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Rev. Bill McMillan (Deacon)



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

31ST JULY/1ST AUGUST 2021

HOLY MASS

Mon – Fri, **10am**

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

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

Services marked in **red** will be live-streamed

FUNERAL MASSES THIS WEEK

Tuesday 3rd August, 10 am - Charles McDougall R.I.P.

Tuesday 3rd August, 2pm - Maureen Corrigan R.I.P.

Wednesday 4th August, 1pm - Sarah Connolly R.I.P.

Friday 6th August, 10 am - Catherine Jackson R.I.P.

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.

HALL CAFÉ:- Open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and
Sundays after Mass during August

*****THIS MONTHS SPECIAL COLLECTION IS FOR THE
BUILDING FUND. PLEASE PLACE ANY DONATIONS IN
THE BOX AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH*****

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 or at the end of the pews in church. Completed forms can be put in any of the boxes at the back of the church.*****

Please pray for the following:-

Sick:- Andrew Cochran, Jim Grier, Mary Donaghy, Isabella Fleming, Angie Gibb, Brian Mc Gurk, William Freeman (Tully), Donald Sutherland, Helen Cameron, Sandra Selenas, Daniel McGuigan, Elena Capani, May Grier, Dermot Corcoran, Helen Ward, Brian Malone, Alexander Brown, Mary (Molly) Margaret and Robert Gray, Frank Ward, John Cameron, Alan Cameron, Steven Murphy.

Recently deceased:- Michelle Kilcoyne, Danny Cassidy, Sam Morgan, Debbie Fisher, Sadie Ewing, Mary Rafferty, Linda Thomson, Lily Barrett, Mr Gallagher, Patrick Joseph McFadden, Isabella Flannery, Janette Hyland, Patrick Whoriskey, Maureen Corrigan, Elizabeth Gricius, Betty White, Agnes Mullen, Sarah Lynch, Jessie Shannon, Jim Riley, William McGlynn

Anniversaries:- Eileen McGeehan, Frank McLaren, Robert Brown, James Queen, Mary Harkin Millar, James Healy, Frances Robertson, Mary Kirk

Months Mind:- Mark Cowan and Patrick McElhinney

Special Remembrance:- Cathie Connolly

Baptisms:- We welcome Ciaran and Cillian Callaghan to our community.

Wedding:- Congratulations to William and Theresa Smith, we wish them well in their new life together.

Sanctuary flowers, in recognition of:- Margaret McGowan, Margaret McLaughlin, Janette Hyland, Mary Feeley

**Last week's collection ~ £1435
Thank you for your generosity**

ST JOHN MARIE VIANNEY - SOLEMN FEAST DAY MASS

Mass will be offered for all the priests who have served our parish, past and present, on **Wednesday 4th August, 10am**, the feast day of St John Marie Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests. There will be the opportunity to venerate a first class relic of St John Marie Vianney and one of our newly ordained priests will concelebrate Mass and give his first blessing. We will also read out the names of the parish priests who have faithfully served our parish over the years.

Please remember all our priests and clergy, in particular those of our own parish, in your prayers. The Hall Café will be open after Mass for complimentary teas and coffees.

WELFARE CLINIC IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU (CAB)

As you are aware we are establishing a Welfare clinic on the first Saturday of each month. Fr Mournian had a successful meeting with Sharon Hampson, the manager of the Rutherglen CAB and we are delighted that they have agreed to work in partnership with us.

Message from the Citizens Advice Bureau:-

‘We would like to advise people that your local CAB is here with an Outreach Facility within St Columbkilles, ready to give you free, independent expert advice and support on any financial problems you are facing. We can help by putting on hold creditor demands for payment, negotiating better re-payment schedules, advise on various options for paying bills, dealing with arrears and tackling debt. This is what we do every day. We talk to the energy companies, the Council, credit card providers, landlords and all sorts of other agencies, to help relieve people of their money and debt problems. We can also do an income maximisation check to make sure you are getting all the income available to you plus ways to reducing costs. We are here to help.

So, whatever your financial worries now or in the future, and whether it is bills, arrears or debt you are struggling to pay, make sure you get in touch with us so we can work together on finding solutions. Call us on 0141-646-3191, or drop in to our local hub within the Church Hall.’

BON VOYAGE

Fr Mournian will be leaving us on Friday (no tears, please!) for a well-earned 2 week holiday. We wish him a safe journey, an enjoyable, relaxing time and that he comes back to us rested and ready to continue shepherding us all!!!

