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## CLERGY

Parish Priest: **Fr Bernard Mournian**

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## PALM SUNDAY

**SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH/SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021**

### Parish Services for Holy Week

#### HOLY MASS

Saturday - **10am**, 4pm\* (Vigil) 5.30pm\* (Vigil)

Palm Sunday – 9am\*, 10.30am\*, **12noon\***, 4pm\*

Mon - Wed – 10am, **1pm N.B. Funeral for Ian Kirk (R.I.P.) on Tuesday, 10am, mourners only**

#### HOLY THURSDAY

10am – Morning Prayer of the Church

**7pm – Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper\***

8-9.55pm – Private visits to the Blessed Sacrament

10pm – Night Prayer

#### GOOD FRIDAY

10am – Morning Prayer

11am – Children's Stations and Veneration of the Cross (**for primary school age children**)

12 noon – Stations and Veneration of the Cross\*

**3pm – Solemn Passion\***

5pm – Stations and Veneration of the Cross\*

7pm – Stations and Veneration of the Cross\*

#### HOLY SATURDAY

10am - Morning Prayer of the Church

**8pm – Solemn Easter Vigil\***

#### EASTER SUNDAY

8am\*, 9am\*, 10.30am\*, **12noon\*** – Holy Mass

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

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Weekdays - 9.30-9.55am

This Saturday only – 11am-3pm

**\* advance booking required**

**For those unable to attend, services marked in red will be live-streamed**

You can access all our services on the parish Facebook page:

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

## **WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Please support your parish through the weekly collection, our 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.

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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.

**Card Machine:-** We have had a new and improved card machine installed in the church which is able to capture your Gift Aid details. When you tap your card for the first time, you will be prompted to enter your name and postcode, which will allow us to claim back the tax on your donation, at no extra charge to you! The details are saved on the machine for future use so you will only need to enter your details once.

**Gift Aid:-** For those who use Gift Aid envelopes these are available to collect at the back of the church.

## **CHURCH RE-OPENING**

It is wonderful to be able to welcome you all back to our church and to be able to publicly celebrate Holy Mass again. As we enter Holy Week please take note of the times and dates of our services, whether you need to book a place etc. If you are on our database you should have received our Easter card with all of these details. For those not on our database we have included them at the start of the bulletin. Our online booking system can be accessed here:-

<https://st-columbkilles-sunday-mass.eventbrite.co.uk> please book online if you can. For those who don't have internet access please phone or text 07783 340539 to book.

Most of the services for the Triduum have now been booked but, at the time of writing, there are still places available on Good Friday for Stations and Veneration of the Cross at 12 noon and 7pm. If spaces become available for other services, these will be advertised on the parish website and social media.

## **CONFESSION**

This Saturday, 11am-3pm, there will be the opportunity for Confession and private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

## **MORNING AND NIGHT PRAYER DURING THE TRIDUUM**

<https://www.stcolumbkille.org.uk/morning-and-night-prayer-during-the-triduum-2/>

This prayer resource has been provided by the National Liturgy Commission of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland. It offers a version of Morning and Night Prayer extracted from the Divine Office for the Sacred Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday). This has been designed to be used by the lay faithful at home during the continuing social restrictions.

## **NEW MARIAN GARDEN**

Our side garden has been given the final touches to its makeover this week and we are absolutely delighted with the results. The shrine to Our Lady was installed a few months ago. Recently we had a light installed to illuminate the shrine and this week saw the completion of the planting and landscaping of what will now be known as...The Marian Garden! Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen, in particular Ida and Ralph Fionda, Bob McNamara, Gerry Smyth, Hugh Mullen and Craig Docherty.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

On behalf of the whole parish community, we would like to offer our congratulations to Mrs Alison Craig, one of our own parishioners, who has been appointed the new Headteacher of Trinity High School. We wish her well in her new appointment and ask you to remember her in your prayers as she takes up her new position in the summer.

### **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.

### **THANK YOUS**

- Thank you to all our posties who helped deliver the Easter packs to our parishioners. Your help is very much appreciated.
- Thank you to ILS Property Services for cleaning the figures of Jesus and the four evangelists on the outside of the church. What a difference that has made!
- Thank you to all who donated to our Lenten collection, you raised £5100 for parish funds!

### **EASTER COLLECTION**

Envelopes have been sent out with our Easter packs. Please return these as soon as possible, if you are in a position to do so. There will be a collection box at the back of the church or they can be posted through our door!

### **300 CLUB**

Membership cards, for those who don't have one yet, are in the box at the back of the church.

### **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.

### **STALL**

Mass cards, mass bouquets including for Easter are at the back of the church. All cards £1.

