

# St Columbkille's Rutherglen

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## CLERGY

Parish Priest: Fr Bernard Mournian

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## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY/SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2021**

### Parish Services this Week

#### Funerals

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb, 10am – *John Downey R.I.P.*

**Funerals will be live streamed**

**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.*

## **ST COLUMBKILLE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We are delighted that the children at the primary school are now receiving the bulletin each week as part of their online learning. Our clergy really miss visiting the school to see the children and we look forward to when we can have the whole school back in the church for First Friday Mass. Deacon Bill has a special Children's Liturgy Facebook page that can be found [here](#) or by searching on Facebook for - **St Columbkille's Resources for Children.**

## **CCTV CAMERAS**

As part of our commitment to safeguarding, we now have CCTV cameras installed in the sacristy, church office and meeting room.

## **OUTER DOORS - STONEMWORK**

The 3 outside doors of the church have had the stonework around them cleaned this week.

## **MASS CARDS**

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

## **VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD**

*"His teaching made a deep impression on them because he taught them with authority."* Could you share in Jesus' teaching authority as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life?

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.

## **BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

**Fr Paul Denney, Parish Priest of St James', Coatbridge** has extended an invitation to our parishioners to join his new Online Bible Study Group this **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 7pm**. Fr Denney is an expert on the Scriptures and is an excellent speaker - his love and enthusiasm for the Scriptures is infectious! We will be starting to read the Gospel of St Mark this week. The meetings are very relaxed, there is no obligation to attend every week 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.

### **SVDP – EXERCISE EQUIPMENT REQUIRED**

Thank you very much to everyone who responded so generously to our request for items. We now have all the items on our list. We have been asked to help out a 12 year old autistic boy who cannot get out just now but would like to get some exercise. Does anyone have an exercise bike, treadmill or similar that they would be willing to donate to help him out? If you are in a position to help please contact James on **07973823546**.

### **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)

### **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. **Deadline for new members – 2pm Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Jan**

### **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**

Giles Mournian, Anne Ventesei, Erin M<sup>c</sup>Kinley, Joe Hoy, Michael M<sup>c</sup>Kernan, Steven Hunter, William {Bill} Mackie, Isobel Fitzpatrick, Francis Doherty, Susan O'Neill, Rose Hardie, James (Jim) Downey, John Barrett, Nora Spain

#### **Anniversaries**

Isobel (Logie) Stevenson, Ella Connolly, Catherine Downey, Charles Downey, Teresa Mohan, Anne Hobbs, Brian McArdle, Mary Cawley, Neil McFadden, Danny Rodgers, Elizabeth Wisniewski (Izat), Mary and William Irvine, Jim M<sup>c</sup>Gowan

#### **Birthday Remembrance**

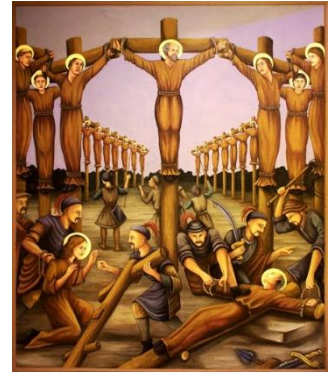
Sheila Folan, Kathleen Doherty

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### ST PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS – Feast day 6<sup>th</sup> February

*Patron Saint: Japan*

This week sees the Church honour the 26 Martyrs of Nagasaki, a group of native Japanese Catholics and foreign missionaries who suffered death for their faith in the year 1597.



Christianity was brought to Japan in the 1500's by one of our previous saints of the week, St. Francis Xavier. The Japanese people and their rulers were intelligent people who enjoyed discussing religion and philosophy and they initially welcomed Christianity. Within 40 years of St Francis Xavier arriving in Japan over 200,000 had been converted. But over time, the rulers of Japan became suspicious of Christians and the missionaries sent from Spain and Portugal; believing that they were part of a plan to conquer and rule Japan. The authorities responded by making it a crime to be a Christian. Relations soured further when a Spanish ship seized off the coast of Japan was found to be carrying artillery. In response, 26 Catholics were sentenced to death.

Paul Miki was one of the 26 who was in training to be a Jesuit priest. Had he lived to complete his training, he would have been the first native Japanese priest. He was the son of a noble and respected Japanese family who was well educated and reportedly a brilliant preacher. He was 33 years old when he was arrested and sentenced to death. The group also consisted of John of Gotó and James Kisai, who were Japanese and members of the Jesuits, 6 foreign Franciscan missionaries and several lay Catholics, some of them children as young as 10.

St Paul and his companions were sentenced to death by crucifixion and lancing. Before this they were tortured, chained together and forced to march 600 miles to Nagasaki. They were marched through villages as an example to the villagers of what happened to those who followed Christ. Along the way they preached to the people who had come out to see them. They sang psalms of praise and joy. They prayed the rosary and told the people that such a martyrdom was an occasion of rejoicing, not of sadness. When the prisoners arrived at their place of execution, known today as Martyr's Hill, they were allowed to go to Confession one last time. Then iron collars were clamped around their necks and chains placed around their legs and arms. The prisoners were hung on the crosses by the chains. One soldier stood by each of the prisoners, holding a raised sword, and at the call from their superior thrust the sword into the bodies of the prisoners.

Despite everything he had been through and knowing he was about to die, St Paul Miki used his last moments to preach to the gathered crowd;

***“The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ. I thank God it is for this reason that I die. I believe that I am telling the truth before I die. I know you believe me and I want to say to you all once again: Ask Christ to help you to become happy. I obey Christ. After Christ's example, I forgive my persecutors. I do not hate them. I ask God to have pity on all, and I hope my blood will fall on my fellow men as a fruitful rain.”***

In the 1860's, Japan allowed foreigners back into their country and to the surprise and delight of the missionaries they found Catholics who had been worshipping in secret for 300 years! Beatified in 1627, the martyrs of Japan were finally canonized in 1862.