3-DAY NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

(with grateful thanks for prayers answered)

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendour of Heaven.

Oh, Blessed Mother of the Son of God; Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity.

Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me you are my Mother.

Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity.

(Mention your request here) There are none that can withstand your power.

Oh, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. *(say three times).*

Holy Mary, I place this prayer in your hands. *(say three times).* Amen.

RESPIRE CARER REQUIRED

The family of a very dear parishioner, who has served our community faithfully for many years, have been in touch asking for our help. Their father is suffering from Alzheimers and they are looking for someone who would be willing to spend a few hours on a Saturday afternoon with him (you would be paid) to provide the family with some respite from their caring duties. For more information please contact the Office.

SCHOLA GROUP

Our Schola group are meeting again at 3pm in the Church on Sundays for a rehearsal before the 4pm Mass. They are looking for new members, who will be made most welcome!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

SVDP are looking for a TV, if anyone can help please get in touch with James Maguire on 07973 823 546.

DAY BY DAY

Day by Day books for August are available at the back of the church, priced £1.50

LETTER TO THE FAITHFUL FROM BISHOP TOAL

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wish you all well, and hope you are enjoying the Scottish summer.

As we follow Liturgical Year B this summer, we listen to Chapter 6 of St John's Gospel at Mass through successive Sundays. Last Sunday we heard the Gospel of the Miracle of the Loaves and the Fish, when Jesus fed the multitude gathered around him with the five barley loaves and two fish – *“Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted”*. Hearing of the Lord's abundant blessing on the hungry people we are encouraged to place our faith in the Lord's generosity when he feeds us with his Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist. We also are hungry for the Lord's love and protection, and particularly for the sustenance he offers to us in Holy Communion. We come, therefore, to each Celebration of Mass in anticipation and thanksgiving for such a wonderful gift.

In the forthcoming Sundays we will hear Jesus' teaching about himself as the Bread of Life that has come down from heaven – *“I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world”*. Our firm faith in the miracle of the Eucharist, that the Lord's Body and Blood become truly present in the consecrated bread and wine, is strengthened and renewed by the Lord's own words and our participation in the holy mysteries of his passion, death and resurrection renewed for us in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. I invite you to listen attentively to the Lord's words and to renew your faith in the salvation made present for us in each Mass celebrated. At the end of his discourse in John 6, Jesus asked the apostles if they wished to go away as others were doing, and Simon Peter answered, *“Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; you are the Holy One of God”*. When present at Mass may this profession of faith be ours and may the Lord reassure us of its truth and of all the goodness he bestows upon us.

We continue to experience some effects from the coronavirus and, while we hope life can become more “normal” again, we are aware that some threats to our health and well-being remain and will require continuing caution and willingness to make decisions and accept sacrifices for the benefit of others as well as ourselves. We do hope though that more of the faithful will now feel able to return to our Catholic practice of attending Sunday Mass, recognising that we will continue to make every effort to ensure everybody's safety as more restrictions are lifted and larger congregations can gather in our churches. I would like to extend a special invitation to families to come to Sunday Mass, wishing especially to welcome parents and children, teenagers, and young adults, to revitalise the great Catholic tradition of attending Mass each week, thus acknowledging the gift of faith received from the Lord and sustained by his abiding presence in the Holy Eucharist. It may be true that the forced separation of recent months has lessened the desire of some to participate in the Church's worship, but there comes a time to take stock and hopefully to decide on a path of renewed interest and participation.

Hopefully this can be a time of new life and hope, not something forced upon us, but rather an invitation from the Lord to come and listen and be fed with the beautiful gift he gives us of himself in the Eucharist.

I take this opportunity also to encourage you to attend Mass in your own parishes on Sundays (including, of course, Saturday Vigil Masses). It is quite easy for people to choose to attend Mass in other parishes when churches are so close to one another but we do all live within the boundaries of a particular parish, which we therefore belong to. We are clearly going to face a period of readjustment of some sort in the post-pandemic period and I would think that the loyalty of the local Catholic community to their own parish church, and participation in its worship, sacramental and social life, will very much determine its viability and vitality. Every parish will need the commitment of the present and future generations as well remembering the great deeds of the past.

With grateful thanks to the Lord for the wonderful gift of the Eucharist, I thank you for your own prayers and for your support for the Church. May the Lord be close to each one of us and our families as we look to him in our present need and in our hope for the future.

Yours in Christ,

With my prayers and best wishes,

+ Joseph Toal

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