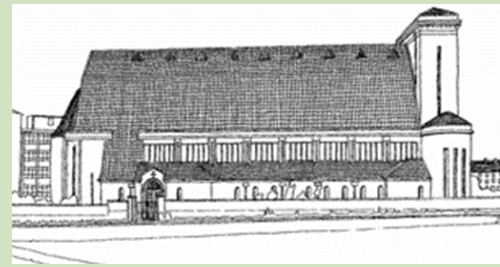


PRAYER FOR ST COLUMBA'S PARISH

Almighty Father, we wish to commit our parish of St Columba of Iona into Your merciful hands. We want to be a vibrant and flourishing parish formed after your heart, a family of missionary disciples of Jesus where love and service spread out from us to everybody. Touch the hearts of all of us and everybody within our parish to experience once again the power of the risen Christ so that our hearts can be filled with your love, joy, courage, strength and unity. We commit to you, in a special way, the sick, the housebound, the struggling, even the weary. May Mary our mother be always close to us her children in all our hour of need. We make all these prayers through the merits of Jesus Christ your son. Amen.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN



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12th SUNDAY YEAR A, 21/6/20

READINGS

First Reading—Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,
“Terror from every side!”
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
‘Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!’
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. THANKS BE TO GOD

2ND Reading—Romans 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man’s fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

GOSPEL—Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

‘So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.’

THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT HAS ALLOWED FOR THE OPENING OF PLACES OF WORSHIP AS FROM MONDAY THE 22ND OF JUNE—FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS ONLY. HOWEVER IN ST COLUMBA’S, WE CAN SAFELY OPEN ON THE 28TH OF JUNE. I HAVE OUTLINED SOME GUIDELINES. I AM SORRY THAT THEY MAY SEEM A BIT HARSH BUT IT IS FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE. WE WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE DISPENSATION FROM THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION STILL STANDS AND ALL THOSE WHO ARE NERVOUS, FEEL UNWELL OR HAVE HEALTH ISSUES ARE NOT EXPECTED TO VENTURE OUT.

GOODNEWS AND GUIDELINES

1. FUNERALS CAN BE ARRANGED UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS: MAXIMUM NUMBER PERMITTED TO ATTEND FUNERAL IS 20 AND A LIST OF ALL THOSE WHO WOULD ATTEND SHOULD BE HANDED OVER TO THE PRIEST SO THAT THE STEWARDS CAN MAKE SURE THAT ONLY THOSE ON THE LIST ARE ADMITTED INTO THE CHURCH.
2. ON SUNDAY THE 28TH OF JUNE, ST COLUMBA’S WILL BE OPEN FROM 11AM—1PM. ON OTHER DAYS OF THE WEEK, THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FROM 10AM—11AM. THE ADORATION CHAPEL WILL BE OPEN FROM 12 PM—3PM DAILY. THE MAXIMUM CAPACITY FOR THE ADORATION CHAPEL IS 1 PERSON EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF A HOUSEHOLD. TO USE THE CHAPEL, BOOK YOUR SLOT BY CONTACTING FR AMBROSE.
3. ALL THOSE COMING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER EITHER TO THE BIG CHURCH OR THE ADORATION CHAPEL MUST WEAR A FACE MASK FOR THE DURATION OF THEIR STAY, EXCEPT LITTLE CHILDREN 2 YEARS & UNDER.
4. PLEASE FOLLOW SIGNS IN THE CHURCH & SEAT ONLY WHERE THE STEWARD OR THE SIGN INDICATES. ALSO FOLLOW ENTRY & EXIT SIGNS.
5. MEMBERS OF THE SAME HOUSEHOLD CAN SIT TOGETHER ON A PEW.
6. FOR SAFEGUARDING PURPOSES, CHILDREN UNDER 16 MUST ALWAYS BE ACCOMPANIED BY ADULTS.
7. AS YOU ENTER THE CHURCH PLEASE USE HAND SANITISERS—FOLLOW SIGNS.
8. SOME AREAS OF THE CHURCH WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR USE DURING THIS PERIOD.
9. IF YOU NEED HOLY WATER, PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN WATER IN A BOTTLE AND ASK ANY AVAILABLE PRIEST TO BLESS IT FOR YOU.
10. MAKING OR ANSWERING A CALL IN THE CHURCH IS NOT ALLOWED.
11. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE EMAIL FR AMBROSE.
12. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION, PLEASE USE THE DONATION STAND AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE.
13. ‘CATCH IT, KILL IT, BIN IT’.
14. THANKS SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR PATIENCE AND CO-OPERATION. MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR LOVE FOR ST COLUMBA’S.