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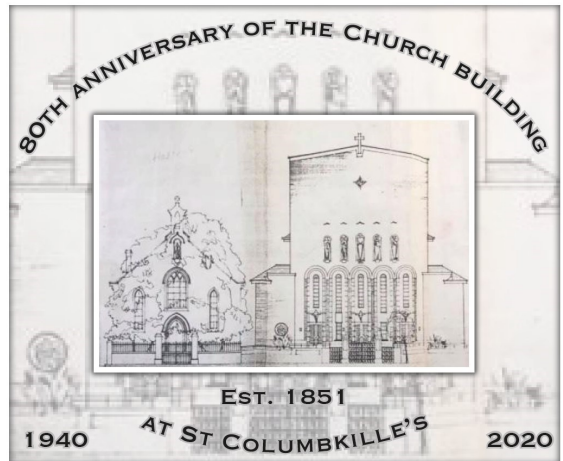
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## CLERGY

Fr Bernard Mournian (Parish Priest) Fr Pat Hennessy (In Residence)

Fr Stephen Reilly (In Residence) Rev Bill McMillan (Deacon)



## **5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 1<sup>ST</sup>/2<sup>ND</sup> MAY 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

**\*\*\*MAY DEVOTIONS:- Mon, 7pm \*\*\***

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AND EXPOSITION:- Fri, 3pm**

**CONFESSIONS:- Mon-Sat - 9.30-9.55am**

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

**BAPTISMS:- To arrange a baptism please contact:-**

Deacon McMillan on [deaconmcmillan@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:deaconmcmillan@rcdom.org.uk)  
or 07912759037

You can access all our services on our Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/stcolumbkillesrutherglen](https://www.facebook.com/stcolumbkillesrutherglen)

### **Booking Mass**

[st-columbkilles-sunday-mass.eventbrite.co.uk](https://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**

**READER'S ROTA:- Could all readers please get in touch  
with Clare Griffiths ([claregriffiths23@hotmail.com](mailto:claregriffiths23@hotmail.com) or  
07917 332 335) with their contact details and availa-  
bility for Sunday Masses. New readers most welcome!**

### **WEEKLY DONATIONS**

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Please pray for the following:-

**Sick:-** Isobella Kerr, Brian Malone, Alexander Brown, Sarah Lynch, 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, Christopher Coleman, Mary and Niall Greenan, Baby Ronan Jackson, Patricia Fay, Marie Murphy, Helen McAllister, Fraser McAllister, Isabel McEwan, Sophia Walker.

**Recently deceased:-** Frank McLeod, Maureen Kenny, Paddy Howard, Joanne McCue, Cathie Connolly, Michael Quigley, Patsy O'Hara, John Connolly, Agnes McQuilter, Agnes Gillan, Angela Carson, Maisie Linstrum, Kathleen Healy, David Milligan, Anna Dunnachie, Cathie Simpson, Thomas Whitelaw, James Lindsay.

**Anniversaries:-** Baby Shaun Brian Maguire Aitchison, Liam Gildea, Denis Deeney, Rev Dr Cadoc Leighton, James Close, John McElhinney, John Milligan, Annie Ryan, Catherine Kennedy, Peter and Sarah Toner, Mark Adams.

**Month's Mind:-** Michael O'Sullivan

**Wedding:-** Congratulations to Paul and Caroline Meikle on their recent wedding. We wish them well in their new life together.

**Last week's collection ~ £1167  
Thank you for your generosity**

### **HALL CAFÉ**

The hall café is open on Saturdays and Sundays now - after Mass until 2pm. Please support the café if you can.

### INCREASED CAPACITY AT MASS

We are delighted that we are able to admit up to 120 people at each Mass now. We continue to require you to wear a face mask (unless exempt), to observe social distancing and to sanitise your hands on entry and exit. Please follow the advice of the stewards and fill the pews on both sides and from the front. Thank you.

### MASS BOOKINGS

Eventbrite bookings for Sunday Masses will continue for now, although with increased numbers of places available, so we would encourage you to book every week. Stewards will check you in at the door as at present.

For weekday Mass, you can check in with a QR code or you can provide contact details on slips of paper that will be collected after each Mass. **There is no need to queue to check in.**

### SPONSOR A VESTMENT

An opportunity has arisen for a further 2 vestments to be sponsored. These can be sponsored in honour of someone living or deceased. These names will be embroidered into the vestments and each time they are worn the names will be prayed for. If you are interested please speak to Fr Mournian.

### PRAY IN MAY WITH MARY'S MEALS

This May, the month traditionally dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in our prayer campaign for the work of Mary's Meals, which is reaching more than 1.8 million children with a nutritious meal in 19 countries every school day. We pray in thanksgiving for each little act of love that makes this work possible and we also pray for God's continued blessing on our beautiful mission, that through His providence it will always flourish enabling us to reach more hungry children. Prayer resources and further information can be found at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay>

### ORDINATIONS IN ROME

#### Message from Pontifical Scots College, Rome

It is with great joy that this Sunday Archbishop Arthur Roche, Secretary to the Congregation for Divine Worship will celebrate Holy Mass, during which he will ordain our brothers to the Order of Deacons.

