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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER—17TH/18TH APRIL 2021

HOLY MASS

Mon – Fri, 10am and **1pm**

Saturday, 10am; 4pm* (Vigil); 5.30pm* (Vigil)

Sunday, 9am*; 10.30am*; **12 noon*** & 4pm*

* advance booking required

Services marked in **red** will be live-streamed

Funeral Masses this week:-

Monday 19th April, 10am - *Thomas Whitelaw R.I.P.*

Wednesday 21st April, 10am - *Eric Lennon R.I.P.*

Thursday 22nd April, 10am - *Joanne McCue R.I.P.*

MOURNERS ONLY – NO PUBLIC MASS AT THIS TIME

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AND EXPOSITION:- Fri, 3pm

CONFESSIONS:- Mon-Sat - 9.30-9.55am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:- Mon-Sat – 9.30-9.55am

You can access all our services on our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/stcolumbkillesrutherglen

Booking Mass

st-columbkilles-sunday-mass.eventbrite.co.uk

OR phone or text 07783 340539 to book.

PLEASE ONLY BOOK BY PHONE IF YOU DO NOT HAVE INTERNET ACCESS

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.

Sort Code: 83-26-24

Account No: 00255006

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.

Please pray for the following:-

Sick:- Elaine Docherty, Mary (Molly) Margaret and Robert Gray, Frank Ward, John Cameron, Alan Cameron, Jennifer Milne, Isabella Flannery, Neil Craig, Steven Murphy, Ann Ward, Kevin McKeown, Manus Gallagher, Mary Margaret McLaughlin, Christopher Browne, John Hanlon, David Milligan, Christopher Coleman, Mary and Niall Greenan, Baby Ronan Jackson, Patricia Fay, Marie Murphy, Helen McAllister, Fraser McAllister, Isabel McEwan, Sophia Walker.

Recently deceased:- Joseph Smith, Patricia Ferguson, Donna Camillo, Carole McCann, Elaine Docherty, Jim Bannon, Anne Ward, Mary Linstrum, Anna Dunnachie, Eric Lennon, Frank McLeod, Peter Fitzpatrick

Anniversaries:- Isabella Devine, Matthew Healy, James Russell

Birthday Congratulations:- Mary Donaghy (95)

Birthday Remembrance:- Francis Deighan

Last week's collection ~ £2051

Thank you for your generosity

‘PAVE THE WAY - BE A HOLY SOLE’ – KILTWALK 2021

We invite you to help us Pave the Way by being ‘A Holy Sole’ and sign up to this year’s Kiltwalk to raise funds for the replacement of the paving around the Church. This year the Kiltwalk is a virtual event, taking place on the weekend of the 23-25 April 2021.



‘You can walk, you can run or you can just have fun.’

What you do and how you decide to complete your challenge is entirely up to you, the more imaginative the better! All funds raised will be topped up by 50%, courtesy of the Hunter Foundation. This is a really fun event for everyone in the parish to get involved with, no matter your age or level of fitness. Each volunteer who signs up to the challenge will pay a registration fee of:

Adults (16+):- £12.80

Children (5-15):- £6.50

Toddlers (under 5’s):- Free

For your entry fee you get access to the 50% top up, a 2021 Virtual Medal, Personalised JustGiving fundraising page, Digital Challenge Pack containing fun activities for all the family, chance to win a car from Arnold Clark and more.

Please ensure when you are registering as a volunteer that you choose the event called:

Scotland’s Virtual Kiltwalk 2021

And when you go on to choose the charity you are raising funds for, please ensure you choose:

RC Diocese of Motherwell

To find out how to register as a volunteer and raise funds for the parish, contact Paul McLaughlin at paul.mclaughlin57@ntlworld.com or 0141-643-2126 for all the details. Sponsor forms for those who would prefer will be at the back of the church.

