

# St Columbkille's Rutherglen

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## CLERGY

Parish Priest: Fr Bernard Mournian

In Residence: Fr Pat Hennessy

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Deacon: Rev Bill McMillan

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

**SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY/SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2021**

### Parish Services this Week

**Mass:-** Monday-Friday 10am; 1pm

**Funeral masses:**

**(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 - £3341 - 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. Envelopes can be returned to the box at the back of the church.

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM FR MOURNIAN**

On behalf of all the clergy of St Columbkille's; Fr Pat, Fr Stephen, Deacon Bill and myself, we would like to wish everyone a very happy New Year and all the best for 2021, lets hope it's a better year than 2020!

### **BOOKING FOR MASS**

Due to Tier 4 restrictions, we are only allowed to admit 20 people to Mass. There is a high demand for people wanting to book and attend Mass. However, although places get booked quickly, not everyone who has booked a place attends Mass. If you have booked a place but find you are unable to attend please let us know as soon as possible so that we can offer these bookings to others. It is also worth noting that **children under 5 do not need to book a place at Mass**. Additionally if you are assisting at Mass in any capacity, eg. steward, reader, altar server you do not need to book a place at Mass.

### **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. **You can also donate when you visit our beautiful new crib in the Church, located at Our Lady's Altar.**

### **SCHOLA GROUP**

Online meetings for our Schola Group will take place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January and 27<sup>th</sup> 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)

### **ANNIVERSARY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

If you would like a loved one's death, anniversary or birthday to be mentioned at Mass please speak to the priest in the sacristy before the start of Mass. Please provide the priest with a note with your loved one's name on it.

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL – THANKS**

St Vincent de Paul would like to thank all our parishioners for their unwavering support with donations over the last year and in particular for their response to the Gift Tree. Despite the lockdown and reduced numbers at Masses they were able to help 150 families with gifts for Christmas, a 50% increase on last year. Thanks are also due to **Winter Wonderland Walking Group** who provided 100 toys and **Healthy n Happy** for their support with gifts. The St Vincent de Paul Conference which operates out of our parish is one of the best supported groups in the Diocese, which is all down to our wonderful parishioners and their continued generosity. SVDP were delighted to receive this letter recently from one of their clients.

*'Just wanted to say thanks again so very much for everything and to everyone involved. I have in the past, as a single mum of 3, felt that at times life was hard, but those struggles I now know to be part of life. This past year has been the most turbulent and difficult, emotionally and financially and to have received the help, gifts and support has overwhelmed me. I don't know what the future holds but if sometime I can pay forward the help I have been fortunate to have received, then I most definitely will do, for I now know what it really does mean to struggle and to be in receipt of a genuine Christmas miracle that enabled me to give my boy the day he deserved.'*

On behalf of the parish community Fr Mournian would like to add his gratitude and thanks to SVDP for all the fantastic work they do to help and support our local community. May God reward you for your goodness.

### **SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN – PLEA FOR HELP**

SPUC are asking pro-life supporters to take part in a consultation launched by the Scottish Government '**Future Arrangements for Early Medical Abortion at Home.**' SPUC have produced an excellent booklet which gives a very easy to follow step by step guide to completing the questionnaire. The booklet can be accessed [here](#). The consultation closes on 5th January 2021. Please let the Government know your views on this important matter.

**WESTERN CATHOLIC CALENDARS**

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

**300 CLUB**

Dues for 2021 (£20) can be handed in to any of the boxes at the back of the Church.

**New members required:-** Anyone wishing to join please contact Rosaleen Anderson (647-2301) or leave your name with one of the priests.

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

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 McLachlan, Eric O'Neil (5), Bea van der Linden, Margaret Gray, Margaret Malone

**Recently deceased**

Margo Carmichael, Kevin Goodwin, Sarah Margery, Anthony Kelly, Ann M'Brien, Jean Balmer, John M'Enaney, Michael Devlin, Sean Bradley

**Anniversaries**

Mary Carbry, Hugh Porte, Brian Thoms, Rose and James Duffy, Rose Sweeney, Elizabeth Phillips, Charles Millar, Hugh Mullen, Jenny Caldwell, Jenn Laughran, Andrew Loughigan

**Months Mind**

Margaret Malone

**Birthday Remembrance**

James Cannon

**Special Intention**

Michael Graham

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### ST RAYMOND OF PENNAFORT (1175-1275)

Feast day 7<sup>th</sup> January

*Patron Saint: Lawyers, in particular canon lawyers.*



St Raymond was born in a small town close to Barcelona and was from a **noble family with links to the King of Aragon. He was educated in Barcelona and at the University of Bologna and was so academically gifted that he finished his studies early, gaining doctorates in both civil and canon law. He had a successful teaching career at the University for 15 years before giving it all up to become a Dominican friar, having been inspired by the preaching of Blessed Reginald, the prior of the local Dominicans. Raymond was 47 when he became a Dominican.**

St. Raymond was a humble man who did many penances and was so good and kind that he won many sinners to God. With King James of Aragon and St. Peter Nolasco he founded the Royal, Celestial and Military Order of Our Lady of Mercy and the Redemption of the Captives – that's quite a mouthful and probably why they are more commonly known as the Mercedarians! The brave religious of this Order devoted themselves to liberating Christian captives in Islamic lands and even today, one of the vows they take is to die, if necessary, for another who is in danger of losing their faith.

Raymond wrote a book for confessors, which, rather than being simply a list of sins and suggested penances, discussed doctrines and laws of the Church that related to the problem and is widely considered an authoritative work on the subject. In 1229 Raymond was appointed theologian and confessor to the Cardinal Archbishop of Sabina. Having heard of Raymond's reputation in canon law, as a confessor and theologian, Pope Gregory IX called the Dominican priest to Rome in 1230 and asked him to compile the Church's various decisions and decrees into one systematic and uniform collection. The resulting five books served for centuries as a basis of the Church's internal legal system. Raymond was the Pope's personal confessor and close adviser during this time.

Despite his impressive intellectual accomplishments St Raymond is probably best known for the miracle of his 'cloak ship'. Raymond had accompanied King James to the Island of Majorca to preach about Jesus. King James was a man of great qualities, but he let himself be ruled by passions and had taken his mistress to Majorca with him. St Raymond commanded him to send the woman away. The King said he would, but didn't keep his promise. So, Raymond decided to leave the island. The King declared he would punish any ship captain who brought Raymond back to Barcelona. Raymond reputedly told his Dominican companion 'Soon you will see how the King of Heaven will confound the wicked deeds of this earthly king and provide me with a ship.' Raymond removed his long black cloak and laid one end on the water and attached the other end to his staff to make a sail. He invited his companion to join him on the boat, however he refused. Putting all his trust in God, Raymond made the Sign of the Cross, stepped onto the cloak, and sailed along for six hours until he reached Barcelona. The King was deeply moved by this miracle, repented for what he had done, and he became a true follower of St. Raymond. St. Raymond was one hundred years old at the time of his death.