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CLERGY

Parish Priest: **Fr Bernard Mournian**

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY 13TH MARCH/SUNDAY 14TH MARCH 2021

Parish Services this Week

Funeral Mass - Wed 17th March, 10am – *Terence Bell R.I.P.*

Fri 19th March, 10am – *Ann Keoghan R.I.P.*

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 YouTube channel and Facebook page:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/StColumbkillesChurchRutherglen>

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

There is a plentiful supply of signed Mass Cards and Mass Bouquets for various occasions, including Easter, 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.

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Filling out our Gift Aid form will allow us to claim an extra 25% of your donation from the taxman, at no cost to yourself! Standing order and Gift Aid forms are on our website.

CHURCH RE-OPENING

We are delighted that our churches are finally able to open again. From Friday 26th March we can admit a maximum number of 50 people to any service. (Requiem Masses are still restricted to 20 family members only.) As before, admission to the Church from Monday to Saturday morning will be based on names being collected on arrival at the door. For all Sunday Masses, you will have to book in advance. **Until restrictions ease further, we ask everyone to be considerate of others by not booking for the same Mass every Sunday, but every second week.** Please see the end of the bulletin for a full schedule of our services from 26th March through to Easter Sunday. Please note:

- Services which will be live streamed are highlighted in **RED**.
- Those services marked with a * **MUST** be booked through our online booking system. A link to Eventbrite is provided for each service.
- ONLY THOSE WITH NO INTERNET ACCESS should phone or text 07783 340539.
- Bookings for Palm Sunday will open on **Monday 22nd March**
- Bookings for Triduum & Easter Sunday will open on **Wednesday 24th March**.

PLEASE NOTE that for the Triduum, when advance bookings will be necessary, we ask you to book for only **TWO** of the following services:

- Holy Thursday 7pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Good Friday – Stations & Veneration of the Cross/Solemn Passion (no kissing of the Cross)
- Holy Saturday 8pm - Easter Vigil
- Easter Sunday - Mass at 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12 Noon

EASTER MAILING – VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!

It's mailing time again! We are looking for volunteers to help with distributing our Easter packs which will be going out to all parishioners. If you are free Saturday 20th March (11am-12pm) or Sunday 21st March (10am-11.55am) to pick up some packs for delivery we would be very grateful. If you can help please get in touch.

SPACE FOR ADVERTISING LOCAL BUSINESSES

Next week's Bulletin will be delivered to all parish households. Anyone wishing to advertise their business in the Bulletin should contact Fr Mournian.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The children from Primary 3 in St Columbkille's School will make their **First Reconciliation** this Tuesday (16th March) in the school.

The children from Primary 4 will make their **First Holy Communion** on Saturday 5th June.

We ask you to keep all of our children who will be receiving these sacraments, and their families in your prayers.

GARDEN MAINTENANCE – THANK YOU

We would like to say a huge thank you to Bob McNamara and Gerry Smythe for all their hard work maintaining the garden. They do a fabulous job, all year round. Most recently, they have lifted the grass from the small area outside the Church House and over the next few weeks will be planting bulbs for the summer. We look forward to enjoying the fruits of their labour!

AUDIO SYSTEM UPDATE

We have had our audio system serviced and upgraded this week. There are now speakers on the sanctuary and our loop system is working at a higher capacity. Hopefully you will notice the improvements when you are watching our services online.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We had a fantastic response to our recent 'Sponsor a Vestment' project and we realise many people were disappointed to find that all the vestments had been sponsored. We understand how important it can be for us to be able to mark a loved one's passing with a lasting legacy in their name. It can also be a unique present idea for a special occasion, Mother's Day, anniversary, birthday etc. With this in mind we have identified a number of small projects suitable for sponsoring. For more information, please contact us at the Church Office. Gift certificates are available.



ST COLUMBKILLE'S RUTHERGLEN SCHOLA

**LAETÁRE SUNDAY
SOLEMN
EVENING PRAYER**
WITH SACRED MUSIC

Please join us for a Lenten oasis of prayer and sacred music live from St Columbkille's Church on Laetáre Sunday.