- ◆ **This is your last chance to get registered before the main even next weekend!**
- ◆ **There will be an entry collection at all Masses this weekend and next weekend.**
- ◆ **Please ensure all cash donations are handed in by Monday 26th April.**

How to Register for the Kiltwalk

- ◆ Go to www.thekiltwalk.co.uk/scotlandsvirtual
- ◆ Click the “sign up now” button then register for an adult or child fee
- ◆ You will now be in the Enthuse page – click “yes, allow”. You will be asked to fill in a form on screen with all of your personal details
- ◆ On page 1 of the form where it asks for a company – ignore this
- ◆ On page 1 of the form where it asks to create or join a team – ignore this
- ◆ On page 1 of the form where it asks for the name of the charity – type in RC Diocese of Motherwell
- ◆ On page 1 of the form where it asks why are you taking part – you can leave this blank or type in a few words about the paving project at the Church
- ◆ On page 1 of the form where it asks for a promotional code – ignore this
- ◆ On page 2 where it asks for your card details – please fill in your long card number

EASING OF RESTRICTIONS ON NUMBERS ATTENDING MASS

We are delighted that the cap of 50 which has been placed on the numbers attending Mass will be removed as of April 26th! Thanks be to God! Each church can now admit as many people as is possible, with social distancing in place. For St Columbkille's, this means we can admit 100 people to church. We are hoping that in the coming weeks we will no longer need the booking system, however we ask you to continue to book for Sunday Mass in the usual way for now. The numbers allowed to attend weddings and funerals will increase to 50. Baptisms can go ahead as well, with numbers limited to 5. To arrange a baptism please contact the Church Office.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP TOAL—DIOCESAN NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

In this year dedicated to St Joseph I invite the faithful of the Diocese of Motherwell to pray a Novena in honour of St Joseph through nine days from Thursday April 22nd to Saturday 1st May, the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. The Novena can be prayed communally in church or other settings, or privately at home. The intention of our prayer is to seek the intercession of St Joseph, Protector and Guardian of Church, in our present need. I particularly commend that we pray for families, for parents and their children, that they may be sustained and encouraged by the example of the Holy Family and feel confident to participate in the life and worship of the great Family of the Church as we seek to come together again as Christ's Body after the trials and separation of the past year.

Beyond praying the Novena I would hope that we can renew our efforts to reach out to families and offer support and encouragement wherever that is possible. Pope Francis continues to encourage our parishes and Catholic organisations to make the ministry to families a priority and indeed to look for opportunities and take initiatives to allow this to happen. As Bishop of Motherwell I would like to know what you, the Faithful of the Diocese, think about the Church's ministry in regard to the family and what initiatives you would like to see happen. If you wish to offer some thoughts or ideas, please email me at bishoptoal@rcdom.org. I look forward to hearing what you have to say.

- ◆ We will pray the Novena Prayer at the end of all Masses from Thursday 22nd April.
- ◆ The Novena Prayer will be available on our website and Facebook page from Thursday.

WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN GROTTO

A small group of parishioners are organising a walking pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto on Saturday 1st May, the feast of St Joseph the Worker. The pilgrimage will be in honour of Our Blessed Mother and St Joseph and is open to anyone who wishes to join. Plans are being finalised but it is hoped that the walk will begin at St Columbkille's, following the Clyde Walkway as far as possible, ending at Carfin Grotto, where ideally there will be some light refreshments, Holy Mass and a tour of the Grotto! If you are interested in joining the group or for more information please contact Michael O'Hara (mohara23@yahoo.co.uk or 07740677816)

YOUNG ADULT GROUP TALKS

Our series of talks for our Young Adult Group continues this Tuesday with a talk from Fr Andrew Garden of St David's Dalkeith, entitled 'The Cross, The Tree of Life.'

MAY DEVOTIONS

May Devotions will take place on Mondays at 7pm, starting on 3rd May. There will be recitation of the Holy Rosary followed by Solemn Benediction. There is no need to book and with numbers up to 100 by then we would encourage as many of you as are able to come along!

I THIRST FOR YOU - MEDITATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Based on the spiritual teachings of St Theresa of Calcutta

It is true. I stand at the door of your heart, day and night. Even when you are not listening, even when you doubt it could be Me, I am there: I await even the smallest sign of your response, even the least whispered invitation that will allow Me to enter.

I want you to know that whenever you invite Me, I do come - always, without fail. Silent and unseen I come, but with infinite power and love, bringing the many gifts of My Spirit. I come with My mercy, with My desire to forgive and heal you, with a love for you beyond your comprehension - a love every bit as great as the love I have received from My Father. I come - longing to console you and give you strength, to lift you up and bind all your wounds. I bring you My light, to dispel your darkness and all your doubts. I come with My power, that I might carry you and all of your burdens: with My grace, to touch your heart and transform your life and My peace I give to still your soul.

