

# St Columbkille's Rutherglen

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## CLERGY

Parish Priest: Fr Bernard Mournian

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Deacon: Rev Bill McMillan

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

**SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY/SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**

### Parish Services this Week

**HOLY MASS – Monday-Friday, 1pm, Saturday, 10am, Sunday, 12noon**

**DAILY ANGELUS – 12noon, 6pm**

**DAILY ROSARY – 12.15pm**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Monday and Friday, 7pm**

**DIVINE MERCY – Friday, 3pm**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY – Available from Sunday, 9am**

You can access Daily Mass, Angelus, Daily Rosary, Stations of the Cross and Divine Mercy on the parish Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/stcolumbkillesrutherglen>

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

## 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.

### **CHURCH REOPENING – MESSAGE FROM FR MOURNIAN**

Despite there being no final arrangements from the Scottish Government on exiting lockdown, we are hopeful that our churches will be open again in time for the celebration of Holy Week. The last year has highlighted for many of us how important our faith and our parish community are to our health and wellbeing, both spiritually and physically. Throughout this time our parish has remained active, in particular our parish groups, who have adapted to the circumstances admirably, finding new and innovative ways to serve those in need in our local area. We are extremely grateful for their hard work and support during what has been, and will continue to be, a difficult time for many of us. If you would like to join any of our groups please see our website for further information about the groups which operate within our parish, or feel free to get in touch through the Church Office.

### **RCIA CANDIDATES - RITE OF ELECTION**

This weekend, we formally welcome our candidates who will be received into the church at Easter - **Nicola Docherty, Gemma Murdoch, Louis and Deborah Lalande**. We ask that you keep them all in your prayers. Thank you to our RCIA team for their work preparing our candidates so far and for adapting the course to an online learning environment.

### **REFLECTIONS AT THE QUAY – BBC ONE SCOTLAND**

Our very own Fr Stephen Reilly, in his capacity as the Co-ordinator of Spiritual and Pastoral Formation for Catholic schoolteachers, will be appearing on the programme 'Reflections at the Quay' on BBC One Scotland next Sunday, **7<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am**...a date for your diary!

### **YOUNG ADULTS GROUP**

Our series of talks, which usually run throughout Lent, have been postponed because of the latest lockdown. These will now take place after Easter, beginning on Tuesday 13th April and, God willing, will take place in the Church!

### **LENTEN RESOURCES**

Our Lenten packs have now all been delivered. We hope that you will find these to be a good resource to help you in your Lenten journey. If you haven't received a pack and would like to be added to our database please get in touch with the Church Office.

**Thank you to those who have returned their extraordinary collection envelopes already - these can be returned anytime during Lent.**

### **BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

It's not too late to join Fr Paul Denney for his Online Bible Study Group, Tuesdays at 7pm. If you are interested, please email him at [stjames@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:stjames@rcdom.org.uk)

### **SCIAF 2021 - WEE BOX BIG CHANGE**

SCIAF boxes are available to collect from the porch of the church house. For more information on SCIAF's 2021 Lenten Campaign visit [www.sciaf.org.uk](http://www.sciaf.org.uk)

### **SVDP**

Our foodbank is still open to anyone who needs it at this difficult time (Saturday's 10am-11.30am). Although we have stopped our furniture deliveries and collections just now, we are still available to help in an emergency - please contact **James on 07973823546**.

### **BEREAVEMENT BUDDIES**

Our Bereavement Support Group are still active just now. They are here to listen and support anyone who is suffering from a bereavement, recent or otherwise. If you would like to talk to them please get in touch via the Church Office.

### **GROUP FOR MEN**

We are keen to set up a fraternity group for men in the parish, which would be under the patronage of St Joseph. We are open to suggestions as to what format this would take but the idea would be for it to have a social as well as spiritual theme. If this is something that would interest you or someone you know please get in touch with us so we can gauge interest.

