in everything.'***

In her autobiography she shares her insights for mystical prayer, using the analogy of a garden. She said that letting God into your heart is like letting him plant seeds in your life. When we pray and help others, we help the seeds grow.

St Theresa is credited with being one of the great reformers of the Church, at a time when corruption was rife and the Reformation was threatening its very existence. She initiated a reform of the Carmelite Order to which she belonged, by insisting that their vows of poverty, chastity and obedience were followed with great zeal and vigour. She founded the Reformed Discalced (Barefoot) Carmelite Convent of St. Joseph, the first of many. St Theresa's rule consisted of a simple monastic life of continual prayer, manual labour, abstinence, fasting, and charity. She died on the 15th October 1582 and her last words were, ***"O my Lord and my Spouse, the hour that I have longed for has come. It is time to meet one another."***