

# St Columbkille's Rutherglen

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## CLERGY

Parish Priest: **Fr Bernard Mournian**

In Residence: **Fr Pat Hennessy**

In Residence: **Fr Stephen Reilly**

Deacon: **Rev Bill M<sup>c</sup>Millan**

## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER/SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**

### Parish Services this Week

**Mass:-** Monday-Friday 10am; **12pm**; 1pm  
**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov only, 7.30am – Feast of St Andrew the Apostle**

**Funeral masses:** Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Nov, 1pm – **Tommy Law R.I.P.**  
**(Mourners only)** Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 1pm – **James Cardow R.I.P.**

Saturday 10am; **4pm (Vigil)** and 5.30pm (Vigil)

Sunday **8am**; 9am; 10.30am; 12pm; **1pm** & 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 Our Lady's side chapel 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](http://www.st-columbkillessunday-mass.eventbrite.com), or by **PHONE** or **TEXT** 07783 340539.

**Last week's collection - £1183 - Thank you for your generosity**

### **EXTRA SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY MASSES**

Due to Tier 4 restrictions we can only admit 20 people to Mass. We are extremely grateful that our clergy have offered to put on extra Masses to compensate for this. Please see above for times of extra Masses.

We urgently need new stewards to cover all these Masses. **Stewards do not need to book for Mass, you are always guaranteed a place!**

If you can help, please email [miriam.mckernan@googlemail.com](mailto:miriam.mckernan@googlemail.com).

### **BOOKING A PLACE AT MASS**

**Sunday Mass** - through our online booking system as normal

[www.st-columbkillessunday-mass.eventbrite.com](http://www.st-columbkillessunday-mass.eventbrite.com).

**Weekday Masses** – Parishioners now have to sign-up for weekday Mass. A sheet will be available through the stewards to reserve your place. As numbers are so limited you can only book a maximum of 2 weekday Masses. We would also ask that if you have attended Mass during the week that you consider **NOT** attending on a Sunday to give as many people as possible the opportunity to attend Mass.

### 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.

### EASYFUNDRAISING

Do you shop online? Easyfundraising is a great way to support your church at no cost to yourself! Click here to go to Easyfundraising to sign up and select your cause (**St Columbkille's Church Building Fund**). When you are ready to shop go to the Easyfundraising website first, click on the retailer you want to shop with - it will take you to the retailer's website where you can shop as normal. After you've checked out the retailer will make a donation to our account—at no extra cost to you!

### FEAST OF ST ANDREW

We celebrate the feast day of St Andrew the Apostle, patron saint of Scotland on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November. There will be an extra Mass at 7.30am, **no booking required**.

### HELP NEEDED!!!!!!

We are in need of a **qualified electrician** to install an outdoor socket to accommodate the lighting for the outdoor crib. If you fit the bill or know someone who would be willing to help please get in touch with Fr Mournian.

We are also looking for anyone who has or has access to a **stump grinder**! This is for a rotten tree stump in the church grounds that we would like removed and apparently that's the tool for the job! Please see Fr Mournian if you can help!

### COMBONI MISSIONARIES AND CARITAS

Fr Paul Annis is the new chaplain at Trinity High School. He will be at all masses next week (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> December) selling the Comboni Missionaries Calendar, ably assisted by the Caritas students from Trinity! Please support this important fundraiser if you can.

### UPKEEP OF CHURCH GROUNDS

We are so grateful to Ken Ross and his power hose for the fantastic job he is doing sprucing up the grounds! We really appreciate him giving of his own time to help our parish. The before and after pictures on our Facebook page show what a difference he has made. May God bless him for his goodness. Ken is a local handyman and we can't recommend him enough! (07920 729624)

### DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

We will be decorating the Church for Christmas on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December** after 10am Mass. Any help with this would be very much appreciated, the more the merrier!

### BOOKING FOR MASS FOR CHRISTMAS

Bookings for Christmas Day Mass will open on **14<sup>th</sup> December at 9am** and can be made in the usual way, either through Eventbrite or by phoning the number on the first page of the bulletin.

