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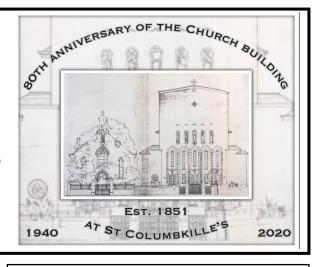
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CLERGY

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

Rev. Michael Ross (Deacon)



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A) 25TH/26TH MARCH 2023

HOLY MASS

Mon - Fri: 7am (Mon), 10am, (Rosary, 10.30am),1pm

Saturday:~ 10am, 4pm (Vigil)

Sunday: - 9am; 10.30am (Children's Liturgy);

12 noon, 4pm

N.B. SATURDAY 1ST APRIL, 1PM~4PM SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION WITH ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FUNERAL MASSES THIS WEEK

Friday 31st March, 10am - Josephine (Joyce) Meikle R.I.P.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Monday, 7pm DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR: Friday, 3pm CONFESSIONS: Mon-Sat 9.30-9.55am, Sat 3.30pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Mon-Sat, 9.30-9.55am BAPTISMS: To arrange a baptism please contact the Church Office.

Baptismal Preparation Course:~

Wednesday 29th March, 7.00pm

HALL CAFÉ: Open Tues, Thur, Sat and Sun 9am-12noon, open till 2pm on Sunday

WELFARE CLINIC: Saturday 1st April, 10.30~12.30

F. Open Tues Thur Sat and Sun

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ST PATRICK'S WEEKEND RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

Mary Roary - Celtic strip, Michael McCormick - Whisky, Peter Grant - shopping vouchers, Ann Wilson - Gin

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Please support your parish through the weekly collection. Contributions can be made in the form of a standing order or online donation through our website, using these bank details.

Sort Code: 83-26-24 Account No: 00255006

***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!

Please pray for the following:~

Sick: Mary Kelly, John McQueeny, Jane McNally, Andrew Cochran, Mark Gallagher, Kathleen McCabe, June Healy, Frank Gallagher, Margaret McBeth, Patrick Roarty, Janet Johnstone, Baby Jude Wilson, Sienna Coleman, Jean McLaughlin, Patrick Roarty, Marie Rodgers Recently deceased: Hugh Paterson, Sammy Henderson, Matt McAllister, Mary Wilson, Steven Samson, Ellenor Gardiner, Jack Fishman, John Gilfeather, Ian McCann, Isobel Vernal, Pam McMahon, Lenny Joblin, Lena Tortolani, Noel Trainer, George Cosker, Josephine (Joyce) Meikle, Marie Devlin, Angela Brown

Anniversaries:- Robert Murray, Maureen Friel, Margaret Murray, Nuala Mulholland, Mary Roddan, Benadette Renehan, Mary Donaghy, Margaret Donaghu, Sam and Theresa McKay, Archie Tierney, Christine McInally, Robert McCarthy

Birthday Blessings: - Nora Brennan

Wedding Anniversary - Bill and Cathie O'Brien Baptisms: - Leo Feeney, Niamh Anne O'Farrell, Eamonn Christiaan Dominic O'Farrell.

To sponsor the sanctuary flowers in preparation for Easter, please fill out a form, which can be found at the back of the church. Thank you

Weekly collection ~ £2036 SCIAF collection~£2324 Thank you for your generosity

We are updating our **Parish Records**. Please take time to complete the pro-formas on the pews and return to the box at the back of the church.

Gift Aid Envelopes for 2023-2024 are available at the back of the Church for current members of the Gift Aid Scheme.

Holy Thursday Morning Prayer will now be at 9.45am rather than 10am to allow our clergy to attend the Chrism Mass at Motherwell Cathedral.

VEILING OF THE STATUES

As you came into Church this weekend you will have noticed that all of our statues and the cross above the altar have been covered with purple cloth. Why do we do this? While it may appear counterintuitive to veil statues and images during the final weeks of Lent, the Catholic Church recommends this practice to heighten our senses and build within us a longing for Easter Sunday, it also heightens the sense of our desolation, our despair and sadness. These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and the veils are a forceful reminder of this. It also echoes John 12:36, when, after Jesus' triumphant entry to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, he foretells his death and subsequent glorification, after which we are told ~ 'Having said this, Jesus left them and kept himself hidden.'

PROFESSOR GERARD CARRUTHERS

Professor Gerard Carruthers will be joining us on Tuesday 28th March, 7pm to deliver a talk entitled 'The Church, The Irish and Scottish Cultural after 1878.' The talk will be in the hall, all welcome.

TENEMENT HOUSE

Our Holy Soles walking group are heading to the Tenement House in Glasgow on Monday after 10am Mass. The cost is £8.50 or £6 for a concession, the bus is free! There are only 16 places available on the bus, sign up sheet at the back of the church.

CONFIRMATIONS: Congratulations to the children from St Columbkille's and Fernhill Schools who received the sacrament of Confirmation this week.

ST PATRICK'S WEEKEND

Thank you to everyone who came along to our St Patrick's Night in the hall and to all who entered the raffle. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves! Through your generosity we have raised a further £1900 for the Building Fund. Congratulations to all the raffle winners who have all been contacted regarding their win, details on front page.

BEREAVEMENT BUDDIES: Thanks to everyone who came along to our recent open day and to Erin Bakes for the delicious lunch.

IRISH NIGHT: A date for your diary, Saturday 13th May, 7.30-9.30pm, with St Roch's 'Wee' Ceili Band and Irish Step Dancing from the Coyle School. Tickets will be available soon.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

The project to replace the ramp and stairs entrance to the Church and associated landscaping has been given the final approval by the Finance, and Fabric & Planning Committee of the Diocese.

We originally had a budget of £300,000 when we started planning the project 18 months ago, and as we have reached that figure now, we were on target to start the works in April 2023. However, the project costs have escalated due to the impact of inflation and the cost of living. The higher tender returns reflect the current economic market where there is approximately a 25-27% year on year increase on the building material and component index since 2021. We also have to take into account higher labour costs, material costs, energy costs, high interest rates and inflation. Whilst the tender returns are high, it more closely reflects the actual cost of the project and therefore prolonging it exposes the project to further inflationary costs. So the decision has been made to spilt the project into 2 phases, to help avoid further cost increases, and to cap the project costs at £400,000.

Phase 1 will begin in July. This will deliver the core elements of the project by replacing the ramp and stairs and incorporate updated disabled access. **Phase 2** will start in Autumn/Winter. As funds allow the remaining landscaping aspects of the project will be completed.

To get to this stage, the Parish has demonstrated an overwhelming commitment to raising the funds required. This work will continue over the coming months with a sponsored walk, social events, special collections and sponsoring a paver. We also have 4 grant applications in the pipeline.

The next stage will be to enter into negotiations with the preferred contractor, with a view to starting the works in July 2023.

If you have any suggestions or ideas for fundraising/potential grants then please speak to Father Bernard, or contact the Parish Office on 647 6034.

Sponsor a paver: Application packs are available from the stall. Certificates will be issued to all donors upon the return of your application form. Please collect your certificate from the stall.

Funeral Purveys available from St. Columbkilles Hall

Contact for more details

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