

# ST COLUMBKILLES CHURCH

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## CLERGY

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## 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19<sup>TH</sup>/20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021

### HOLY MASS

Mon – Fri, 10am and 1pm

Saturday, 10am; 4pm (Vigil); 5.30pm (Vigil)

Sunday, 9am; 10.30am\*; 12 noon\* & 4pm\*

Services marked in red will be live-streamed

### FUNERAL MASSES THIS WEEK

Tuesday 22nd June, 1pm - Catherine Beagan R.I.P.

Wednesday 23rd June, 1pm - Sidney (Lily) Barrett R.I.P.

**\*\*MOURNERS ONLY – NO PUBLIC MASS AT THIS TIME\*\***

**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.

**THERE IS NO NEED TO BOOK FOR SUNDAY MASS.  
TRACK AND TRACE DETAILS MUST STILL BE GIVEN,  
EITHER BY QR CODE OR FILLING OUT SLIP OF PAPER.**

**N.B. If you could come to Mass with your details already  
filled out that would be much appreciated and would  
save on our paper usage!**

### 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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### Please pray for the following:-

**Sick:-** Brian McGurk, William Freeman (Tully), Donald Sutherland, Helen Cameron, Sandra Selenas, Daniel McGuigan, Elena Capani, May Grier, Sarah Lynch, Dermot Corcoran, Helen Ward, Brian Malone, Alexander Brown, Sarah Lynch, Mary (Molly) Margaret and Robert Gray, Frank Ward, John Cameron, Alan Cameron, Steven Murphy.

**Recently deceased:-** Sidney Mary (Lily) Barrett, Alice Carlin, Gerry Miller, Mrs Jean Maguinness, Daniel Cassidy, William Crawford, Stephen Sweeney, Rita Martin, Mr Connolly, Paul Carter, Maria Wilson, Michael Travers, Ellen Hamilton (Traynor).

**Anniversaries:-** Baby Matthew McKenna, Fr Gerry Stones, Alistar Corr, Margaret Kelly, Joseph Connolly, Eugene Rooney, John and Catherine Gray, Frances Lena Clark, Gordon Morrow, Sarah Cassidy.

**Baptisms:-** We welcome Roman James McGowan to our community.

**Golden Wedding:-** Congratulations to Daniel and Grace McCann, wishing them every blessing.

**Last week's collection - £1685  
Thank you for your generosity**

### SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR JUNE

At the request of the Bishop, June's special collection is for Communications which helps to fund the Scottish Catholic Media Office. There is a box at the back of the church for donations. Thank you for your support.

### **FR STEPHEN REILLY—MOVING ON**

It is with a heavy heart that we have to announce that Fr Reilly will be leaving us at the end of June to take up residence in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral in Motherwell. Fr Reilly has been our priest in residence at St Columbkille's for 5 years and he will be sorely missed. He has always gone above and beyond for our parish community, despite being under no obligation to do so. We thank him for all he has done for us over the years and we wish him well in his new home. We are hopeful that we will be able to have a fitting send off for him in July, we will keep you posted!

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

Our foodbank supplies have been well and truly stocked up this week thanks to the pupils of St Columbkille's Primary and Trinity High Schools. To celebrate Scotland reaching their first major tournament in 22 years the pupils were allowed to forego their uniforms on Monday in exchange for a donation to our foodbank. While Scotland were the losers on the day, our foodbank was definitely a winner! The pupils always step up to the plate when we reach out for donations and this time was no exception, we have been blown away by their generosity. Thank you to all the families who donated.

### **ST COLUMBKILLE'S HISTORY GROUP**

Our history group would like to compile a roll of honour of parishioners who died as a result of the two world wars. Please get in touch, through the Church Office, if a relative or someone you knew, who was a parishioner of St Columbkille's, was killed in the First or Second World Wars. The History Group will research them and add their names to the roll of honour.

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

There will be a meeting for all Eucharistic Ministers after 10am Mass on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. We will hear from Deacon Bill, there will Eucharistic Adoration and a commissioning ceremony for all our Eucharistic Ministers. The meeting should only last about an hour. Refreshments will be available afterwards in the hall.

### **THANK YOU**

We are extremely grateful to the parishioner who donated the materials and his time to rebuild the wall between the church and the lane. What a fabulous job he has done! May God reward you for your goodness.

### **HOLY SOLES**

Our Holy Soles Walking Group will meet on Monday after the 10am Mass for a walk in the local area. Open to all, you will be made most welcome.

### **SCHOLA GROUP**

The group's next online meeting will be Saturday 26th June 11-12. Please contact Alan Taverner (alan.cappella-nova@strath.ac.uk) for details of how to join .

