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CLERGY

Parish Priest: **Fr Bernard Mournian**

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Deacon: **Rev Bill McMillan**

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER/SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2020

Parish Services this Week

Mass:- Monday-Friday 10am; 1pm

Friday 18th Dec, 7.30am – Rorate Caeli Mass

Funeral masses: Mon 14th Dec, 10am – **William Graham R.I.P. (Mourners only)**

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

Sunday 9am; 10.30am; 12pm & 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

<https://st-columbkilles-sunday-mass.eventbrite.co.uk> or by **PHONE** or **TEXT** 07783 340539.

Last week's collection - £1305 - 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.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Envelopes for this important annual collection have been posted out to all parishioners on our database, accompanied with a Christmas greeting card with all the services and Masses occurring over the festive period. If you didn't receive one there are some at the back of the Church. To be added to our database to receive future communications please email the office. The Christmas collection is an important source of income for the parish but please only give what you can afford, we appreciate this is a difficult time for many.

TIER 3 RESTRICTIONS

As we are now back in Tier 3 we are allowed to have 50 people attend each Mass. There is no need to book for weekday Masses, these will be allocated on a first come first served basis, as before. A reminder that the details to book Sunday Mass are given in the information box at the start of the bulletin. Mass times are back to the usual times.

BOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Bookings for Christmas Day Mass will open on 14th December at 9am and can be made in the usual way. Mass times are as follows:-

Vigil Masses – 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm, 8pm, 9pm, midnight. To book any of the Vigil Masses follow this link:-

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/130949079221>

Christmas Day Masses – 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12pm. To book any of the Christmas Day Masses follow this link:-

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/130949801381>

COMBONI MISSIONARIES AND CARITAS

£380 was raised from the sale of the Comboni Missionaries Calendar last weekend. Thank you to everyone for their support, to the Caritas students and of course Fr Paul for all the work he does with our young people up at Trinity. It was lovely to have him here in the parish last weekend.

THANK YOU

Christmas decorations - Many thanks to all who helped decorate the Church for Christmas, what a fantastic job you've done; the Church looks beautiful!

Crib Lights – Thank you to Craig Docherty and Paul Curran for offering to assist us in getting the lights on the crib operational.

May God reward you all for your goodness.

ADVENT 2020 - RORATE CAELI MASSES

Our final Rorate Caeli Mass takes place on Fri 18th Dec, 7.30am. **A reminder that we can admit 50 to this Mass now and no booking is required.**

OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSION

The Church will be open 2-4pm next Saturday 19th December for the Sacrament of Reconciliation; a great way to prepare for Christmas. Several priests will be available for Confession during this time.

FESTIVE CAFÉ

Parish Hall festive cafe will be open on:
Saturday (Dec 12th & 19th) 9.00- 12.30pm
Sunday (Dec 13th & 20th) 9.30- 2:00pm
All welcome.

LIGHT UP A LIFE

Light up a Life is an opportunity to sponsor a lantern in memory or in honour of a loved one, with all monies raised going to the St Andrew's and Kilbryde Hospices. Lanterns are priced at £5 and will be lit in the Church throughout the Christmas Octave. Cards are available for you to let someone special know they are in your thoughts and that a light will be shining in memory or in honour of their loved one.

WAYSIDE CLUB COLLECTION

SVDP are looking for donations of **NEW** hats, gloves, socks, scarves, underwear or toiletries. Please leave at the back of the church this weekend. SVDP collection boxes will also be available for cash donations. Thank you in advance for your support.

Volunteers needed:- The Wayside Club are looking for new members to provide practical and spiritual support to their clients. For more information, please check out their website <https://www.thewaysideclubcentre.co.uk/>

HEALTHY AND HAPPY

Do you know a local family needing support with Christmas gifts for their kids? Or perhaps an isolated older person who is unlikely to receive any presents? Perhaps you/your family need some support. Healthy n Happy are offering their help. Please visit www.healthynhappy.org.uk/christmas2020 or call 0141 646 0123

WESTERN CATHOLIC CALENDARS

For sale at the back of the Church priced £3.20. Please place money in the box marked 'stall'.

CONGRATULATIONS – FR STEPHEN

Congratulations are in order for Fr Stephen, who has been awarded a **Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice with Merit** from the University of Glasgow. Well done!

SVDP – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

With many of our conference members shielding, we are looking for some volunteers to help families in need over these next 3 weeks with the delivery of furniture, if you can spare a few hours a week and are interested, please call James McGuire on: 07973 823546.

ST MARGARET’S VIRTUAL CRIB APPEAL

St Margaret’s Children and Family Care Society, are hosting a 'Virtual Crib' on their website. The Virtual Crib is a peaceful, animated crib scene accompanied by a full Christmas Carol Concert from the St Andrew's Cathedral Choir. Please visit their website to donate and support this important charity if you are able.