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

**Sick:** -Mary, Linstrum, Isabella Flannery, Neil Craig, Steven Murphy, Ann Ward, Kevin M<sup>c</sup>Keown, Manus Gallagher, Mary Margaret M<sup>c</sup>Laughlin, Christopher Browne, 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 M<sup>c</sup>Allister, Fraser M<sup>c</sup>Allister, Isabel M<sup>c</sup>Ewan, 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:-** Joanne M<sup>c</sup>Cue, Micheál Mulleady, Catherine D'Arcy Purdon, Teresa Wilson, Ian Kirk, Bridie Sharkey, John Richard Keoghan, Hilda M<sup>c</sup>Naught, Hugh Nelson, Michael o'Sullivan.

**Anniversaries:-** John Farrell Donnelly, Peter Taylor, Margaret Murray, Betty Duffy, Neil M<sup>c</sup>Menamy, Thomas Devlin, Angelina Devlin, Cathie Connolly, Anne M<sup>c</sup>Kay, Jim Fitzpatrick.

**Month's Mind:-** Michael and Bernadette Kelly

**Birthday Congratulations:-** Ann Duncan, Rose Wilson (95)

## ST MARK'S GOSPEL – JESUS' PASSION

Throughout this year (Cycle B), our gospel readings come from St Mark's Gospel, and on Palm Sunday, we will hear Mark's version of the events of Jesus' Passion, death and Resurrection. It is widely believed that St Mark's Gospel was the first to have been written, followed by St Matthew and St Luke; collectively known as the synoptic gospels, because they are very similar to one another. The term synoptic comes from the Greek word *synoptikós*, where we get the English word synopsis, meaning 'seeing all together.'



As we read through St Mark's Gospel, we can see what a wonderful storyteller he is. There are details in Mark's Gospel which we don't find in any of the others. These details enhance the story St Mark is telling us and help us picture the events in our minds more clearly. Some biblical scholars believe that Mark's Gospel is taken from St Peter's eyewitness account of his time spent with Jesus. Whether these details are Peter's memories of events as they happened, which would point to him having a keen eye for detail, or Mark's creative storytelling skills is up for debate!

St Mark's Gospel is the shortest of all the gospels and is a rollercoaster ride in terms of the pace he sets. Mark wrote his gospel to convince the reader that Jesus is the Son of God and there is a definite urgency to his writing; he uses the word 'immediately' or 'euthús' in Greek, a total of forty-one times! St Mark is hurrying us along, listing all the evidence to prove that Jesus is divine, that He is the Christ, the Son of God. He tells us of miracles, cures, healings and exorcisms performed by Jesus. We hear of Jesus' ability to control nature and the elements when He calms the storm and walks on water. The Pharisees, and indeed all the Jewish people in Jesus's day, knew that only God could do these things. St Mark writes about the parables Jesus told and how learned He was about the Scriptures; He taught with an authority that was unnerving to the Pharisees. Jesus forgave sins and was transfigured on the mountain; only God has that power.

As we reach the last week of Jesus' life on earth, the pace slows...this last section of St Mark's gospel from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday accounts for a third of his gospel. Jesus has tried to prepare his disciples for His Passion but they are slow to understand, a source of frustration for Our Lord. He tells them of how He will have to suffer and die on three separate occasions but they just don't get it. During Our Blessed Lord's agony in the garden, when He needs them most, He is let down three times by his three closest friends. It had only been a matter of days since Peter, James and John had witnessed Jesus in all His glory at the Transfiguration, yet they couldn't even comply with His simple request to stay awake. Then when Jesus is arrested, they all abandon Him; one unnamed disciple was so desperate to escape he ran away naked! What a striking contrast to the disciples at the start of the gospel who left everything to follow Jesus, now this disciple has left everything in order to run away from Him. Shortly afterwards, Peter heartbreakingly denies Jesus three times. Our Blessed Lord has been abandoned by everyone. He had spent three years of His life with these men, eating with them, teaching them and revealing His divine nature to them, yet, at the first hint of trouble they flee. It is left to Pilate, the Roman Governor to defend Jesus to the Jews when he tells them on three separate occasions that Jesus is innocent. When Jesus dies on the cross, deserted by all but one of His disciples, it is the gentile Roman centurion who is the first to recognise and proclaim that Jesus is the Son of God. God's chosen people, the Jews, including the disciples, are blind to this fact, until after Jesus' Resurrection.

In spite of the faults and failings of the disciples, Jesus does not condemn them. Unlike Judas, who consistently turned away from God and the graces offered to him, the other disciples, accepted forgiveness from Jesus after His Resurrection. At Pentecost, when they received the Holy Spirit, their eyes were opened, and they were finally able to spread the Good News in the way Jesus asked them to. This Palm Sunday, let us, like the disciples, open our minds, hearts and souls to the graces God offers us, in order to transform and sanctify our lives.

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