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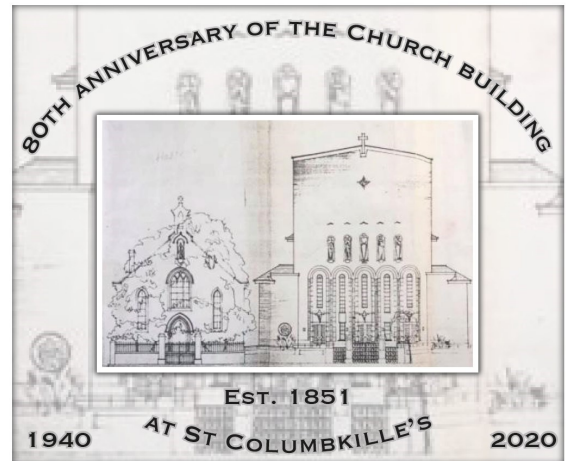
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CLERGY

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

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



PENTECOST - 22ND/23RD 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 26th May 12pm - Fr Jack Thora R.I.P.

Friday 28th May 10am - Andrew Gilroy 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:- Dea-

con M^cMillan on deaconmcmillan@rcdom.org.uk
or 07912759037

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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

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 these bank details.

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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.

Please pray for the following:-

Sick:- Daniel M^cGuigan, 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 M^cKeown, Manus Gallagher, Mary Margaret M^cLaughlin, Christopher Browne.

Recently deceased:- Annelias Eltink, Charles Dolan, Mary Boyle, Fr Jack Thora, Davie O'Donnell, Alice Pidgeon, Andrew Gilroy, Betty Nugent, Margaret Millar.

Anniversaries:- Michael Mallon, Hugh Kearney, David Allison, Hugh Bonar, Ellen Durnin, Charlie M^cFadden, Norah Bissett, Mary Smith, Jack Lynn, Joe Beattie, Jack M^cGrath, Mary Conroy.

Month's Mind:- Margaret Malone, James Marr, Stanley Louis Jacobitz

Birthday Remembrance:- Garry Larkin

Baptism:- We welcome Aimee Dickie to our community.

DAY BY DAY BOOKS

Now available for June and July, £1.50 each. They have the readings and a reflection for each day of the month, a great way to prepare spiritually!

Last week's collection - £1784

Thank you for your generosity

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS

There will be an entry collection for sick and retired priests next weekend (29th/30th May). Please see letter from Bishop Toal (included) for details.

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.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary have started their apostolic work again and are looking for new members. If you would like to find out more about the important work they do in our local community please contact Cath Foley on 07734 484 321 or speak to Fr Mournian.

MILL HILL MISSIONARIES

Cleaner Required, 3 mornings per week for residential priest home in Milrig Rd. This is a salaried position. Please contact Joan McLaughlin (0141 647 3800 or joanmclaughlin@btconnect.com)

CATECHESIS—SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

As part of our pastoral plan for the parish we hope to have a group of catechists, who will teach the faith to our young people, to complement the partnership of home/school/church. Full training will be given. If this is something you would be interested in getting involved with, please speak to Fr Mournian.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP TALKS

This week's talk is from Fr Paul Denney of St James, Coatbridge entitled:-**The Exodus; Passing from Death to New Life**. Talks start at 7pm, no booking required. Fr Denney has extended an invitation to all St Columbkille's parishioners who wish to attend this talk, in particular to those in our parish who attended his online Bible Study Group...no age limit applies!

COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION GIFTS

We have a lovely selection of cards and gifts for the occasions of Communion and Confirmation at the back of the church. Please place any monies in the box marked

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.

SVDP—FOODBANK

SVDP have started their foodbank collection in church again. Any donations can be left at the back of the church. Preferred items they are looking for include:- **diluting juice, men's toiletries, coffee, cereal, beans, tinned veg, pasta, pasta sauce, toilet rolls and carrier bags**. Thank you to those who have continued to donate food during lockdown and to the parishioners who donated microwaves.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped with the planting this weekend, the garden is looking great!

HALL CAFÉ

The hall café will open Tues, Thurs, Sat after 10am Mass and Sunday after morning Masses.

