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7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 15TH/16TH 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

Funeral Masses this week:-

Wednesday 19th May 10am - Margaret-Ann Millar R.I.P.

MOURNERS ONLY – NO PUBLIC MASS AT THIS TIME

*****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 or 07912759037

You can access all our services on our Facebook page:
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Booking Mass

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

OR phone or text 07783 340539 to book.

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WEEKLY DONATIONS

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Please pray for the following:-

Sick:- Elena Capani, May Grier, Sarah Lynch, Dermot Corcoran, Helen Ward, Bea Van der Linden, 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:- Danny O'Donnell, Nancy McInnes, John Curran, Steve Beaulie, Patsy Duffin, Simon Miller, Gerard Farmer, Denis Henderson, Catherine Darroch, Maureen Healy, Josephine van den Braak

Anniversaries:- Bernard Mournian, Catherine Deighan, Bernadette Bremner (Sr Maximilian OFM), Daniel McGuigan, David Allison, James McCarney, Hugh and Mary McCarney, Bridie and Eddie Dick, John and Colin Orr, Hugh Kearney, Mary Murphy, Tommy Mullen, James Greene, Lucia Maria Chambers, Sheila Folan, Alan and Alex Martin

Month's Mind:- Frank McLeod, Marie Kelly

Birthday Remembrance:- Patrick McFadden, Marie Tedeschi, Andrew Bansaviech, May Livingston

Wedding:- Congratulations to Mark and Emma -Louise McColgan. We wish them well in their new life together.

Last week's collection - £1986

Thank you for your generosity

NOVENA TO ST COLUMBKILLE

This year marks 1500 years since the birth of St Columbkille. To mark this momentous occasion, former parishioner, Fr Ross Crichton has composed a Novena and Litany to St Columbkille, available in a beautifully illustrated book (£4). If you would be interested in purchasing a copy please let Fr Mournian know so we can place an order. We will begin praying the Novena as a parish on 1st June finishing on St Columbkille's Feast Day (9th June). We hope to make the Novena a yearly tradition.

40 HOURS ADORATION

Running in parallel with our Novena to St Columbkille we will have 40 Hours Adoration, beginning on Sunday 6th June 5pm-8pm, then Monday-Wednesday 7am-8pm. There will be a Holy Hour each day at 7pm. We will be looking for Guardians of the Blessed Sacrament nearer the time.

CORPUS CHRISTI - EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

To mark the solemnity of Corpus Christi and to celebrate our young people receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Communion we are going to have a Eucharistic Procession in the church grounds on Sunday 6th June at 1pm -weather permitting! We would encourage our young people and their families to come to 12 Noon Mass that day and would ask other parishioners to be mindful of this when booking to attend Mass.

ROSARY ON THE COAST - MAY ROSARY MISSION

We invite the people of Scotland to pray the Rosary to:-

- ♦ protect our families in this Year of St Joseph,
- ♦ to ask for a deepening of faith, hope, love and the protection of life
- ♦ for peace in the world.

The designated Rosary Hour for the Diocese of Motherwell for the National Rosary Relay Rally on Sunday 30th May is from 7-8pm and will be led by Bishop Toal. Further details including links to enable you to join in can be found at www.rosaryonthecoast.org.uk

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The distribution of Communion has returned to its traditional time during Mass. It will be distributed to you in your seat, with the Priest and a Eucharistic Minister moving through the pews. At the end of Mass the stewards will invite you to exit the church. Please be patient and follow the directions to leave the church safely.

READER'S ROTA FOR SUNDAY MASSES

Could all readers who were previously on the rota please get in touch, if you have yet to do so, to confirm you are happy to continue your ministry and your preference for Sunday Mass. New readers would be most welcome! claregriffiths23@hotmail.com or 07917 332 335

SPONSOR A VESTMENT

There is one vestment available for sponsoring. Please contact the Church Office for details.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION COURSE

There will be a baptismal preparation meeting on 26th May at 7pm, in the church. This is for parents of children who will be baptised in June.

CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group is starting back up again from Tuesday 18th May in the church hall from 11-1pm. All welcome.

