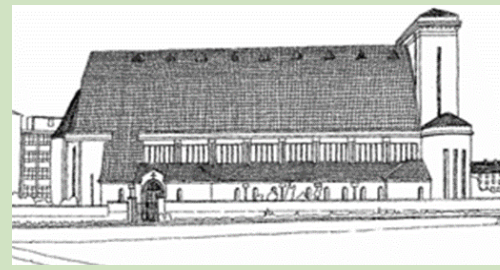


### **AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

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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## **21st Sunday of YEAR A, 23/08/20**

### **First Reading—Isaiah 22:19-23**

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:  
I dismiss you from your office,  
I remove you from your post,  
and the same day I call on my servant  
Eliakim son of Hilkiyah.  
I invest him with your robe,  
gird him with your sash,  
entrust him with your authority;  
and he shall be a father  
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and to the House of Judah.  
I place the key of the House of David  
on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close,  
should he close, no one shall open.  
I drive him like a peg into a firm place;  
he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

### **2ND Reading—Romans 11:33-36**

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge –  
and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods!  
Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his  
counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All  
that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for  
ever! Amen.

## GOSPEL—Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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 house-bound, 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 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.