### 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIONS

**Vestment sponsorship – Thank you to everybody who has already donated. Many people have expressed how grateful they are to be able to remember their loved ones in this way, especially those who have gone to God during the pandemic.** Envelopes for your donation are at the back of the church. Certificates, in a similar style to those given for the fresco sponsorship, are available for those who would like to commemorate their donation e.g. if it was being given as a gift - for more information see Fr Mournian.

### PARISH CHRISTMAS GREETING

We will be sending out a parish Christmas card soon with all the times and details of Masses during Advent and Christmas. We are looking for volunteers to help stuff envelopes and deliver the cards. Contributions towards cost of stamps would also be very much appreciated!

### SCHOLA MUSIC GROUP

The Schola Music Group will be having a Zoom rehearsal on 5<sup>th</sup> December at 11.45am. Anyone wishing to join please email - [alan.cappella-nova@strath.ac.uk](mailto:alan.cappella-nova@strath.ac.uk)

## ADVENT 2020 - RORATE CAELI MASSES

On the Friday mornings of Advent (4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Dec) there will be an additional Mass offered at 7:30am. These Masses will be simple, prayerful, and illuminated only by candlelight - a perfect way to begin the day and a fitting way to prepare for Christmas. **No booking necessary.**

*The Rorate Caeli Mass is a traditional Advent devotion wherein the Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Advent is offered just before daybreak. The interplay of light and darkness speaks to the meaning of Advent and the coming of the Light of the world.*

*The Mass takes its title, Rorate Caeli, from the first words of the Introit, which are from Isaiah 45:8:*

***“Rorate, caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant justum, aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem.”***

***“Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Saviour.”***

*The Rorate Mass is lit only by candlelight. Because it is a votive Mass in Mary’s honour, white vestments are worn instead of Advent violet. In the dimly lit setting, priests and faithful prepare to honour the Light of the world, Who is soon to be born, and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. As the Mass proceeds and sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter, illumined by the sun as our Faith is illumined by Christ.*

*The readings and prayers of the Mass foretell the prophecy of the Virgin who would bear a Son called Emmanuel, and call on all to raise the gates of their hearts and their societies to let Christ the King enter; asking for the grace to receive eternal life by the merits of the Incarnation and saving Resurrection of Our Lord.*

## THANK YOU

Thank you to the parishioner who has donated our beautiful brass advent wreath which will be adorning the church for the 4 weeks of Advent. May God bless you for your goodness.

## CHURCH ORGAN

The church organ had its annual MOT this week and has now been given a clean bill of health – it’s sounding better than ever!

## SVDP GIFT TREE

Thank you to those parishioners who have returned their gifts, we have been humbled by your generosity. If you have still to return your gift please do so as soon as possible. This will give us plenty of time to arrange for them to be delivered. Thank you for your support. Our phone number for anyone who requires assistance is 07935 359 292.

## BLOOD CANCER UK – GLASGOW

Calling all quizzers! The Glasgow branch of Blood Cancer UK are holding an online Christmas quiz night on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm. For more information on how to enter please see their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/bloodcancer.glasgow/>

## Please pray for the following:-

### Sick

Baby Ronan Jackson, Myra Kilcoin, Mary (Molly) Gray, Patricia Fay, Marie Murphy (France), Helen McAllister, Fraser McAllister, Isabel McEwan, David M<sup>c</sup>Phail, Sophia Walker (9), Jim Ferguson, Joe Doherty, Trudi Hewitt, Mark M<sup>c</sup>Lachlan, Eric O’Neil (5), Bea van der Linden, Margaret Gray, Margaret Malone

### Recently deceased

Colin M<sup>c</sup>Allister, Ella Gilchrist, Olga Marchetti, Catherine Maguire, William Ward, Mary Catherine Keenan, Marie Kelly, Sam Mooney, Madge Curran James Sweeney, Trudi Hewitt (Quinn), Maureen Smeaton, Joseph Mannion, Louise Muldoon, May Cassidy, Christie Nixon, Ina Gillies, Gordon Fraser, Tommy Law