300 CLUB

The Christmas Draw for the 300 Club will take place on the 4th Sunday of Advent. Dues for 2021 (**£20**) can be handed in to any of the boxes at the back of the Church. New members welcome – please contact Rosaleen Anderson on 647 2301.

Please pray for the following:-

Sick

Mary and Niall Greenan, Baby Ronan Jackson, Mary (Molly) Gray, Patricia Fay, Marie Murphy (France), Helen McAllister, Fraser McAllister, Isabel McEwan, David M^cPhail, Sophia Walker (9), Jim Ferguson, Joe Doherty, Trudi Hewitt, Mark M^cLachlan, Eric O’Neil (5), Bea van der Linden, Margaret Gray, Margaret Malone

Recently deceased

Milagros Magistrato, James Mackenzie, Michael Jeyes, Frank M^cKenna, Pat Green, Jean Balmer, Sophie Geddes (16), Betty Cady, Findlay Marr, Liz Herriot, Catherine Marshall, Brian Smith (Canada), James Sweeny, Gerry Docherty, Jos Schulpen (Netherlands), Rose Lowrie, Sister Mary Rosaria (M^cGeady), Jacqueline Rochford, John M^cStay, Catherine Marshall, William Whitting, Sarah Convery, Andrew Early (Donegal)

Anniversaries

Anna Law, James M^cCluskey, Michael M^cGinn, Danny O’Connor, Ann M^cCart, Elsey Quinn, David Lees, William M^cKeown, Hugh and Agnes M^cCauley, Isabella Samson, Frank and Bridget Chambers, Bernard Flynn, John Welsh, Anne Welsh, Charles Downey, Margaret and Ruthvan Allan, Edward Dempsey.

Month’s Mind

Marie Kelly

Birthday remembrance

Mary Ferguson, Margaret Murray

Baptism

We welcome Keo Kidd to our community.

Wedding

Congratulations to Anthony Anderson and Laura Wedlock on their upcoming wedding. We wish them well in their new life together.

USE OF BELLS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH – HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANCE

As part of our 80th Anniversary celebrations we have reinstated the Church bells that Canon Gibbons installed in 2001 and we are looking forward to hearing them ringing out in Rutherglen, calling the Faithful to Mass and to prayer.



At Mass we use small altar or '*sanctum*' bells, rung by the altar servers at specific parts of the Mass. These are:-

- At the *epiclesis*, when the priest places his hands over the bread and wine and prays to the Holy Spirit to change them into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ.
- At the Consecration when the priest presents and elevates the Body of Christ
- And again, when the priest presents and elevates the Blood of Christ
- They may also be rung again when the priest consumes from the Chalice.

The primary purpose of the bells is to create a joyful noise to the Lord as a way of giving thanks for the miracles taking place on the altar, as described in the Book of Psalms –

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

A secondary purpose is to focus the attention of the faithful that transubstantiation has taken place and that the Body and Blood of our Lord is truly present on the altar.

We can trace the use of bells to honour and assist in our worship of God to Biblical times. The Book of Exodus (28:33-35) describes the vestments worn by Aaron, in his role as high Priest, as being adorned with bells.

'And beneath at the feet of the same tunic round about, you shall make as it were pomegranates of violet and purple and scarlet twice dyed with little bells set between, so that there shall be a golden bell and a pomegranate and again another golden bell and a pomegranate. And Aaron shall be vested with it in the office of his ministry, that the sound may be heard, when he goes in and comes out of the sanctuary, in the sight of the Lord and that he may not die.'

The addition of bells to Aaron's priestly garments would have created a joyful noise to the Lord, something we should all aspire to! In addition, bells have long been thought to have apotropaic powers (power to ward off evil spirits) and some bells had inscriptions to reflect this eg. ***'the sound of this bell vanquishes tempests, repels demons, and summons men.'***

St Paulinus, a 6th Century Roman missionary and the first Bishop of York, was the first to use them as a means to summon monks to worship and following on from this, Pope Sabinian approved the use of bells to call the faithful to worship. In the 13th Century, outdoor tower bells started being used as *sanctum* bells and some historic churches such as St Peter's Basilica in Rome still use them. Ringing the bells gave notice to those outside who couldn't attend the Mass that something divine and miraculous was taking place inside. The ringing of the bell would allow the faithful to stop what they were doing and offer an act of adoration to God.

Traditionally Catholic Christian churches would ring their bells three times a day to call the faithful to recite the Angelus; a prayer recited in honour of the Incarnation of God. It is our intention to ring our own Church bells at noon and 6pm to revive this great tradition of the Catholic Church in Rutherglen!

With thanks to Matthew D. Herera and his research – Sanctus Bells: History and Use in the Catholic Church which can be found here - <https://stlukesatholic.com/documents/2014/8/sanctusbells.pdf> A great resource for those wishing to know more about the use of bells in the Catholic Church.