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

#### **Sick**

Esther Brady, Christopher Browne, Donna-Marie McGurk, John Hanlon, David Milligan, Patricia Ferguson, 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**

Dennis Campbell, Jenny Rea, Owen McFadden, Bride McGuire, Ellen Carr, Tony Reilly, Patrick McNulty, Frankie Coll, Robert Ferrol, John McIntyre, Robert Lynn, Helen Wightman, Graeme McGrath, Francesca Gudenzi (USA)

#### **Anniversaries**

Elizabeth Quigley, Mary Callaghan, Annie Colquhoun, Henry Campbell, Dorothy O' Hara, Jean McKinlay, Hugh McGowan, Charles Loughran, Mary Josephine and Robert Murray, Ellen and Robert Hannah.

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

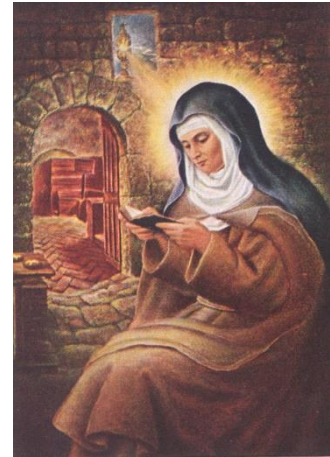
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## SAINT OF THE WEEK

**ST COLETTE (1381-1447) – Feast day 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

***Patron Saint – Women seeking to conceive, expectant mothers, sick children***

St Colette was a French abbess and the founder of the reformed branch of the Poor Clare nuns, known as the Colettine Poor Clares. She was born Nicole Boellet on 13<sup>th</sup> January 1381, in Corbie in France. Her parents, Robert and Marguerite had grown old without having children. They prayed to St Nicholas for help in conceiving and at the age of 60 Marguerite gave birth to a daughter, whom they named Nicole; after the saint who answered their prayers. They affectionately called her Nicolette, which soon became shortened to Colette.



At the age of 17, Colette was orphaned and became a ward of the abbot of the Benedictine abbey, where her father had been a stone mason. Refusing to be married off she joined various different orders but couldn't find one to her liking. She finally settled on becoming an anchoress (a woman who was walled into a cell to live a life of prayer and contemplation) and joined the Third Order of Francis (lay members). She was bricked into her cell in 1402 and lived an ascetic way of life for a number of years. Through a series of visions and dreams, featuring St Francis and God, she came to understand that her calling was to reform the Second Order of Francis (nuns). However, her acceptance of her calling didn't come immediately, as St Colette was pretty stubborn and really struggled with what God was asking her to do. For her failure to see what God's plan was for her, Our Lord took away her sight. When she refused to listen to Him, he took away her hearing. Eventually worn down by her struggle she gave her heart and will over to God and agreed to do as He asked.

She transferred to the Order of Poor Clares and began her work of reform. In 1410 she opened her first monastery in Besancon; from there her reform spread. During her lifetime she founded 18 monasteries in France, Belgium and Germany. Today there are Colettine nuns in Ireland, UK, USA, Japan, Norway, Philippines and Spain. Colette's way of life involved extreme poverty, going barefoot and the observance of perpetual fasting and abstinence.

During her life Colette performed many miracles, including multiplication of food and wine and many stories of healing and cures. Her most well-known miracles and the reason for her patronages involve childbirth and babies! While travelling to Nice, Colette stayed at the home of a friend, whose wife was enduring a difficult labour and was facing death. Colette immediately went to the local church to pray for her. The mother gave birth successfully and survived the ordeal, which the mother attributed to Colette's prayers. Her daughter grew up to become a nun in one of Colette's monasteries and became Colette's secretary and biographer.

Another miracle attributed to Colette involved a local peasant woman who had a still born child. The distraught father took the baby to the local priest to have it baptised but as the baby was already dead the priest refused. As the father was so upset the priest suggested he take the baby to the nuns. Mother Colette, on hearing about the baby, took off her veil (given to her by the Pope), told the father to wrap the child's body in it and return to the priest. By the time he got back to the church the baby was conscious and crying and the priest immediately baptised the child.