### Anniversaries

Anthony Millar, Eddie M<sup>c</sup>Cahill, Margaret Daly, Theresa Slattery, Dr John Leonard

### Special Intention

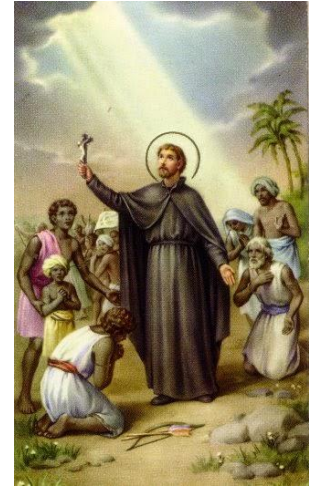
Marion and Seana McDaid

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

**ST FRANCIS XAVIER (1506-1552) – Feast Day: 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

***Patron Saint: Missions, plague epidemics, navigators***

Could you imagine spending 13 months on a boat on a voyage to far-away lands? As someone who suffers from bad travel sickness, it makes me queasy just thinking about it! But that's what St Francis Xavier did on his mission to India to spread the Good News of the Gospel. Conditions on the voyage were pretty grim - they were shipwrecked 3 times, spent days without food and had outbreaks of scurvy to contend with. A far cry from the kind of lifestyle Francis had grown up with.



Francis was used to the finer things in life having been brought up in the royal castle of Xavier, Spain, where his father was the seneschal (steward). He was a clever child and his education was encouraged. He was sent to university in Paris and ended up sharing lodgings with Ignatius of Loyola. Francis wasn't overly impressed with his new lodger, especially as he was trying to persuade him to become a priest. At the time Francis was more impressed with what the world had to offer than God and was put off by Ignatius and his rigorous spiritual lifestyle. He continued with his studies and in 1530 received a Master of Arts. Ignatius eventually persuaded Francis to dedicate his life to God and on 15 August 1534, the 2 of them along with 5 other companions met in a crypt beneath the Church of Saint Denis, Paris and became the founding members of the Society of Jesus, or the Jesuits as they are more commonly known today. They made vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience to the Pope.

So how did Francis end up on a ship to India? The King of Portugal requested missionaries to go to India to their recently acquired Portuguese colonies. Francis was reluctantly chosen to go. When Francis finally arrived in Goa, on the west coast of India, he was appalled at how cruelly the Europeans treated the local people and how their Christian faith and values had been lost. So, this is where his work began. He would walk the streets ringing a bell to call the children to him and would sit under an umbrella telling them Bible stories. When he journeyed along the coast to visit other Portuguese settlements, he was surprised and delighted to find a group of Indians who worshipped Jesus in the same way as the earliest Christians. These people were known as the Christians of St Thomas, their faith had been brought to them centuries earlier by St Thomas the Apostle.

Francis spent the next few years journeying through India preaching, working miracles and even raising the dead to life! He travelled further East to Portuguese settlements in Southeast Asia. When he was there, he met a Japanese man named, Anjirō who had fled Japan after being charged with murder. He told Francis extensively about the customs and culture of his homeland and became the first Japanese Christian, adopting the name of 'Paulo de Santa Fé'. He later helped Xavier as a mediator and interpreter for the mission to Japan. The Good News of the Gospel was met with mixed responses in Japan, some local rulers made him welcome and allowed him to preach, others simply turned him away. Francis was keen to travel to China and convert the Chinese as he believed this would also help his mission in Japan. However, he never made it to China, dying from a fever on the Japanese Island of Shangchuan, off the coast of China on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1552, aged 46.

By the time of his death, St Francis Xavier had converted many thousands to Christianity and is regarded as being the greatest missionary since St Paul. His body is preserved incorrupt in the Basilica of Bom Jesus in Goa.