I know you through and through. I know everything about you. The very hairs of your head I have numbered. Nothing in your life is unimportant to Me. I have followed you through the years and I have always loved you even in your wanderings. I know every one of your problems. I know your needs and your worries. And yes, I know all your sins. But I tell you again that I love you, not for what you have or haven't done - I love you for you, for the beauty and the dignity My Father gave you by creating you in His own image. It is a dignity you have often forgotten, a beauty you have tarnished by sin. But I love you as you are, and I have shed My Blood to win you back. If you only ask Me with faith, My grace will touch all that needs changing in your life: I will give you the strength to free yourself from sin and all its destructive power.

I know what is in your heart - I know your loneliness and all your hurts - the rejections, the judgments, the humiliations, I carried it all before you. And I carried it all for you, so you might share My strength and My victory. I know especially your need for love - how you are thirsting to be loved and cherished. But how often have you thirsted in vain, by seeking that love selfishly, striving to fill the emptiness inside you with passing pleasures - with the even greater emptiness of sin. Do you thirst for love? "Come to Me all you who thirst" (John 7:37). I will satisfy you and fill you. Do you thirst to be cherished? I love you more than you can imagine - to the point of dying on a cross for you.

I thirst for you. Yes, that is the only way to even begin to describe My love for you. **I THIRST FOR YOU.** I thirst to love you and to be loved by you - that is how precious are you to Me. **I THIRST FOR YOU.** Come to Me, and I will fill your heart and heal your wounds. I will make you a new creation and give you peace even in your trials. **I THIRST FOR YOU.** You must never doubt My mercy, My acceptance of you, My desire to forgive, My longing to bless you and live My life in you. **I THIRST FOR YOU.** If you feel unimportant in the eyes of the world, that matters not at all. For Me, there is no one any more important in the entire world than you. **I THIRST FOR YOU.** Open to Me, come to Me, thirst for Me, give Me your life and I will prove to you how important you are to My Heart.

Don't you realize that My Father already has a perfect plan to transform your life, beginning from this moment? Trust in Me. Ask Me every day to enter and take charge of your life and I will. I promise you before My Father in Heaven that I will work miracles in your life. Why would I do this? Because **I THIRST FOR YOU.** All I ask of you is that you entrust yourself to Me completely, I will do all the rest.

Even now, I behold the place My Father has prepared for you in My Kingdom. Remember that you are a pilgrim in this life on a journey home. Sin can never satisfy you, or bring the peace you seek. All that you have sought outside of Me has only left you more empty, so do not cling to the things of this life; above all, do not run from Me when you fall. Come to Me without delay. When you give Me your sins, you give Me the joy of being your Saviour. There is nothing I cannot forgive and heal; so come now, and unburden your soul.

No matter how far you may wander, no matter how often you forget Me, no matter how many crosses you may bear in this life; there is one thing I want you to always remember, one thing that will never change. **I THIRST FOR YOU** - just as you are. You don't need to change to believe in My love, for it will be your belief in My love that will change you. You forget Me, and yet I am seeking you every moment of the day - standing at the door of your heart and knocking. Do you find this hard to believe? Then look at the Cross, look at My Heart that was pierced for you. Have you not understood My Cross? Then listen again to the words I spoke there, for they tell you clearly why I endured all this for you: "**I THIRST**" (John 19: 28) **YES, I THIRST FOR YOU.** As the rest of the psalm, I was praying says of Me: "I looked for love and I found none." (Psalm 69: 21). All your life I have been looking for your love. I have never stopped seeking to love you and be loved by you. You have tried many things in your search for happiness. Why not try opening your heart to Me, right now, more than you ever have before? Whenever you do open the door of your heart, whenever you come close enough you will hear Me say to you again and again, not in mere human words but in spirit: "No matter what you have done, I love you for your own sake. Come to Me with your misery and your sins, with your troubles and needs, and with all your longing to be loved. I stand at the door of your heart and knock...Open to Me, for **I THIRST FOR YOU.**"





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