MY DAY BY DAY BOOK

'My Day by Day' daily prayer/reflection books will be available once again in June. If you are interested in purchasing a booklet please speak to Fr Mournian so we can place an order.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP TALKS

This week's talk is from Fr Ryan Black of St Mirin's Cathedral, entitled:-**'The Reality of the Resurrection'**. Talks start at 7pm, no booking required.

MAY SPECIAL COLLECTION

At the request of the Bishop, May's special collection is for retired priests

STALL ~ CARDS AND GIFTS

There is a selection of cards and gifts at the back of the church for various occasions. Please place money in the box marked 'stall'.



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. RITA OF CASCIA (1381-1457) – Feast day 22nd May

Patron Saint: Helpless cases, mothers, sickness, wounds, marital problems, abuse

St. Rita was born in Cascia, Italy to elderly parents, who, despite Rita's wish to become a nun, arranged for her to be married when she was 12 years old. Her husband Paulo Mancini was known to be a bad-tempered, immoral man and Rita bore his insults, physical abuse and infidelities for many years. Through her patience, humility and kindness Rita helped her husband to become a better man. There had been a feud between his family and another family (the Chiqui's) for many years, but it would seem that Rita's influence over her husband was strong enough that he renounced the family feud and became more genial and easier to live with. The couple were blessed with two sons and lived a happy family life for a number of years.



Despite Paulo renouncing his involvement in the family feud, tragedy struck Rita's family when he was betrayed by his allies and fatally stabbed by a member of the Chiqui family. Rita was now a widow with two young sons to look after. Paulo's family, in particular his brother Bernardo, were hell bent on revenge for Paulo's death. Despite her loss Rita wanted no part of any revenge plot and pardoned her husband's killer at his funeral. Over time, however, her sons came under the influence of their uncle and wished to avenge their father's murder. Rita was beside herself and worried that her sons actions would put their mortal souls in danger. She tried to dissuade them from their course of action but to no avail. Rita prayed earnestly to God to remove her sons from the cycle of vendetta and revenge they had found themselves in. Within a year, both Rita's sons were dead from dysentery; many believed this was God's answer to Rita's prayers. Her sons died a natural death rather than risking their souls if they had committed murder.

Rita was now alone in life, with no family. Her faith was a great comfort to her and kept her going in her bleakest moments. Her childhood wish, to become a nun, became a calling she couldn't ignore; she desired to become an Augustinian nun in the convent in Cascia. Initially the nuns refused her, because of the ongoing feud between the Mancini's and Chiqui's. Many of the nuns were from these families and they feared that Rita would bring division and animosity into the convent. Rita persisted with her requests and the nuns told her that if she could help broker peace between the families, she could enter the convent. St Rita turned to God and her three patron saints, St. John the Baptist, St. Augustine and St. Nicholas of Tolentino to help her cause! Little by little she worked at bring the two families together and eventually peace was agreed and she was accepted into the convent. Legend has it that she was transported during the night into the locked convent by her three patron saints.

For thirty years, Rita lived out her childhood calling as an Augustinian nun in the Cascia convent, living a life of prayer and penance, work and charity. Rita was particularly devoted to the Sufferings of Our Lord. One day while she was meditating before an image of Christ crucified, a small wound appeared on her forehead, as though a thorn from the crown which was placed on Our Lord's head had fallen off and penetrated her own head. This partial stigmata was visible and remained on Rita's forehead for the rest of her life. Rita bore this open wound patiently and with great love for many years.

A relative who had come to visit Rita towards the end of her life asked her if there was anything she wanted. Rita replied, she would love a rose from her own garden. The only problem was that it was January, not the season for roses to be blooming! However, when her relative went to the house, a single blooming rose was found in the garden and brought back to Rita. Rita's body, which has remained incorrupt for centuries, lies in her home town of Cascia, at the shrine which bears her name.

St. Rita is an example and inspiration to so many people because, in her own life, she shared the experiences of many through her different ways of life – wife, mother, widow, Religious – she has an encouraging and consoling message for everyone.

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