

1st August 2021

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction to the Mass

In the Northern Hemisphere we are quite close to harvest time. The food that arrives on our tables is the fruit of the earth and the work of men and women. Without this food life is not sustained. But we are sustained also by our faith in God. As we begin this Eucharist let us open our hearts in Christ, Word of God and Bread of Life.

First Reading - Exod 16:2-4, 12-15

In the desert life is extremely fragile. The Hebrew people are famished and without food. Their very survival is at stake. By providing them with food God shows his tender love for his people. However, it is a love that is not always acknowledged.

Second Reading – Eph 4:17.20-24

In baptism we have been clothed with Christ. It is as if we are called to wear Christ on our sleeve and to live by word and action the conversion of mind and heart that makes us a new people: disciples and friends of the Lord.

Gospel – Jn 6:1-15

In last Sunday's gospel Jesus fed the multitude. Today we hear Jesus explain the deeper meaning of this sign. The hunger our bodies experience can be satisfied, but only for a time. Jesus invites us to do the work of God which is to believe in him. This is the true bread of heaven and food for the heart and soul.



Parish Notices

COVID Changes from 19th July

From Monday 19th July all of Scotland will move to Level 0. Changes for Churches will be:

- 2m distance will be reduced to 1m
- Congregational singing can take place (albeit only from behind masks)
- Attendance at weddings & funeral will increase to 200 provided the church can maintain 1m social distancing.
- Signing In – name and contact number will continue

Feast of St. Peter Julian Eymard

There will be a Novena starting on 24th July and there are cards for Prayer Petitions, which will remain on the alter throughout the Novena.

Feast Day of St Peter Julian Eymard – Monday 2nd August.

St Joseph's Adoration Oratory

St Joseph's Adoration Oratory in the Chapel House is open for prayer each day between 8am and 8pm daily.

Parish Mobile Phone Number

The new Parish mobile number is – 07871643357

Video Streaming of the Masses

Masses are being streamed live to our YouTube channel.

You are able to watch by: -

- Going to our website at www.stcolumbarc.co.uk and then click on the "button".
- Go to the YouTube website and search for St Columba, Hopehill Rd, Glasgow
- Enter www.youtube.com/channel/UCL74MjIWsjgsqRJNbfqjyXg in your browser

We are having difficulty in sound and vision synchronisation. Please bear with us.

Gift Aid Scheme

This Scheme is specifically for those who pay tax. This allows us to claim an extra 25p in the £ which greatly helps towards the income for the Parish.

If you do pay tax, please consider signing up for the Gift Aid envelopes.

All that is required is your name and address and your signature. If you are already a member, can you please see Sr Eileen for your envelopes or a form to sign up.

If you have been a member and no longer pay tax, could you also see Sr Eileen for your name to be removed from the list. Again, I emphasise that this scheme is for tax payers only.

Readers

If you are already a Reader, could you please see Martina Dick to enable a more up to date listing so that a new rota for Masses can be compiled.

Ministers of Holy Communion

If you have already been commissioned, could you please see Fr Peter and Sr Eileen so that there is a record and list can be compiled.

Those who wish to be participate in either of these ministries please see Fr Peter.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

Sick: Dennis McLaughlin, Jim & Jane Brown.

RIP:

Anniversary: Frank Feeley, Thomas Mearns.

Birthday Remembrance: Bridget Keir.

Birthday Mass: Monica McGowan.

Novena Begins 24th July
St Peter Julian's Feast Day – 2nd August

A Prayer to

SAINT PETER JULIAN EYMARD

To ask for
His Heavenly Intercession

O St Peter Julian
By your great faith in
The Blessed Sacrament
Pray for me

You can now thank Jesus in Heaven
For the many Favours people obtained
By following your advice and having recourse
To the Blessed Sacrament

Pray to our Lord for me
And ask Him to grant me
The particular favour I should like to receive
(**mention your petition**)

Ask Him especially
To give me a greater faith
In the power of the Blessed Sacrament
And a greater reverence in His Presence

So that I may obtain
All that I need from Him
And after my death thank Him with you
In Heaven for all eternity

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