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First Reading—Isaiah 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord:
 Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
 though you have no money, come!
 Buy corn without money, and eat,
 and, at no cost, wine and milk.
 Why spend money on what is not bread,
 your wages on what fails to satisfy?
 Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat
 and rich food to enjoy.
 Pay attention, come to me;
 listen, and your soul will live.
 With you I will make an everlasting covenant
 out of the favours promised to David.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. THANKS BE TO GOD

2ND Reading—Romans 8:35.37-39

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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GOSPEL—Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining; twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. THANKS BE TO GOD

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.

NOTICE

PLEASE NOTICE CHANGES IN MASS TIMES.

SATURDAY EVENINGS	4:30PM
SUNDAY S	10AM, 12 NOON, 5PM
MONDAYS—FRIDAYS	10AM
SATURDAY MORNINGS	10AM

1. AS PER LEGISLATION, WE CAN TAKE NO MORE THAN 50 PEOPLE FOR MASSES AND NO MORE THAN 20 FOR FUNERALS.
2. WE ARE ADVISED TO RECORD ALL THE NAMES AND CONTACT DETAILS OF ATTENDEES TO BE PASSED ON TO THE NHS IN THE EVENT OF AN OUTBREAK IN THE PARISH. AS PER DATA PROTECTION, IT IS GOING TO BE USED ONLY FOR THE ABOVE PURPOSE.
3. THE CHURCH OPERATES A ONE-WAY SYSTEM FOR NOW, WITH ARROWS, SIGNS AND CORDONED OFFPLACES ESPECIALLY SEATS. PLEASE FOLLOW SIGNS AND DIRECTIONS BY VOLUNTEERS.
4. MASKS ARE TO BE WORN THROUGHOUT YOUR VISIT. WE HAVE SANITISERS AT THE ENTRANCE AND EXIT TO BE USED BY EACH PERSON.
5. IF YOU NEED TO USE VOTIVE CANDLES, THERE IS A VOLUNTEER ON STANDBY READY TO LIGHT ONE FOR YOU ON REQUEST, OR YOU COULD LIGHT IT FROM THE BIG CANDLE.
6. FOR NOW, NO PRIVATE PRAYERS ARE ALLOWED AFTER MASS SINCE CHURCH NEEDS TO BE SANITISED BY VOLUNTEERS BEFORE THE NEXT MASS.
7. 4 WEEKEND MASSES—4:30PM VIGIL, 10AM, 12 NOON AND 5PM. (EACH WITH A MAXIMUM OF 50 PERSONS EXPECTED). A VOLUNTEER WILL BE AT THE DOOR TO ADVISE ON THE NUMBER.
8. ADORATION CHAPEL OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS EVERYDAY 12 NOON—3PM, EXCEPT SUNDAYS. MAXIMUM ADMITTED—ONE PERSON EXCEPT FOR HOUSEHOLDS. YOU COULD ALSO RING FR AMBROSE AT 07549260379 TO MAKE ANOTHER ARRANGEMENT THAT SUITS YOU BETTER.
9. HOUSEHOLDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SIT TOGETHER DURING MASS OR PRAYER IN THE BIG CHURCH.