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## CLERGY

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

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## **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

## **SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Wednesday - 7pm (Vigil)

Thursday - 7am, 10am, 1pm and 7pm

**\*\*\*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:

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### Booking Mass

[st-columbkilles-sunday-mass.eventbrite.co.uk](http://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:-** 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:-** Michael Mournian, Jeanie Docherty, Eddie Prior, Theresa Cairns, Maureen Maloney, Margaret McCusker, Tiegan Duffin, Steven Beaulieu

**Anniversaries:-** Bernadette Bremner, James Close, Mary (Molly) Donatello, Mamie Morrison, Greta Fisher, Alex Cowan, John Docherty, Andy O'Neil, Marie Allan, Hugh F. Quigley, Tony Ward

**Month's Mind:-** Margaret Malone, Frank McLeod, Joanne McCue

**Birthdays Remembrance:-** James McCluskey

**Baptisms:-** We welcome George and Arthur Lalande, Maya McBeth and James Campbell to our community.

**Last week's collection - £1873**

**Thank you for your generosity**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION DURING MAY FOR  
RETIRED PRIESTS**

### HALL CAFÉ

The café will be open Tuesday and Thursday after 10am Mass this week, as well as at the weekend.

## NEW PROCEDURES FOR ATTENDING MASS AND RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

**Track and Trace:-** Please note that at Sunday Masses we do **NOT** require contact details to be completed on slips of paper or via the QR code; these details have already been collected from you when you booked for Mass.

**Booking for children:-** Please note a place at Mass **MUST** be booked for children aged 5 or over.

**Distribution of Holy Communion:-** Beginning Saturday 8th May at the 4pm Vigil Mass, the arrangements for the distribution of Holy Communion will change. Communion will now take place at its traditional time during Mass. However, it will be distributed to you in your seat, with the Priest and a Eucharistic Minister moving through the pews. If you wish to receive Communion, you should **KNEEL**. If you can't kneel and wish to receive Communion please **STAND**. If, for whatever reason, you are unable to receive Communion, please put your arm across your chest. The priest will enter the row in front of you and move along the row, distributing Holy Communion. Having received the Body of Christ in your hand, you should kneel and say your own prayers of thanksgiving. The priest will return to the sanctuary for the post-Communion prayer, final blessing and dismissal. At the end of Mass the stewards will invite you to exit the church, starting from the rows at the **REAR** of the church. Please be patient and follow the directions to leave the church safely.

## PAVE THE WAY—KILT WALK 2021

We are absolutely thrilled, delighted and completely overwhelmed with the amount we have all raised from the Kiltwalk, our grand total is just over **£31,500!!!!!!** We cannot thank everyone enough for how enthusiastically you all got involved and supported our 'Pave the Way' project; the amount we have raised has far exceeded our expectations. Special thanks go to Paul McLaughlin for all his hard work co-ordinating our Kiltwalk, to Arnold Clark who doubled our cash donations and of course to the Hunter Foundation who topped up our online donations.

## READER'S ROTA FOR SUNDAY MASSES

We are hoping to start the reader's rota in the next few weeks. Could all readers who were previously on the rota please get in touch with Clare Griffiths (claregriffiths23@hotmail.com or 07917 332 335) to confirm they are happy to continue their ministry and their preference for Sunday Mass. Thank you to all those who have been in touch already, we are delighted you are happy to continue with this important ministry. New readers would be most welcome, the more the merrier!

## LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics who, under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, serve the Church and their neighbours on a voluntary basis. We are extremely lucky to have a group within our own parish who visit the sick and housebound, work with the children in our primary school and pray for all in our community. If you would like to find out more about the important work they do please get in touch with the Church Office. New members most welcome.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR HENNESSY

On behalf of the clergy and the parish we wish Fr Hennessy a very Happy Birthday today (9th May), hope you have a lovely day! God bless you.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL REQUEST

Thank you to the parishioner who donated the 2 ring cooker we requested last week. We are now looking for a microwave, small table and chairs, an ironing board and a carpet fitter! If you can help please contact James Maguire on 07973823546.