SPONSOR A VESTMENT

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



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Rt Rev. Joseph Toal STB KC*HS
Bishop of Motherwell

30th April 2021.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope this finds you and your families well

When I wrote to you on 31st December 2020, I asked for your financial support for the Diocese in the year ahead, particularly in regard to the care of the clergy. A small number of people responded very generously at the time and £20,000 was donated. I thank those who made these significant contributions. Through the month of May, the special collection in our parishes is for the same purpose, more precisely for **Sick and Retired Priests**, and I seek the support of the whole Diocesan community – contributions can be made in the churches or through Payacharity (box for Sick and Retired Priests) on the Diocesan website – www.rcdom.org.uk. I thank you in advance for your offerings, and ask your prayers also for our elderly clergy, particularly those in residential care.

As Bishop President of SCIAF I also wish to thank all you have responded to this year's "Wee Box" Appeal. Some priests have told me of the generous response through the collections in their parishes and it is very edifying to hear of your kindness to the poor in South Sudan in the midst of our own difficulties. As Catholics we do respond willingly when we hear of the needs of our poorer brothers and sisters in other parts of the world and it is uplifting to hear that we do not forget or ignore them at present. The deadline for making contributions to this year's SCIAF Lenten is May 11th – any monies received before that day will be doubled through the Aid Match Scheme.

With my prayers and best wishes to you and your families,

Yours in Christ,

+ Joseph Toal

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

(late 6th Century - 604) - Feast day 27th May

Patron Saint: England

St. Augustine of Canterbury is considered to be “The Apostle of the English” and a founder of the Church in England. Nothing is known about him before Pope St. Gregory the Great assigned him the mission of spreading the Christian message to the Anglo-Saxon people of what is now England.



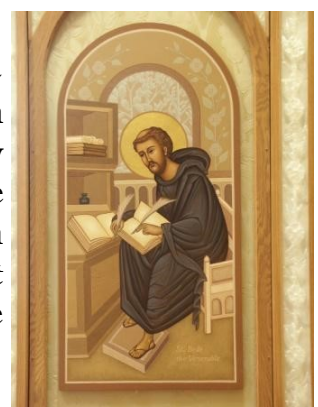
The inspiration for St Augustine’s mission came from Pope Gregory, who encountered a slave master selling young boy slaves in the marketplace one day. Unlike most Roman slaves, these boys were fair skinned and had blonde hair. When he enquired where they were from, the reply was “Deira”, an area in England. Pope Gregory either misheard or enjoyed a good pun because he replied “then they must be rescued from *Dei ira*” which in Latin means “*the anger of God*”.

Pope Gregory entrusted the monk Augustine and 40 of his companions to evangelise the people of Deira and the island they lived on. They set off from Rome in 596. Their first attempt to travel to England ended in Augustine and his companions taking fright and returning to Rome, having only got as far as France. Since the Romans had left Northern Europe 200 years before, the area had become overrun with brigands, robbers and barbarians and was a dangerous place to be. However, Gregory persuaded the group to return and to persevere with their journey and in 597 they landed in Kent.

To their surprise, the pagan king of Kent, King Aethelberht, welcomed them, listened to what they had to say and gave permission for them to enter his capital city, Canterbury to talk to his people about Jesus. This was not what they had expected at all! The reasons for this became clear when they discovered that the king’s wife, Queen Bertha was already a Christian, having converted before she married her husband. The king allowed her to practise her faith and she had a small Christian church in Canterbury. This became Augustine’s base for his mission.

Within a year of Augustine arriving in England, King Aethelberht converted to Christianity and he allowed the missionaries to preach freely, giving them land to found a monastery outside the city walls. On this site, Augustine went on to build the magnificent Canterbury Cathedral. Augustine was consecrated as a bishop and converted many of the king’s subjects, including thousands during Mass on Christmas Day in 597. Pope Gregory sent more missionaries in 601, among them were the saints Mellitus, Justus, and Paulinus, along with encouraging letters and gifts for the churches. They also brought with them the Pallium, a liturgical vestment worn over the chasuble by the pope, archbishops, and some bishops in the church. It is bestowed by the pope on archbishops and bishops having metropolitan jurisdiction as a symbol of their participation in papal authority. This was given to Augustine, signifying that he was now an archbishop associated with the Holy See. Before his death, Augustine consecrated Laurence of Canterbury as his successor, he is also revered as a saint.

Most of our knowledge of Augustine and the spreading of Christianity in England comes from the monk, St Bede. He lived from 673-735 and is well known as an author, teacher and scholar. His most famous work, Ecclesiastical History of the English People, documents the story of the English Church from the time of the Romans to his lifetime, and gained him the title "The Father of English History". It is through the writings of St Bede that we know the story about Pope Gregory and the young slave boys in the marketplace, the origin of the Gregorian Mission. St Bede’s feast day is also celebrated this week, 25th May.



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