**Please pray for:- Malcolm Hutchison** (Diocese of Dunkeld), **Joshua Moir** (Archdiocese of St Andrew's and Edinburgh), **Kevin Rennie** (Diocese of Galloway) and **Edward Toner** (Archdiocese of Glasgow).

Please keep them in your prayers.

### YOUNG ADULT GROUP TALKS

Our series of talks for our Young Adult Group continues this Tuesday with a talk from our very own Fr Patrick Hennessy entitled 'Praying with the Word of God'. Talks start at 7pm, no booking required.

### PAVE THE WAY—KILT WALK

Congratulations and thank you to all who took part in our Kiltwalk last weekend. We were so lucky to have such glorious weather and we have thoroughly enjoyed seeing everyone's photos from all the different challenges you accomplished. A reminder that sponsor money needs to be paid by Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, in order to benefit from the extra 50%, courtesy of Sir Tom Hunter. We will update you on our total raised as soon as we know it! Thank you once again for all your support.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL REQUEST

A client of St Vincent de Paul is in need of a portable 2 ring electric cooker. If you can help please contact James Maguire on 07973823546.

### HOLY SOLES WALKING GROUP

Our Holy Soles Walking group will start again Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May after 10am Mass. New members welcome.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to the parishioner who donated 10 new rose bushes for the garden in memory of Harry Kelly.

### 300 CLUB - APRIL WINNERS

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize:-** Lelia Dunn (No 160) - £100

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:-** Carol McKay (No 127) - £50

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:-** Rose Wilson (No 1) - £30

Next draw is on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Members cards are on the table at the back of the church.





St Columbkille's, Rutherglen

# May Devotions

*in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Recitation of the Holy Rosary  
followed by Solemn Benediction

Each Monday in May at 7.00pm

*starting Monday 3rd May*

Due to increased capacity there is no  
need to book in advance.

Families and children are particularly  
encouraged to attend this beautiful  
treasure the Church has.



*"For it is the month of Mary, the lovely month of May"*

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA (1347-1380) – FEAST DAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

*Patron Saint – fire, miscarriages, people ridiculed for their faith.*



St Catherine was born in Siena, Italy, the 23<sup>rd</sup> child born to her mother! About half of Catherine's siblings died as children, including her twin sister Giovanna who died in infancy. From a very early age Catherine was a pious child and had her first vision of Jesus, with the apostles, Peter, Paul and John when she was about 5 or 6. She was a happy child who brought much joy and laughter to her family, who gave her the pet name 'Euphrosyne' which is Greek for 'joy'.

As a child, Catherine vowed to give her life to God, so she was horrified when she discovered that, at the age of 16, her parents wanted her to marry her brother-in-law; after her older sister died in childbirth. In protest she cut off her hair, to make herself less attractive and started a severe fast. Her perplexed parents eventually gave up and allowed her to live the life she wanted. Catherine chose not to become a nun but instead joined the Third Order of St Dominic, which allowed her to continue living in the family home. However, she shut herself off from her family and lived in their basement, in silence and solitude for a number of years, until she had another vision of Jesus. In her vision, Catherine entered a 'mystical marriage' with Jesus who told her He wanted her to re-join the world and serve the poor and the needy. She began her ministry by visiting the sick in hospital and visiting the poor in their homes. Through these activities she attracted a number of followers.

As she got drawn into public life more, Catherine started to travel and become involved in politics, which was very unusual for a woman at this time. With her followers they travelled to different parts of Italy, advocating reform of the clergy and advising people that repentance and renewal could be achieved through *"the total love for God."* While she was on her travels, she was said to have received the 'stigmata' - the 5 wounds of Christ. However, these were only visible to Catherine.

As well as travelling, Catherine wrote hundreds of letters, widening her audience to include figures in authority as she begged for peace between the republics and principalities of Italy and for the return of the Papacy from Avignon to Rome. The Great Schism in the Church some years earlier, had seen two, then three popes declaring themselves head of the Church and pitted saints against each other as they took sides. So, in Catherine's day the Pope resided in Avignon, not Rome. Catherine wrote many letters to Pope Gregory XI asking for his support in her endeavours. When she travelled to Avignon in 1376 she met with the Pope and tried to persuade him to return to Rome. A year later, Pope Gregory XI did indeed return to Rome, although the influence of Catherine on this decision is up for debate. However, it is clear she was an extremely determined young woman who had influence with several popes. During the western Schism, Pope Urban VI summoned her to Rome to sit in his court so she could convince nobles and cardinals of his legitimacy.

As well as defending the Church and the Papacy, Catherine somehow managed to find time to set up a monastery for women in her home town in 1377. It was at this time that she began writing/dictating her 'Dialogue', comprising over 400 of her letters and prayers, now viewed as her definitive work. These works are so influential that Catherine is now a Doctor of the Church. She is one of only four women to have been given this honour, the others being St Theresa of Avila, St Therese of Lisieux and St Hildegard of Bingen.

Catherine lived a life of rigorous abstinence, observed strict fasting and received the Holy Eucharist daily. As a result of her lifestyle, she was in very poor physical health and although her confessor ordered her to eat, she claimed she couldn't, likening it to an illness. Towards the end of her life Catherine could neither eat nor swallow water, then she lost the use of her legs and subsequently suffered a stroke, which left her paralysed from the waist down. She died in Rome on 29<sup>th</sup> April 1380, at the age of 33. What a remarkable woman!





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