## HOLY SOLES WALKING GROUP

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

## YOUNG ADULT GROUP TALKS

This week's talk is from our very own Fr Bernard Mournian:-**The Theological Virtues: Faith, Hope and Charity**'. Talks start at 7pm, no booking required.

## BAPTISMS

Baptisms for those children who are preparing to receive the sacraments of Communion or Confirmation in June will take place on Thursday 20th May at 5pm.

## STALL - CARDS AND GIFTS

There is a selection of cards and gifts at the back of the church for various occasions.



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 JOHN OF AVILA (1499-1569) – Feast day 10th May**

**Patron Saint: Andalusia, Spain, Spanish secular clergy**



St John of Avila was born to a wealthy, pious couple in the Castile region of Spain. He was sent to Salamanca when he was 14 to begin a law degree but left without finishing his degree after having a profound conversion. He returned home and lived a life of austerity and prayer for 3 years, until he was persuaded to return to his studies by a Franciscan friar, who was impressed with this holy young man. John studied theology and philosophy at the University of Alcalá. While he was still a student, his parents both died and John was left as the sole heir of a considerable fortune. He finished his studies and in 1526 was ordained a priest whereupon he sold his family home and the possessions he had inherited and gave the money to the poor.

John felt drawn to missionary work and was eager to depart for foreign lands where he could spread the Good News. While he was in Seville, awaiting departure to the Americas his preaching and catechesis skills and his unusual devotion to celebrating Mass were noted by a local priest, who mentioned him to the Archbishop of Seville. It had only been a few years since Martin Luther had broken away from the Church and Protestantism was on the rise. The Archbishop recognised that John's pastoral zeal and spirituality were much needed in his home country to halt the spread of Protestantism and after much persuasion John agreed to stay in Spain. His preaching and catechesis of adults and children across Andalusia was so successful and well received that he was known as the '*Apostle of Andalusia*.' He is widely regarded as being the greatest preacher of his time.

The leaders of the Church at the time, seemed more concerned with building churches and administration than saving the souls of the faithful, which concerned John greatly. He strongly believed that the Church should be leading by example, starting with the Pope. John preached holiness in the Church from the top down and denounced wealth and vices in the aristocracy. Whilst he gained many followers, John also made enemies of those who felt their way of lives was being attacked and as a result of this he was investigated by the Inquisition in Seville in 1531, charged with exaggerating the dangers of wealth and with closing the gates of heaven to the rich. The charges were refuted and he was declared innocent and released in 1533.

Another passion of John's was the education and instruction of boys and young men, especially those studying for the priesthood. He founded several minor and major colleges, which after the Council of Trent would become seminaries, along the lines laid down by that Council. He also founded the University of Baeza, which was known for centuries for its work of training clerics and laity.

To understand how influential and inspiring John was we only have to look at the number of saints who knew him, were influenced by him and who came to him for advice and counselling. St Ignatius of Loyola, one of the founders of the Jesuits held him in high regard and tried to persuade him to join the Jesuits. Unfortunately, John died before this could happen, but many of his disciples and followers went on to become Jesuits and he is attributed with the growth of the Jesuits in Spain. St John of God and St Francis Borgia both converted after hearing him preach and St Theresa of Avila sent him her manuscript and sought his advice for her 'Autobiography'. In recognition of his teachings, writings Pope Benedict XVI named him a Doctor of the Church in 2012.

St John summed up the Christian spiritual life as *"a participation in the life of the Blessed Trinity, which begins with faith in the God who is Love, is grounded in God's goodness and mercy as expressed in the merits of Christ, and is wholly guided by the Spirit."* What a beautiful quote! We ask St John of Avila, to bless all of us in our own participation of the Christian spiritual life, however we may be called to live that life. In particular we ask for his prayers for the clergy of our parish and for those preparing for the priesthood.



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