**SUNDAY 14TH MARCH 2021
AT 5.00PM**

Laetáre

 www.facebook.com/stcolumbkillesrutherglen/

 www.youtube.com/c/StColumbkillesChurchRutherglen

SCHOLA GROUP

The **St Columbkille's Schola** has been leading the singing at the **4.00pm Sunday Mass** now for the past few years. We gather at 3.00pm for singing guidance under the leadership of **Rebecca Tavener** prior to rehearsing the music for the Mass with **Alan Tavener** who also accompanies at the organ. We sing music from a wide spectrum of the Catholic tradition, including Gregorian chant, traditional hymns, chant settings of the new Liturgy, and living composers, including James MacMillan, Marco Frisina and John Rutter.

Anyone can join - all you need is a love of singing in church. Rebecca and Alan are there to guide you and help you to take part as fully as possible. 'Schola' is short for 'Schola Cantorum' which just means 'School of Song' - that's exactly what we are!

For the time-being, we are unable to gather in person, but we continue to connect, practise and sing online. This offers a great, relaxed opportunity to dip your toe in the water and discover the music we sing and meet the lovely people who make up the Schola, from all walks of life. If you would like to 'have a go' do contact us for more information, or you may like to join us at our next online **Meeting at 12noon on Saturday 20 March**. In either case, contact Alan at alan.cappella-nova@strath.ac.uk

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A&M AERIAL INSTALLATIONS

Thank you to A&M for their recent work in the Church House, which they very generously provided free of charge.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Our series of talks will now take place after Easter beginning Tuesday 13th April.

EXTRAORDINARY COLLECTION FOR LENT

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

FR DENNEY'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Tuesdays at 7pm via Zoom. If you are interested, please email Fr Denney at stjames@rcdom.org.uk

SCIAF 2021 - WEE BOX BIG CHANGE

SCIAF boxes are available to collect from the porch of the church house.

SVDP

Our foodbank is still open to anyone who needs it at this difficult time (Saturday's 10am-11.30am). We are still available to help in an emergency - please contact **James on 07973823546**.

Please pray for the following:-

Sick: - Mary Margaret M^cLaughlin, Christopher Browne, Donna-Marie M^cGurk, John Hanlon, David Milligan, Patricia Ferguson, Christopher Coleman, Mary and Niall Greenan, Baby Ronan Jackson, Mary (Molly) Gray, Patricia Fay, Marie Murphy, Helen M^cAllister, Fraser M^cAllister, Isabel M^cEwan, Sophia Walker (9), Jim Ferguson, Joe Doherty, Trudi Hewitt, Mark M^cLachlan, Eric O'Neil (5), Bea van der Linden, Margaret Gray, Margaret Malone.

Recently deceased:- Linda Moore, Ines Balini, James M^cMahon, Mark M^cGee, Francis M^cCafferty, Philomena Kelly, Cathrine Phinn, Donald Conzo, Ann Keoghan, Terence Bell, Mary M^cGarvey, Claudio Segagni, Michael MacWilliam, Esther Brady, Isobel Murray, Mark M^cGee, Dennis Campbell

Anniversaries:- Baby Michael Joseph Carr, Joseph Carr, Margaret Henry Carr, Pat M^cIllaney, Harry Kelly, Lily Henderson, Mark Clocherty, Mary Roggan, Kitty Cowan, Josephine Phillips, Mary (Polly) Gray

Month's Mind:- Seamus Montgomery, Nicky Roe, Janet Skeoch Menzies

6 Month's Mind:- Jim M^cKinlay

Birthday remembrance:- Margaret Ann Gibbons

90th Birthday Congratulations:- Cathy M^cKenna

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST LOUISE (1591-1660) – Feast day 15TH MARCH

Patron Saint –Social workers, loss of parents, people rejected by religious orders, sick people, Vincentian Service Corps, widows.



Louise was born in Picardy in France, an illegitimate child; she never knew her mother. Her father, a widower, was from the aristocratic de Marillac family and claimed her as his biological daughter. When he remarried, his new wife refused to accept Louise, so although she grew up in comfort and received a good education, Louise's home life was far from stable.

As a teenager, she felt called to be a nun and applied to the Capuchin nuns in Paris, but was refused admission, possibly because of her poor health. When she was 22, her family arranged for her to be married to Antoine Le Gras, secretary to Queen Marie. The couple were blessed with one child, Michel and Louise devoted herself to caring for her husband and son. Less than 10 years after they were married Antoine contracted a chronic illness, which eventually left him bedridden. Louise nursed him throughout his illness. During this time, she suffered from depression, as she watched her husband waste away and cared for her son, who had special needs. She was also riddled with internal doubt and guilt that she hadn't pursued her desire to become a nun. Fortunately, she had a wise and sympathetic counsellor at the time, none other than St Francis de Sales!

