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CLERGY

Parish Priest: **Fr Bernard Mournian**

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THIRTY FIRST ORDINARY SUNDAY

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER/SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2020

Parish Services this Week

Mass:- Monday-Friday 10am; 1pm
Funeral mass: Thursday 5th Nov, 10am **James McPhillips – R.I.P. (Mourners only)**
Saturday 10am; **4pm (Vigil)** and 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 - £1817 - 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.

EXTRA VIGIL MASS

To allow more people to attend Sunday mass there will be an additional vigil mass on Saturdays at 4pm beginning on Sat 7th November. **We urgently need new stewards to cover this Mass and weekday Mass.** If you can help, please speak to one of the priests or email miriam.mckernan@googlemail.com

EXTRAORDINARY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Our extraordinary collection during October has raised £5576 so far! Thank you to everyone for their generosity. If you have still to return your envelope, please do so as soon as you can.

MESSAGE FROM THE M^CGEEVER FAMILY

To the parish community of St. Columbkille's, the family of Selina M^CGeever wish to express our deep gratitude for all the kind wishes, prayers, Mass cards, condolences cards and flowers we received. The prayers and good wishes of the parish community have been a great comfort to the family in the very difficult days of Selina's final illness and passing. She would have been overwhelmed by the kindness and support that was given, and her family cherish the support you have shown us and the respect and affection that you have demonstrated to her memory. Thank you very much.

ALL SOULS DAY – 2ND NOVEMBER

To commemorate this important feast day and to allow as many people as possible to attend mass there will be 4 masses on Monday 2nd November at 7am, 10am, 1pm and 7pm. No booking required.

PLENARY INDULGENCES FOR HOLY SOULS

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Apostolic Plenipotentiary has announced modifications to the plenary indulgences for the deceased during November. Click [here](#) for more information on how to obtain indulgences for the Holy Souls.

PUBLICATION OF 'IN GOD'S IMAGE V2'

'In God's Image' is an 'Instruction on Safeguarding' from the Bishops of Scotland to all Catholic jurisdictions in Scotland. The Bishops are seeking views from all interested groups and individuals on any changes they would propose to the current text in the light of their experience. Suggestions can be submitted via this form <https://bit.ly/3cuTsnP>. Closing date 30th November 2020.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to those who contributed to the flowers adorning Mary's altar for the month of October.

MISSIO SCOTLAND

There will be an entrance collection for Missio at all masses **NEXT** weekend (7th/8th Nov). To read Fr Pat's interview with Missio Scotland click [here](#)

SVDP FOOBANK DONATIONS

There is a box at the back of the church for anyone wishing to donate grocery items for the SVDP Foodbank. The Foodbank is open every Saturday 10.30am-11.30am for anyone who needs it.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

The series of talks continues this Tuesday (3rd Nov) at 7pm in the Church with Fr Johnathan Whitworth - '*IVF - Principles of Pope St John Paul II's Theology of the Body*'. The group is open to anyone between the ages of 16-35. Please contact Fr Mournian beforehand if you wish to attend - frmournian@rcdom.org.uk

ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE WORK

Essential maintenance has been carried out on the drains, pipes etc within the church grounds. The bill for the work carried out was £4000, which has been paid for with the income generated from use of the hall. Thank you to all users of the hall who have helped contribute to this and to the staff in the hall who work so hard.

Please pray for the following:-

Sick

Sophia Walker (9), Jim Ferguson, Joe Doherty, Trudi Hewitt, Rose Wilson, Mark M^CLachlan, Eric O'Neil (5), Bea van der Linden, Laurence Buchanan, Margaret Gray, Margaret Malone

Recently deceased

Mary Hold, Eileen Lynn, Henry Rooney, Isobel Robertson, Maty Hold, Mary Doherty, Arthur Vichery, Michael Dunn Brannan, Billy McDougall.

Anniversaries

Anne Whyte, Patrick Friel, Margaret Friel, Bill Nash, Robert M^CGregor, Isabella M^CColgan, Anne Sandford, Margaret Moley

Baptisms

We welcome Declan Gallagher to our community

Birthday Remembrance

John Cruden

ST MARTIN DE PORRES (1579-1639 - FEAST DAY 3RD NOVEMBER

Patron Saint of barbers, mixed-race people, innkeepers, public health workers

St Martin de Porres was born in Lima, Peru in 1579, the illegitimate son of a Spanish nobleman and a freed daughter of slaves from Panama. Martin's dad abandoned his family when he was very young and his mum struggled to make ends. Despite his own poverty, St Martin was known for his generosity towards others and a desire to care for those who he saw as less fortunate than himself: he would often give the little that he had to the beggars.



His dad had a change of heart and returned to his family when Martin was 8 and his sister Juana was 6. From that point on Martin's dad made sure his children were looked after and educated. At the age of 12, Martin began an apprenticeship with a barber/surgeon. A strange apprenticeship you might think! A barber surgeon performed surgical procedures including bloodletting, cupping therapy, pulling teeth, and amputation. Barbers could also bathe, cut hair, shave or trim facial hair, and give enemas. The thought of going to get your haircut while the guy next to you is getting his arm cut off is pretty gruesome, but as it turned out, Martin was extremely skilful at this unusual trade!

Martin experienced ridicule and prejudice for being of mixed race. He knew he wanted to become a member of a religious order, however, at the time, descendants of Africans or Indians were not allowed to become full members. Such was his desire to join a community, that Martin offered his services to the Dominicans of Holy Rosary Priory in Lima as a volunteer, doing the most menial tasks, in exchange for being allowed to wear the religious habit and live within the community. After many years he was eventually allowed to take his vows and became a lay brother in the Dominican Order.

Martin's spiritual practices were legendary. He would fast extensively and spent most of his nights in prayer, often while levitating! He was able to bi-locate and many miraculous healings are attributed to him. Equally legendary was his love of animals. Martin would feed and heal them and they understood and obeyed him. He is often portrayed with mice because he solved the rodent problem in the monastery by having a chat with the mice, promising that he would always feed them at the back door of the kitchen! From that day forward, no mice were seen in the monastery!

Well known for his patience and kindness towards others, Martin was put in charge of the Infirmary. He also cared for the sick outside the monastery and was praised for his unconditional care of all the sick, regardless of race or wealth. He would often take the sick into his own bed and when rebuked by a fellow brother about this replied, "***Compassion, my dear Brother, is preferable to cleanliness.***"

During an epidemic in Lima, there were many friars who were sick and were placed in a distant part of the monastery. Martin is said to have passed through locked doors to care for them. When Martin was disciplined for not following the rules of the monastery he said "***Forgive my error and please instruct me, for I did not know that the precept of obedience took precedence over that of charity.***"

Fr Mournian would have loved St Martin in our parish because he was a fantastic fundraiser! He raised thousands for dowries to allow poor young women to marry and established the Orphanage and School of the Holy Cross. He was also good friends with St Rose of Lima. St. Martin died on November 3rd 1639 and was the first person of mixed race to be canonised by the Catholic Church.