

# St Columbkille's Rutherglen

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## CLERGY

Parish Priest: **Fr Bernard Mournian**

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

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER/SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

### Parish Services this Week

**Mass:-** Monday-Friday 10am; **12pm**; 1pm  
**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, 7.30am – Rorate Caeli Mass**

**Funeral masses:** Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10am – **James Corrigan R.I.P.**

**(Mourners only)** Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Dec, 1pm – **Myra Kilcoyne R.I.P.**

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10am – **Sarah Gallagher 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 - £1352 - 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@gmail.com](mailto:miriam.mckernan@gmail.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.

### MESSAGE FROM BISHOP TOAL

With every blessing to the parish community of St Columbkille's as you celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of your Church building, a significant milestone in the life of your parish. I look forward to being with you in the New Year to celebrate this occasion with the parish community.

### 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. They can be returned to any of the boxes at the back of the Church. This is an important source of income for the Parish, please be as generous as you can.

### BOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

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. Mass times are as follows:-

**Vigil Masses** – 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm, 8pm, 9pm, midnight.

**Christmas Day Masses** – 9am, 10.30am, 12pm

### COMBONI MISSIONARIES AND CARITAS

Fr Paul Annis is the new chaplain at Trinity High School. He will be at all masses this weekend (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.

### DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

This will take place after 10am Mass on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December, happy helpers required!

### 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 can.

### 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.

### 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 Rorate Mass is lit only by candlelight. As the Mass proceeds and sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter, illumined by the sun as our Faith is illumined by Christ.*

### THANK YOU

Thank you to all the parishioners who have helped with the organisation and delivery of the Parish Christmas greeting card. Thank you to **Greygables Dental, East Kilbride** for donating the greeting cards. May God reward you all for your goodness.

### CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE

Christmas trees are for sale from Rutherglen Lawn Tennis Club. They are supporting our parish by donating 4 Christmas trees. Please support them if you can.

### **VESTMENT SPONSORSHIP**

Thank you to everybody who has donated to this, all vestments have now been sponsored. If you would like a certificate to commemorate your donation please see Fr Mournian.

### **WAYSIDE CLUB – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Legion of Mary Wayside Club are looking for new members to provide practical and spiritual support to their clients or members who would be prepared to support them with prayers. The Wayside Club provide a daily evening meal to the homeless of Glasgow. For more information please contact Deacon Jim Fletcher (Email - [John.Fletcher@rcag.org.uk](mailto:John.Fletcher@rcag.org.uk) or Mob: 07767 122 295, Home: 01360 771116)

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

**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 by Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December. SVDP collection boxes will also be available for cash donations at all masses on Sat 12<sup>th</sup>/Sun13<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Gift Tree:-** Thank you to those parishioners who have returned their gifts. If you have still to return your gift please do so as soon as possible.

**Movember:-** Fr Bernard's friend, William McPhilemy, has been growing a very fine moustache for the month of November and for his efforts has raised £1521 for our parish SVDP conference! Thank you to William and all of his sponsors for their generosity. God bless you.

### **HELP NEEDED!!!!!!**

**Qualified electrician** - to install an outdoor socket to accommodate the lighting for the outdoor crib.

**Stump grinder** – Does anyone have or have access to one? We need one to remove a rotten tree stump!

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Stevie Kilcoyne for building the beautiful shrine to Our Lady, now taking pride of place in the garden. The shrine is in honour of the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Virgin Mary, to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Church building.

### **Please pray for the following:-**

#### **Sick**

Baby Ronan Jackson, 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**

Myra Kilcoyne, Elizabeth Lawson, Catherine Harte, Bobby Weir, Andrew Early, James Marr, Robert Knox, Billy Graham, Colin M<sup>c</sup>Allister, Ella Gilchrist, James Marr, Finlay Marr, James Doherty, Rose Lowrie, Bernie Grimmond Sr, Margaret M<sup>c</sup>Antee

#### **Anniversaries**

Paddy and Kate Kerlin, Letitia Rochford, Edward Devine, Luke Cassidy, John, Eddie and Mary O'Brien, Ella and Bernard Hampson, Mary (Mullen) Thomas, Anna and Harry Connor, Tony Murray, Eddie Hughes

#### **Month's Mind**

Madge Curran

#### **Wedding**

Congratulations to David and Stephanie Smith on their recent wedding. We wish them well in their new life together.

