

# St Columbkille's Rutherglen

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## CLERGY

Parish Priest: **Fr Bernard Mournian**

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY/SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021**

### Parish Services this Week

**DUE TO LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS, THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC MASS.**

**MASS WILL BE LIVE STREAMED EVERY DAY.**

**MONDAY-FRIDAY - 1PM**

**SATURDAY – 10AM**

**SUNDAY – 12 NOON**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH AND OUR COUNTRY THAT PUBLIC  
MASSES WILL BE RESUMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

## WEEKLY DONATIONS

During this latest lockdown we would encourage you, where possible, to continue to support your parish through the weekly collection. The parish income relies solely on the donations of our parishioners. Contributions can be made in the form of a standing order or online donation through our website, using the bank details below. Or, if you are in a position to do so, collection money can be posted through the door of the church house.

**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 on our website.

## CONDOLENCES

We were shocked and saddened this week to hear of the sudden death of **Archbishop Philip Tartaglia**, on the feast of his predecessor St Mungo. On behalf of the parish, we would like to offer our sincere, heartfelt condolences to his family and the Archdiocese of Glasgow, he will be greatly missed.

Just a day after the Archbishop died, the **Emeritus Bishop of Dunkeld, Vincent Logan** also passed away. We offer our sincere and heartfelt condolences to his family and the Diocese of Dunkeld.

We will be remembering both of these leaders of our Church in our prayers and ask that all parishioners pray for the repose of their souls. May Our Blessed Lord reward them for their years of service to the priesthood and the people of Scotland.

## VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

In this Sunday's liturgy, Jesus invites Andrew and his friend to **"Come and see."** Samuel says **"Speak Lord, your servant is listening."** Could you take up the invitation? Are you ready to hear him call to you?

If you would like to chat about vocations, any of our clergy here in the parish would be delighted to answer any questions you may have. The Vocations Director for the Diocese of Motherwell is **Fr Charles O'Farrell**, the Parish Priest of Our Lady and St Anne's in Hamilton. **Priests for Scotland** is another great source of information for those interested in learning more about vocations to the priesthood or religious life. [www.priestsforscotland.org.uk/](http://www.priestsforscotland.org.uk/) Please pray for all our priests and religious.

## SVDP – ITEMS NEEDED

During this latest lockdown we have had to suspend furniture pick-ups and deliveries, unless essential. However, we are in need of small items that could be left outside for collection. We require microwave, iron, TV, cutlery, pots and pans, electric heater, vacuum cleaner. If you are in a position to help please contact James on **07973823546**.

## FEAST OF THE WORD OF GOD

Next Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Word of God. Pope Francis tells us that the Bible is a love letter from God to humanity and that those who follow Jesus should read it daily. Just as our physical bodies need good food to eat, so too, our spirit needs spiritual food; the Word of God. There are many resources available to help us with this. Each week we put commentaries for Sunday's readings on our Facebook page. For the liturgies during the week Universalis is a great website ([www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)). And there is also the fantastic Fr Mike Schmitz's podcast, 'The Bible in a Year'. Each 20-25min episode includes: 2-3 scripture readings, a reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz and guided prayer. There is more information about this at [www.ascensionpress.com](http://www.ascensionpress.com). It is currently the No 1 podcast in the USA just now!

## YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

To mark the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St Joseph being declared the Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis has declared a 'Year of St. Joseph' from 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 until 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021. The Holy Father encourages the faithful to seek St. Joseph's intercession daily throughout the year. Pope Francis encourages us to say this prayer, daily throughout the Year of St Joseph.

## PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

40 Days for Life are looking for volunteers to join them in their 2021 Vigil at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow. The Vigil commences at 8am on Ash Wednesday 17th of February 2021 and closes at 8pm on Palm Sunday 28th March 2021. 40 Days for Life is an internationally co-ordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. For more information please visit their website <https://www.40daysforlife.com/> Rose Docherty is the co-ordinator for the Glasgow 40 Days for Life group. She can be contacted by emailing her at [ogilvie1615@outlook.com](mailto:ogilvie1615@outlook.com) or her phone number is 07928 314 189

### **300 CLUB**

Dues for this year are £20. New and returning members can pay them by putting them through the door of the Church House in an envelope marked clearly with your name, address and membership number (if you have one). Alternatively, you can pay your dues by bank transfer to the Church. Please email us to let us know so we can watch for payment. If you require more information about the 300 Club please contact Rosaleen Anderson on 647-2301. Collectors can pick up their books when the Church reopens in February.

