

# St Columbkille's Rutherglen

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## CLERGY

Parish Priest: **Fr Bernard Mournian**

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**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD)**

**SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY/SUNDAY 24<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.

## 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.*

## VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

In this Sunday's liturgy, Jonah is told ***"Up! Go to Nineveh and preach to them as I told you."***

Jonah is reluctant at first but finally does as he is asked. What is holding you back from acting on God's call to you? Now is the time!

If you would like to chat about vocations, 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.

## MASS CARDS

There is a plentiful supply of signed Mass Cards in the porch of the Church House.

## FEAST OF THE WORD OF GOD

As we celebrate the Feast of the Word of God this weekend, **Fr Paul Denney, Parish Priest of St James', Coatbridge** has extended an invitation to our parishioners to join his new Online Bible Study Group which starts **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm**. Fr Denney is an expert on the Scriptures and gave a talk to our Young Adults Group last year that was very well received. He will be reading the Gospel of St Mark, explaining the details of the text with opportunities for questions and discussion. He stresses it will be very relaxed and there is no need to know anything about the Bible! If you are interested, please email him at [stjames@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:stjames@rcdom.org.uk)

## WORD OF GOD RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Commentaries for Sunday's readings on our Facebook page.

Universalis ([www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)).

Fr Mike Schmitz's podcast, 'The Bible in a Year'. There is more information about this at [www.ascensionpress.com](http://www.ascensionpress.com).

## GETTING MARRIED THIS YEAR?

The Marriage Preparation Course for Motherwell Diocese is now online for any couple planning on getting married within the Catholic Church [www.marriagefamilylife.org/](http://www.marriagefamilylife.org/) This course must be completed prior to your wedding. It is important to contact your parish priest or deacon at least six months before the proposed date of your wedding.

## MARRIAGE COUNSELLING SERVICE

If you are concerned about your relationship and feel you are both unable to reach a conclusion alone, it is likely that you will benefit from marriage counselling. The counsellor is there to maintain a neutral, non-judgmental position. The Diocese of Paisley have a counselling service for Catholics Married in the Catholic Church. For information or advice please email in confidence [counselling@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:counselling@rcdop.org.uk)

### **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**.

### **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.

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

#### **Sick**

David Milligan, Patricia Ferguson, 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, John Downey, Sarah Green, Betty M<sup>c</sup>Laughlin, John M<sup>c</sup>Eney, Susan O'Neill, Rosine Gordon, Sister Milagros Magistrado.

#### **Anniversaries**

Canon Henry M<sup>c</sup>Ginn, Arthur and Kathleen Quinn, Molly Hughes, Rose Sweeney, Celia and Charles Brown, William and Anne McColgan, Rose Folan, Molly M<sup>c</sup>Cann

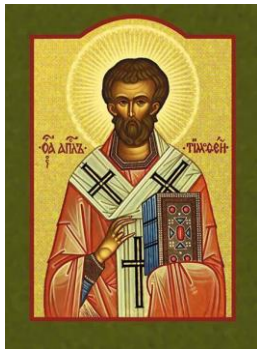
#### **Special Intention**

Theodore Barron

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### SAINTS TIMOTHY AND TITUS – 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

St. Timothy and St. Titus were early Christian missionaries and disciples of St. Paul. They were very close companions to St. Paul who regarded them as his spiritual sons. The affection he has for them and the esteem he holds them in can be seen in his letters to them and also the importance of the missions they were entrusted with.



#### **ST. TIMOTHY (17-97) Patron Saint:- Invoked against stomach disorders**

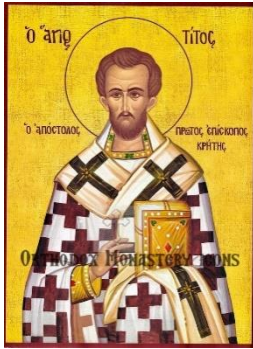
St. Timothy was born in Lystra, now part of modern-day Turkey to a Greek father and a Jewish mother. Although Timothy was not brought up as a Jew due to his parent's mixed marriage, he was said to be familiar with the Scriptures from an early age. His Gran, Lois and his Mum, Eunice are named in Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to Timothy as being of 'sincere faith'.

During Paul's first visit to Lystra, he performed many miracles, including curing a man paralysed from birth. Many were converted to Christianity at this time. When St. Paul returned to Lystra, Timothy, his Gran and his Mum were respected members of the Christian congregation.

St. Paul's letters reveal aspects of Timothy's personality to us and the fatherly love that Paul felt for him. In one of his letters to the Corinthians, Paul asks them to be nice to Timothy and go easy on him, possibly indicating that Timothy was of a more reserved and timid nature. It would appear that he didn't keep good health. Paul urges him to '**have a little wine for the sake of your digestion and the frequent bouts of illness you have**'. And in his letter to the Philippians, Paul heaps praise on his spiritual son telling them '**I have nobody else like him here**'.

Timothy was a constant companion to St. Paul during many of his missions to places such as, Macedonia, Corinth, Thessalonica and Ephesus and is referenced in many of the Pauline letters. In the year 64, Paul ordained Timothy a Bishop in Ephesus and left him in charge of the Church there. When Paul was in prison and awaiting martyrdom, it was his beloved Timothy he summoned from Ephesus for a last farewell.

St. Timothy was Bishop of Ephesus for 15 years. He died a martyr when he tried to stop the people of Ephesus celebrating a festival for their pagan gods. The crowd reacted angrily and attacked him, beating him and stoning him to death.



***ST. TITUS (1<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY – 107) Patron Saint:- US Army Chaplain Corps***

Titus was a Greek, born in Antioch who was a keen student of Hellenistic principles and philosophy and was said to have lived a virtuous life, unlike the lifestyles of his pagan peers. He was converted to Christianity by Paul and baptised by him.

Paul speaks with much respect and admiration for Titus in his letter to him where he addresses him as **‘true child of mine in the faith that we share.’** St. Titus was a trusted companion, serving as a secretary, translator and ambassador for St. Paul.

Titus must have had a strong personality and been an eloquent, persuasive pastoral leader because Paul sent him to Corinth to deal with the fall out and dissension of the Church there; where there seems to have been a challenge to Paul’s leadership and teachings. Titus was successful in smoothing relations between Corinth and St Paul, who was overjoyed at Titus’ success.

As a sign of his esteem, St Paul ordained Titus as Bishop of Crete and left him in charge of the Church there. His letter to Titus gives him instructions for the Church in Crete. Paul clearly didn’t hold Cretans in high regard when he said **‘Cretans were never anything but liars, dangerous animals and lazy: and that is a true statement.’** He warned Titus he would need to **‘be severe in correcting them and making them sound in the faith’** and gives him requirements and duties for the bishops and elders of the Cretan Church. After many years of service and leadership, Titus died peacefully in Crete.