Louise found peace with her life choices after an experience she had at church. She recalled, ***"during Holy Mass...my mind was completely freed of all doubt. I was advised that I should remain with my husband and that the time would come when I would be in the position to make vows of poverty, chastity and obedience and that I would be in a small community where others would do the same."***

She was shown the face of her new spiritual director and made a vow to herself that she wouldn't remarry if her husband died before her. Three years after this experience, Antoine died. Widowed and with no means of supporting herself, Louise had to move. In her new neighbourhood, she happened to meet St Vincent de Paul, who she recognised as the priest in her vision! He was somewhat reluctant to become her new confessor as he was so busy with his own mission, but they communicated through letters and the occasional meeting; Vincent helped Louise to be at peace with her life.

In 1629, Vincent invited her to become involved in his own Confraternities of Charity. Louise was delighted to accept but it soon became apparent that there was a need for organising the help they were giving. The upper classes were not best suited to tending to the poor in their own homes, they would turn up to distribute meals, clothing etc in all their finery, which caused a certain amount of tension between them and those they were trying to help! Louise found the help she needed in young, humble, country girls who had the right attitude and the energy to work with those living in extreme poverty. These girls were the beginnings of the Daughters of Charity, which was unlike other established religious communities, whose members lived a cloistered life. These girls worked in the community, serving the needs of the poor and the sick in their own homes.

Louise led the Daughters of Charity until she died, at the age of 68 by which time the Daughters of Charity had more than 40 houses in France. The nuns have always been held in high regard, who were instantly recognisable by their grey tunic and white cornette, and can be found all over the world.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR RE-OPENING of the CHURCH

Schedule of Services

Friday 26th March – Wednesday 31st March

Friday 26th March

9.30am - 9.55am - Confessions
10am - Holy Mass
11am - 12.55pm - Adoration and Confession
1pm - Holy Mass
7pm - Holy Mass

Saturday 27th March

9.30am - 9.55am - Confessions
10am - Holy Mass
11am - 3pm - Adoration and Confession
4pm - Holy Mass – Vigil *
5.30pm - Holy Mass – Vigil *
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/145975088419>

Sunday 28th March (Palm Sunday)

9am - Holy Mass *
10.30am - Holy Mass *
12.00 noon – Holy Mass *
4pm – Holy Mass *
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/145975088419>

Monday 29th March (Holy Monday)

9.30am - 9.55am - Confessions
10am - Holy Mass
11am-12.55pm - Adoration and Confession
1pm - Holy Mass
7pm - Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 30th March (Holy Tuesday)

9.30am - 9.55am - Confessions
10am - Holy Mass
11am - 12.55pm- Adoration and Confession
1pm - Holy Mass
7pm - Holy Mass

Wednesday 31st March (Spy Wednesday)

9.30am - 9.55am- Confessions
10am - Holy Mass
11am -12.55pm - Adoration and Confession
1pm - Holy Mass
7pm - Holy Mass

ARRANGEMENTS FOR RE-OPENING of the CHURCH

Schedule of Services

Thursday 1st April – Friday 9th April

Thursday 1st April (Maundy Thursday)

10am - Morning prayer of the Church

7pm - Solemn Mass of The Lord's Supper *

8pm – 9.55pm - Private visits to the Blessed Sacrament

10pm - Night prayer

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/145977780471>

Friday 2nd April (Good Friday)

10am - Morning prayer

11am – Children's Stations & veneration of the cross

** 12 noon - Stations & veneration of the cross *

3pm - Solemn Passion *

5pm - Stations & veneration of the cross *

7pm - Stations & veneration of the cross *

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/145977894813>

Saturday 3rd April (Holy Saturday)

10am - Morning prayer

8pm - Solemn Easter vigil *

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/145978099425>

Sunday 4th April (Easter Sunday)

8am – Holy Mass *

9am – Holy Mass *

10.30am – Holy Mass *

12.00 noon -Holy Mass *

N.B. there will be no 4pm Mass on Easter Sunday

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/145978211761>

Monday 5th- Friday 9th April:- 10am & 1pm – Holy Mass

***Advanced booking required**

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE INTERNET ACCESS,

PHONE or TEXT 07783 340539.

**** This service is for families with children at primary school.
Booking details will be provided by the school.**