### **MASS CARDS**

There will be a plentiful supply of signed Mass Cards and envelopes for your offering in the porch of the Church House.

### **SCHOLA GROUP**

Online meetings for our Schola Group will take place on Saturday 23rd January and 27th February at 12 noon. Anyone wishing to join the group should contact the Schola Master Alan Tavener [alan.cappella-nova@strath.ac.uk](mailto:alan.cappella-nova@strath.ac.uk)

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

#### **Sick**

Mark Cowan, Christopher Coleman, Mary and Niall Greenan, Baby Ronan Jackson, Mary (Molly) Gray, Patricia Fay, Marie Murphy, Helen McAllister, Fraser McAllister, Isabel McEwan, 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**

Archbishop Philip Tartaglia, Emeritus Bishop Vincent Logan, Margaret (Margo) Carmichael, Margaret (Rita) Graham, Michael McGuire, Ena Galloway, Karen O'Connor, Anna Baxter, Paul Glencross, Betty M<sup>c</sup>Laughlin (Carmyle), Peter O'Neill, Isobel Fitzpatrick, Patrick M<sup>c</sup>Nulty, Annie Cannon, John M<sup>c</sup>Enaney.

#### **Anniversaries**

Isabella (Isa) Chalmers, May and Eddie Fullerton, James Connelly, Father Michael Gavigan, James Traynor, Ellen Milroy, Isa Woods, Margaret McGrath, Gerry M<sup>c</sup>Ginley.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

**ST. SEBASTIAN (256-288) – Feast day 20<sup>th</sup> January**

***Patron Saint: Soldiers, plague-stricken, archers, athletes***

St Sebastian was an early Christian saint and martyr who was responsible for converting many souls to Christ at a time when Christians were still being persecuted and put to death for their faith. Sebastian joined the Roman army in 283, his primary goal in doing so, was to be able to assist Christian martyrs without arousing the suspicion of the authorities. He was clearly a brave and loyal soldier as he was appointed to be a captain of the Praetorian Guards. This was an elite unit of the Imperial Roman army whose members served as personal bodyguards and intelligence for Roman emperors.



During his time in the Roman army, Sebastian was able to help and convert many souls. Marcus and Marcellian were twin brothers from a distinguished family and were deacons. The brothers refused to sacrifice to the Roman gods and were arrested. Their parents Tranquillinus and Martia visited them in prison and begged them to renounce their faith. Sebastian visited the brothers and convinced them to stay true to their faith, even when faced with death and also succeeded in converting their parents too! Nicostratus, who was a prison guard and his wife Zoe were converted by St. Sebastian. Zoe had been a mute for six years, as soon as she converted to Christianity her speech returned to her. Nicostratus then brought the rest of the prisoners who were converted by Sebastian. I'm not sure if this all happened during his visit to Marcus and Marcellian, but either way St Sebastian was clearly a force to be reckoned with when it came to his Christian faith and converting souls because he didn't stop there. Chromatius, who was the prefect of Rome at the time also converted after Sebastian cured his son of gout. Chromatius then set all of the prisoners free from the jail, freed his slaves, resigned his position and retired to the country!

Unsurprisingly, Sebastian's courageous efforts preaching the Gospel didn't go unnoticed and when it was brought to the attention of the Emperor Diocletian, he rebuked him for his betrayal and commanded he be led to a field, bound to a stake and archers were to shoot arrows at him until he was dead. Miraculously, the arrows did not kill him. The widow of Castulus (a servant of Diocletian and a Christian), Irene of Rome, went to retrieve his body to bury it, and discovered he was still alive. She brought him back to her house and nursed him back to health. After surviving one attempt on his life, you would have thought Sebastian would have kept a low profile, but, in testament to his courage and bravery, Sebastian actually sought out Diocletian so as to surprise him and then berated him for his cruel treatment of Christians. Diocletian was obviously surprised to see him alive but quickly recovered and gave orders for Sebastian to be seized and beaten to death with cudgels, and his body thrown into the common sewer. His body was recovered by a Christian woman named Lucina who privately removed his body and buried it in the catacombs at the entrance of the cemetery of Calixtus, in Rome, where now stands the Basilica of St. Sebastian.

St Sebastian is the patron saint of athletes because of his physical endurance and his energetic way of spreading and defending the Faith. Sebastian is also patron to all soldiers. He was declared patron of plague sufferers of his reported cures of those afflicted with many diseases.