

# ST COLUMBKILLES CHURCH

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## SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</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

### Funeral Masses this week:-

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1pm—Rosaleen Paterson R.I.P.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 10am—Kevin Mullen, 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](mailto:deaconmcmillan@rcdom.org.uk) or 07912759037

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### Please pray for the following:-

**Sick:-** Sandra Selenas, Daniel McGuigan, 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,

**Recently deceased:-** Andy Gilroy, Terence White, Fr Jack Thora, Pauline Lafferty, May Lafferty, Isobella Kerr, Janet Dowds, Phillip Gallagher, Maureen Healy, Ian Hickey, Joan Dudley, John Ferry

**Anniversaries:-** John Stevenson, John Black, Rosemary McCallion, Jack Lynn, Joe Beattie, Thomas, Ann, Thomas Jr and Kathleen Keenan, Joe McKay, Felix, Catherine and Joe McCabe, Peggy and Patrick O'Neill, Charlie McFadden, Maureen Britton, Mrs Shiels.

**Birthday:-** Jean Elder

**Baptisms:-** We welcome Ruben Findlay and Élise Maria Bouchier to our community.

**Wedding:-** Congratulations to Kevin and Laura Connelly on their recent wedding. We wish

### PLEASE NOTE:-

FROM 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE YOU WILL NO LONGER HAVE TO BOOK FOR SUNDAY MASS, ALL MASSES WILL BE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.

**Last week's collection ~ £1452**  
**Thank you for your generosity**

### SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS

There will be an entry collection for sick and retired priests this weekend.

### **NOVENA TO ST COLUMBKILLE—PRAYER BOOKS ON SALE NOW!**

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 which are now available to buy from the back of the church, priced £4. We will begin praying the Novena as a parish on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June finishing on St Columbkille's Feast Day (9<sup>th</sup> June). We hope to make the Novena a yearly tradition.

### **40 HOURS ADORATION—GUARDIANS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT REQUIRED**

Running in parallel with our Novena to St Columbkille we will have 40 Hours Adoration, beginning on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June 5pm-8pm, then Monday-Wednesday 7am-8pm. There will be a Holy Hour each day at 7pm. We are now looking for people to sign up to be guardians of the Blessed Sacrament. Sign up sheets are at the back of the church and we would urge you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to spend time with Our Blessed Lord. We are reminded of Jesus' words to His disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane *'Had you not the strength to keep awake one hour. You should be awake and praying not to be put to the test.'* Mark 14:37-38. The 40 hours has been divided into 30 minute intervals, ideally we will need 2 guardians for each 30min slot.

### **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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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.

### **MASS OFFERINGS FOR THE SICK**

Names on the sick list will be removed after 4 weeks, unless we are informed otherwise. This is due to space constraints in the bulletin. In order for us to comply with GDPR, permission **must** be given by the sick person for their name to appear in the bulletin.

### **CONFIRMATION AND HOLY COMMUNION**

Our young people from Primary 7 and Primary 4 in St Columbkille's Primary will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation (4<sup>th</sup> June) and Communion (5<sup>th</sup> June) this week. Please remember the children and their families in your prayers. There are cards and gifts for these special occasions at the back of the church. Please place any monies in the box marked 'STALL'.

### **BULLETIN ITEMS**

Deadline for items to be included in the weekend's bulletin is Thursday.

### **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.

### **WHITE FATHERS, RUTHERGLEN**

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)

### **HALL CAFÉ**

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

### **ST COLUMBKILLE'S SCHOLA**

There will be an Online Session of St Columbkille's Schola on Saturday 5 June, 12noon-1.00pm. For access details, contact Alan Tavener (Schola Master) alan.cappella-nova@strath.ac.uk. The session will open from 11.45am.

## **40 HOURS DEVOTION**

40 Hours Devotion is an ancient Catholic exercise of devotion consisting of a period of 40 hours continuous prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition. As Catholics we believe in the real presence of Jesus Christ, that *'by the consecration, the transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ is brought about. Under the consecrated species of bread and wine Christ himself, living and glorious, is present in a true, real and substantial manner.'* *'Because Christ himself is present in the sacrament of the altar, he is to be honoured with the worship of adoration'* (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1413 and 1418). Pope Paul VI in his *Mysterium Fidei* Encyclical tells us that *'to visit the Blessed Sacrament is...a proof of gratitude, an expression of love and a duty of adoration towards Christ Our Lord.'*



40 Hours Devotion begins with a Solemn Mass of Exposition, which concludes with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a procession. The Blessed Sacrament remains on the altar in a monstrance. The Blessed Sacrament is reposed in the tabernacle for the daily Mass, and then returned for exposition after Mass. At the end of the devotions, the Mass of Reposition is offered, again concluding with a procession, benediction and final reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. While the forty-hour period should be continuous, some Churches break-up the time, reposing the Blessed Sacrament at night because of security reasons.

40 is a number which has great significance in both the Old and New Testament and signifies a sacred length of time, usually involving a period of testing or trials. During Noah's time, it rained for 40 days and 40 nights, the Jews wandered in the desert for 40 years after their exodus from Egypt, Moses spent 40 days on Mount Sinai with the Lord whilst receiving the Ten Commandments and Elijah fasted for 40 days and nights on Mount Horeb. Jesus spent 40 days and nights in the desert, fasting, praying and being tempted by the devil. 40 hours is traditionally the time Jesus spent in the grave, from the time of His death till the Resurrection. Additionally, Jesus prophesied before he died that the temple would be destroyed; 40 years after his prophesy, the temple was destroyed by the Romans.

Outside of Mass, praying before the Blessed Sacrament is one of the most spiritually rewarding and beautiful ways to adore our Blessed Lord. St Alphonsus Liguori said *"Know also that you will probably gain more by praying fifteen minutes before the Blessed Sacrament than by all the other spiritual exercises of the day."* Pope St Pius X held that perpetual adoration was a devotion which surpassed all others. In our world today, which can be so busy and noisy, with so many distractions and demands on our time, it is increasingly important to take some time out to just sit in the presence of Our Lord. St John Vianney tells this beautiful story:

*We need not speak so much to pray well. We know the good God is in the holy tabernacle. We open our hearts to Him and delight in His Holy Presence; that is the best prayer...there was a man who never passed the church without entering it. In the morning, when he went to work and in the evening when he returned....and remained a long time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament....I asked him once what he said to our Lord during the long visits he paid him..."Oh I don't say anything to him, I look at Him and He looks at me" How beautiful that is!*

St John Paul II particularly encouraged us all *'to continue and redouble our efforts to teach the younger generations the meaning and value of Eucharistic adoration and devotion. How will young people be able to know the Lord if they are not introduced to the mystery of His Presence?'*

We ask our Lord to bless our parish as we embark on our 40 Hours Devotion, that during this time we will nurture our love for Him in the Blessed Sacrament and that He will pour forth His abundant graces on us and on the world.

## 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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