

# St Columbkille's Rutherglen

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## CLERGY

Parish Priest: Fr Bernard Mournian

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**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY/SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 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.**

**MASS CARDS**

**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.

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

SCIAF boxes will be available to collect from the porch of the church house. This year's campaign is to help children with disabilities in South Sudan access the education and support they need to build a bright future (**I'm sure our Saint of the Week would be delighted at this campaign!**) Many children with disabilities in South Sudan are not able to go to school or, later on, to work and earn a living. They may have no access to support services or hospitals for treatment. They may face stigma and exclusion. For more information visit [www.sciaf.org.uk](http://www.sciaf.org.uk)

**From the 12 February to 11 May, all public donations will be doubled by the UK government.**

### **LENTEN RESOURCES**

We are currently preparing Lenten resources, which will be available online, including Recitation of the Rosary, Divine Mercy and Stations of the Cross. We will also be sending out a pack of resources for Ash Wednesday. These will be sent to all addresses in our database. To be added to our database please email us with your contact details. We are looking for volunteers to help with the distribution of these packs on **Sunday 14th, Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th February**. Any donations for stamps would be much appreciated. If you can help please get in touch.

**N.B. All parents/guardians of pupils at St Columbkille's Primary.** If you would like to be added to our database please get in touch, even if you don't attend Mass in this parish.

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

Unfortunately, it is looking increasingly unlikely that this year's Vigil at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital will go ahead due to the restrictions still in place. However, 40 Days for Life encourage us all to get involved at home by offering prayers for the pro-life movement and for an end to abortion.

### **SVDP – THANK YOU**

Thank you very much to the donor of the exercise equipment, the young boy is delighted! Lidl Rutherglen recently donated half a pallet of food from their '**Help for Hunger**' Campaign in December. Thank you to all parishioners who contributed to this.

### **THANK YOU – VESTMENTS**

The parish would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to **Isobel McCormick**, who has been working so hard to embroider the names from our '**Sponsor a Vestment**' memorial, onto our new vestments. Isobel is a very talented seamstress and this is only one of the many times she has helped us out over the years. We are blessed that she is so generous with her God given talents. May God bless her and reward her for her goodness.

There are still some spare certificates left for anyone who sponsored a vestment and didn't receive one. Please get in touch with the Church Office if you would like one.

### **300 CLUB**

*January Draw Winners*

1st Prize (£100) - no 75 A. Downs  
2nd Prize (£50) - no 117 A. Connolly  
3rd Prize (£30) - no 386 E. Wilson

**Collectors** - Thank you for your efforts at this difficult time.

Next draw will be on **Sunday 28th February**

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for another year. The 300 Club has raised just over £3000 for Church funds! This money has already been earmarked to go towards cleaning the guttering and the building insurance for the church. Thank you to Roslaeen Anderson for all her hard work co-ordinating the 300 Club for another year!

### **MARRIAGE COUNSELLING SERVICE**

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)

## VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

*"Let us go elsewhere... so that I can preach there too; for that is why I came."* Jesus' mission continues in the Church and in the world, in the lives of priests and religious. Do you have a desire to share the Good News with others too?

If you would like to chat about vocations, our clergy here in the parish would be delighted to answer any questions you may have. **Priests for Scotland** is a 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 continuing 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)

## 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.

## YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

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 recite this prayer daily.

### **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.*

**Please pray for the following:-**

### **Sick**

Donna-Marie M<sup>c</sup>Gurk, 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 M<sup>c</sup>Lachlan, Eric O'Neil (5), Bea van der Linden, Margaret Gray, Margaret Malone.

### **Recently deceased**

John Shields, Terry M<sup>c</sup>Nally, Naggayi Angella, James Gallagher, Allison Orr, Mickey M<sup>c</sup>Geady, Tommy Carrol, Allison Orr, Julianne Cruickshank (nee Welsh), Mark Cowan, Bridget Harkin, Johannes Edvaldsson, Charlie Ferry (Ireland), Anne Lumden (London).

### **Anniversaries**

Danny Rodgers, Isabella Donnelly, Margaret Allison, Christopher Ingham, Joe Foy, Neil McFadden, Mary Cawley, Father Walter Scott, Christopher M<sup>c</sup>Kenna, Danny Roberts, Gerard M<sup>c</sup>Laughlin

### **Birthday Remembrance**

Brandon Rice, John M<sup>c</sup>Kenna, Matthew Folan.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA – Feast day 8<sup>th</sup> February

*Patron Saint: Sudan, Human trafficking survivors*

St Josephine Bakhita was born in Olgossa, in the Darfur region of Sudan. Her family were members of the Daju tribe and her uncle was the tribal chief. She had a happy childhood, until, aged about 7, she was kidnapped by Arab slave traders. For the next 12 years she was bought and sold many times and spent so much time in captivity she forgot her birth name. The slave traders gave her the name Bakhita, which is Arabic for 'fortunate' or 'lucky.'



Bakhita had many owners, some who treated her well, others who were horribly cruel. In her autobiography, Bakhita recalls the most terrifying incident of her captivity, when her mistress ordered her and her fellow slaves to be scarred, a traditional practice throughout Sudan. Flour was used to draw patterns onto the skin, then a razor blade was used to cut deeply into the skin. The wounds were then filled with salt to ensure permanent scarring. A total of 114 intricate patterns were cut into her breasts, belly and right arm.

One of Bakhita's masters was the Italian Vice Counsel, Callisto Legnani, who was a much kinder master and did not beat her. When he left Sudan to return home to Italy, Bakhita begged him to take her with him. He agreed and so began Bakhita's life in Italy. She was given away to another family and was a nanny to their children. Her new family had connections with Sudan and when her mistress decided to go to Sudan without Bakhita, she left her in the custody of the Canossian Sisters in Venice. This was to prove to be a turning point in Bakhita's life. Through the sister's she learnt about God and encountered Christianity for the first time in her life. She recalled, **"Those holy mothers instructed me with heroic patience and introduced me to that God who from childhood I had felt in my heart without knowing who He was."**

When Bakhita's mistress returned to claim her, she refused to leave. Her mistress tried in vain to persuade her to leave but she was adamant that she wanted to stay with the sisters. Her mistress appealed to the courts for help, who found that as slavery had been outlawed in Sudan before Bakhita was born she could not be lawfully made a slave...she was finally a free woman!!! For the first time in her life, she was free to decide what she wanted to do, who she wanted to be. She felt a call to follow Christ and chose to remain with the sisters.

On 9<sup>th</sup> January 1890, she was baptised, received her first Holy Communion and was confirmed by Archbishop Sarto, who would later become Pope Pius X. She took the name Josephine Margaret and Fortunata (Latin for the translation of her Arabic name). A few years later, she entered the novitiate of the Canossian Sisters and took her final vows on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 1896. During her 42 years as a Canossian sister she had many different jobs - cook, sacristan and door keeper - and was well known and loved by the local community. Her last years were marked by pain and sickness. She used a wheelchair but was always cheerful. If anyone asked how she was, she would always smile and answer, **"as the Master desires."**

The petitions for her canonization began immediately after her death. On 1 October 2000, she was canonized as Saint Josephine Bakhita by Pope St John Paul II. Bakhita's legacy is that transformation is possible through suffering - an outstanding example of Christian hope.