### **FUNERAL AND WEDDING LITURGIES**

We have recently prepared documents to assist in the planning of a wedding or funeral. Should you require one please get in touch with the Church Office.

### **DAY BY DAY BOOKS**

Day by Day books for July are now available at the back of the church , priced £1.50 each

### **HALL CAFÉ**

It is so nice to see our Hall Café open and people socialising again after being unable to do so for so long. We have a lovely selection of hot rolls, home baking and hot drinks on offer. You must come and try our coffee from our new coffee machine; it's already proving to be a hit! Thank you to the hall staff who make it all possible.

A reminder of the opening hours:-

Tuesday and Thursday - after 10am Mass

Saturday - after 10am Mass

Sunday - after all morning Masses

**If there is a funeral at 10am, the café will open after the morning Rosary.**

### **BUILDING FUND UPDATE**

We have £37,005 in our building fund account, at present. This is a result of the Kiltwalk, bulletin advertising revenue and donations. Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed.

## THE VEIL OF THE TABERNACLE – SYMBOLISM AND MEANING

In a Catholic Church, the Tabernacle occupies the place of greatest honour (CCC 183). This is because it contains the Blessed Sacrament - Jesus Christ Himself, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, under the appearance of bread. God dwells in the midst of His people now, as He did all those years ago when He told Moses *'Build me a sanctuary so that I may dwell among them'* (Exodus 25:8). On the top of Mount Sinai, in the presence of God, Moses was given a very specific set of instructions of how to make this dwelling place for the Lord.

The first tabernacle was a tent-like structure which had within it, a courtyard, an inner Holy Place and within that the Holy of Holies. The Holy of Holies was where the Ark of the Covenant was placed, separated from the Holy Place by a veil. The purpose of the veil was to enforce the separation of Yahweh (who sat on the Throne of Mercy above the Ark of the Covenant) from His sinful people. The veil was a barrier to make sure that man could not carelessly and irreverently enter into God's awesome presence. Only the High Priest was allowed to enter on one day of the year, the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) and even then, only after he had meticulously prepared himself. Anyone else who entered the Holy of Holies would die. This separation of God from His people came about as a result of the fall of Adam and Eve; we were no longer worthy to be in His presence.



The veil was one of the most ornate objects in the tabernacle, woven from fine linen and blue, purple, and scarlet yarn. Skilled craftsmen embroidered figures on it of cherubim, angelic beings who protect the throne of God. Golden statues of two winged cherubim also knelt on the cover of the ark. Four pillars of acacia wood, overlaid with gold and with silver bases, supported the veil. It hung by gold hooks and clasps. It was a huge piece of material that was at least 30 feet high and reportedly the width of a hand, in order to completely hide the Holy of Holies.

In Matthew's account of Jesus' Passion, at the moment of Jesus' death, he writes that *'the veil of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom'* (Matthew 27:51). This is profoundly significant; it would be impossible for a human being to do this to the veil, no one but God could have done this, given its size and thickness. Matthew highlights the direction in which it is torn; from top to bottom, from heaven to earth. He also tells us that the veil was torn in two, it has been irretrievably damaged. The barrier between God and His people has been destroyed and cannot be replaced. As shocking as that would have been at the time, it is wonderful news for us! We are once again able to be in the presence of God, to approach Him directly as a result of the death of Jesus. His death, His blood, the ultimate sacrifice, has established the new covenant with which we are reunited with God.

## THE VEIL OF THE TABERNACLE – SYMBOLISM AND MEANING



Our own tabernacle has recently been cleaned and restored and we have installed our own veil, representing the torn veil in the temple. The beautiful exterior of our tabernacle has two cherubim, one either side of the door, echoing the design of the original Ark of the Covenant. An interesting feature on our tabernacle is the image of the marble pelican above the brass doors. If, like me, you are wondering why a pelican feeding its young is on the tabernacle, let me enlighten you! It is rooted in an ancient legend that in times of famine, the mother pelican would wound herself with her beak and feed her young with her own blood, ultimately resulting in her own death. You don't have to look too hard to see how early Christians used this legend to symbolise the self-sacrificing love of Jesus, who gave His life for our own redemption. Jesus continues to feed us with His Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist. This image of the pelican feeding its young has made its way into our liturgical tradition and artwork and can often be found on altar fronts and tabernacles.

I had never heard of the legend of the pelican or its place in our liturgical history. As I am discovering, there is always something to learn about our Catholic faith! It is so beautiful, rich in history, tradition and symbolism. *Deo Gratias!*

### References

The Origins of the Tabernacle

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