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CLERGY

Parish Priest: **Fr Bernard Mournian**

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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT – PASSION SUNDAY

SATURDAY 20TH MARCH/SUNDAY 21ST MARCH 2021

Parish Services this Week

Funeral Mass:- Wed 24th March, 10am – ***Bridget Sharkey 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 Facebook page:

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

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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 www.st-columbkillesunday-mass.eventbrite.com or by **PHONE** or **TEXT** 07783 340539.
- ONLY THOSE WITH NO INTERNET ACCESS should phone or text 07783 340539.
- Bookings for Palm Sunday open on **Monday 22nd March**
- Bookings for Triduum & Easter Sunday 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 of the Cross/Solemn Passion
- Holy Saturday 8pm - Easter Vigil
- Easter Sunday - Mass at 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12 Noon

If spaces become available after initial bookings have been made, these will be advertised on the parish website and social media.

FIRST RECONCILIATION - CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children from Primary 3 in St Columbkille's School who made their **First Reconciliation** on Tuesday (16th March) in the school. The children were a credit to their families and the school.

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, 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.

CHURCH LIGHTING

We have had the light bulbs in the church replaced with warm white ones, we are delighted with them! Many thanks to Robert M^cPake for donating the new lightbulbs and giving of his time to install them.

EASTER COLLECTION

Envelopes have been sent out with our Easter packs. There will be a collection box at the back of the church when we re-open or they can be posted through our door!

BULLETIN ADVERTISING

If you would like to advertise your business in our bulletin, please get in touch with the Church Office.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Our series of talks will now take place after Easter beginning Tuesday 13th April; the schedule is included in your Easter pack. Please email the Church Office if you wish to attend.

SCIAF 2021 - WEE BOX BIG CHANGE

SCIAF boxes can be returned to the church from 26th March. Until the 11th May your donation will be doubled by the UK government.

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: - Kevin M^cKeown, Manus Gallagher, 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:- Catherine D'Arcy Purdon, Joanne M^cHugh, Charles Gillespie, John Orr, Irene Montgomery, Bridget Sharkey, Peter Callender, Matt M^cColl, Lorraine M^cCarry, Margaret Rooney, Janet Gallagher, Jeanie McDonagh, Elizabeth Hunter, Josephine Haney, Joanne M^cHugh, Ian Kirk.

Anniversaries:- Baby Michael Joseph Carr, Molly Rooney, Neil M^cMenamy, Alison Mullen, Violet Dempsey, Tommy Hesson, Steven Murphy

Month's Mind:- Owen M^cFadden

Birthday:- Cath Foley

PASSIONTIDE



As we continue our Lenten journey we enter into Passiontide, the last 2 weeks of Lent, encompassing Palm Sunday, the Triduum and culminating in the Resurrection of Our Blessed Lord on Easter Sunday.

During this time all crucifixes and statues are covered in a purple veil to represent that Jesus was no longer able to walk openly among the people but hid himself; as revealed in John's Gospel (**John 8:46–59**). The images of the saints are covered because it would seem improper for the servants to appear when the Master himself is hidden. This is another stage in the process we began at the start of Lent, whereby the sanctuary is stripped of all its adornments and we remove the brass candlesticks to replace them with silver ones, which are more penitential in nature.

Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem and marks the beginning of Holy Week. Jesus and his disciples arrived in Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover and, as was the custom, fellow pilgrims greeted the new arrivals. The crowds, who had heard of Jesus, greeted him as a king; they waved palms and spread their cloaks on the road, affording Him the honour of a conquering hero. **"Hosanna to the Son of David"** they shouted. What a difference a few days makes...within a week they would be shouting **"crucify him."** Jesus arrived in Jerusalem on a donkey, an animal associated with peace. A king would have ridden a horse when he went to war and ridden a donkey to symbolize his arrival in peace. On Palm Sunday we still go out to meet Jesus and join the crowds celebrating His triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Our celebration begins with a procession or solemn entrance from outside of the church, where possible. Prayers are said and the palms are blessed. **(N.B. As palms are blessed, they cannot be thrown away like rubbish but should be burned).**



As we move into the Triduum the liturgical celebrations are rich with symbolism. Triduum comes from the Latin word meaning 'three days,' and encompasses the three most sacred days in our Church's year. It begins at sundown on Holy Thursday, reaches a high point at the Easter Vigil and concludes on Easter Sunday. The liturgies are intended to be one continuous celebration that commemorates the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. For this reason, Catholics are encouraged to observe the entire Triduum by attending all of the liturgies.

The stripping of the church culminates on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. On Holy Thursday the tabernacle is emptied and on Good Friday the white altar cloth is stripped away, so that all that remains is the cross and candlesticks with the candles extinguished. The Christian altar represents Christ, and the stripping of the altar reminds us how He was humiliatingly stripped of his garments. The empty altar and tabernacle help us to reflect on the emptiness of a world without Christ. This contrasts with the magnificence of the church as revealed at the Easter Vigil, when the glory of the Resurrection is reflected in the joyful decoration of the church.

Our celebrations this year will be all the more joyous given the year that we have all lived through. We give thanks to God that, this year, we will be able to celebrate Holy Week and Easter in our churches. And we pray that the doors of our churches will never remain closed to the faithful again.

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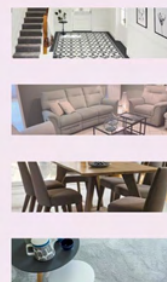
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