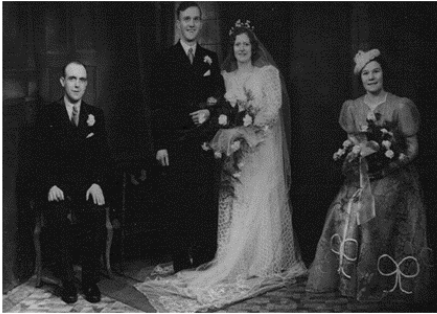
# 80<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ST COLUMBKILLE'S CHURCH (1940 – 2020)

By St Columbkille's Parish History Group

## In Memory of David Jackson (Son of the Parish and Rutherglen historian)

This week we celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the present building of St. Columbkille's Church. Unfortunately, our celebrations for this important anniversary will be somewhat more subdued than our original plans.

On December 8<sup>th</sup> 1940, the feast of The Immaculate Conception, the Solemn Blessing and Opening of the newly built St Columbkille's Church was read by his Grace, Bishop Mackintosh followed by Holy Mass with the sermon read by Bishop Toner, former Parish Priest of St Columbkille's Rutherglen.



On the 28<sup>th</sup> of December 1940, the first wedding took place in the new church. Mr Thomas Kennedy married Catherine Tonner. The Best Man was Mr William Brown and the Bridesmaid was Catherine Ryan. The newlyweds set up home at 15 Greenbank St, Rutherglen.

By 1940 the growing Catholic community in Rutherglen could no longer be accommodated in the first church. The original building, which had been completed in 1853, was located where the lawn is today. This was retained as a hall until the mid-1950s, and so, for a time, both old and new church buildings sat side by side.

To replace the original building, Jack Coia of Gillespie, Kidd and Coia was commissioned to supply a design for a church, with capacity for 1200 worshippers at a cost of £30,000. The resultant red brick structure provides a striking contrast to the stone tenements and public buildings of the Main Street.

The simplicity of the brickwork is complemented by decorative and devotional stone features. Jesus and the four evangelists are the most prominent sculpted figures on the frontage, with St Columbkille and his monk companions above the three front entrances.

Inside, the ceiling is made of Austrian oak, as is the baldacchino, which soars from the sanctuary floor towards the ceiling. The altar is made of onyx and green marble and the reredos on the back wall behind the crucifix is made of Connemara marble. The ceilings above the side altars have recently been restored back to their original glory. The paintings in the Sacred Heart Chapel depict scenes from Our Lord's Passion and are the work of Walter Pritchard, while the paintings in Our Lady's Chapel reveal moments in Our Blessed Mother's life and were created by William Crosbie. The wonderful mosaic style Stations of the Cross which have adorned the Church for many years are the work of Jessie McGeehan.

During war time, many anxious prayers were brought to this Church. In addition to family worries, parishioners feared the bombing of their new church. Parishioner, Miss Di Giacomo remembers that at aged 11, a German radio propaganda broadcaster known as Lord Haw Haw announced that the church in Rutherglen would never be opened because the Luftwaffe was going to bomb it.

The maintenance of a building of St Columbkille's size and age is challenging. The recent project between 2013 and 2016 involved substantial fabric and roof repair followed by extensive interior refurbishment. We now have a beautiful church building that we are immensely proud of and that will allow future generations to worship God in Rutherglen.

We thank God for our Church and Parish which have been built on the sacrifices of Canon Shaw and his parishioners, many of whom were poor Highlanders or Irish immigrants. May we build on their sacrifices and trust, that with God's help, the Church may be for us, as with those who have gone before us, the Gateway to Heaven.



The beautiful sanctuary lamp which hangs above the pulpit, was brought from the old church to the new. For more than 160 years this lamp has been lit to indicate the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.