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CLERGY

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TWENTY SEVENTH ORDINARY SUNDAY

SATURDAY 3RD /SUNDAY 4TH 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 - £1298 - 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

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. **Our first October Devotions, 5th October, is fully booked but you can still join us virtually by watching online.** Bookings for next week (12th October) are now open. 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.

Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with this, whether it was by preparing the letters for posting, delivering them or for the donations of stamps. Your help and generosity are very much appreciated.

PARISH BULLETIN

We would encourage all parishioners to access the bulletin on our website to keep up to date with what is happening in the parish. If you would like a copy emailed to you each week please let us know and we will add you to our mailing list. For those who are unable to access the internet there will be a limited number of bulletins printed each week. If you would like a copy please ask one of the stewards.

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. 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!

HOLY SOLES

We will meet on Monday 5th October 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 (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. New members welcome.

Please pray for the following:-

Sick

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

Recently deceased

Mrs Sadie Donovan (Donegal), James Duffin, Mary Docherty, Jimmy McDonald, Frances Rooney, Patrick Brannigan (Airdrie), Mary Thomson, Betty McWilliams.

Anniversaries

Stephen Wilson, Donald and Elizabeth Gilchrist, James Harkin, Lizzie Deeney, Harry Mullen, Sadie Curran, Frances and Denis Connor

Months mind

Eilish McKaveney, Canon Niall Hughes

Special Intention

Mrs Pauline Davies

Baptisms

We welcome Leo Murray and Roan Burns to our community. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

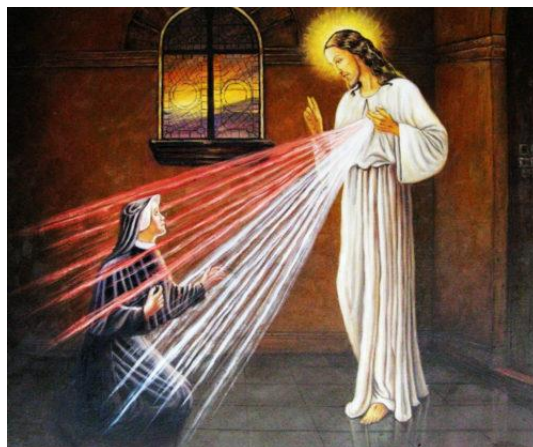
ST FAUSTINA (1905-1938) – Feast day 5TH October

Patron Saint of mercy

St Maria Faustina, more commonly known as St Faustina was born Helena Kowalska in Poland in 1905 to a poor peasant family. From an early age Helena was very religious and felt called to become a nun. However, her parents wouldn't allow her and as soon as she finished her schooling, they sent her off to be a housekeeper. When Helena was 19, she had what was to be her first of many visions of Jesus. He told her to go and join a convent which she promptly did, although not without being refused at a number of convents first. Finally, the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy agreed she could join if she could pay for her own religious habit. In 1926, at the age of 20, she took her first vows as a nun and took the name Sr Maria Faustina of the Blessed Sacrament.

On February 22, 1931, Faustina was visited by Jesus, who presented himself as the "King of Divine Mercy". She was asked to become the apostle and secretary of God's mercy. This is what she wrote in her diary about this vision:-

*"In the evening, when I was in my cell, I became aware of the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From the opening of the garment at the breast there came forth two large rays, one red and the other pale. In silence I gazed intently at the Lord; my soul was overwhelmed with fear, but also with great joy. After a while Jesus said to me, 'paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the inscription: **Jesus, I trust in You.**'"*



St Faustina was no artist and it took 3 years for her to find one who was able to paint the image. Eugene Kazimierowski was the artist who painted the first image of the Divine Mercy, a now famous image of Our Lord, which is venerated all over the world.

Regarding the image, Jesus told St Faustina - *"I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over its enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I myself will defend it as My own glory."*

At the time, the Church's image of God was one of a strict disciplinarian, all too ready to judge people harshly for their sins and punish them accordingly, but Jesus told St Faustina that *"I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to my merciful heart."* He also told her - *"Encourage souls to place great trust in My fathomless mercy. Let the weak, sinful soul have no fear to approach Me, for even if it had more sins than there are grains of sand in the world, all would be drowned in the unmeasurable depths of My mercy."*

In addition to her visions of Jesus, St Faustina was shown visions of Heaven, Purgatory (where she saw Mary tending to souls) and Hell. She could bilocate, read human souls, had the gift of prophecy, suffered from hidden stigmata and shared in the suffering of Our Lord's Passion as well as the rare gift of mystical engagement and marriage. In the latter years of her life St Faustina suffered from tuberculosis and finally succumbed to the illness in 1938, dying at the age of 33, the same age as Jesus when he died. Her diary, that she kept so faithfully, has sold over 2 million copies worldwide and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy has become a popular devotion in both the Catholic and Anglican Church.