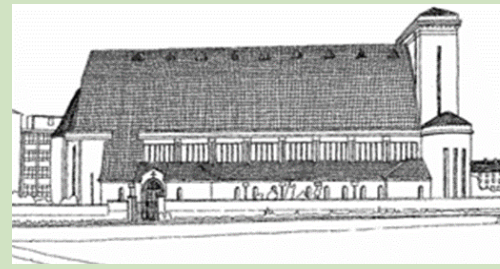




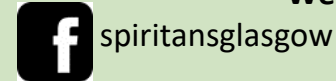
*Almighty Father, we wish to commit our parish of St Columba of Iona into Your merciful hands. We want to be a vibrant and flourishing parish formed after your heart, a family of missionary disciples of Jesus where love and service spread out from us to everybody. Touch the hearts of all of us and everybody 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.*



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## **26th Sunday of YEAR A, 27/09/20**

### **First Reading—Ezekiel 18:25-28**

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.’

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM—REMEMBER YOUR MERCIES O LORD**

### **2ND Reading—Philippians 2:1-11**

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,

yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **GOSPEL—Matthew 21:28-32**

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, ‘What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, “My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not go,” but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, “Certainly, sir,” but did not go. Which of the two did the father’s will?’ ‘The first’ they said. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.’

**THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. THANKS BE TO GOD**

UNDERNEATH EVERY SIN IS PRIDE. UNDERNEATH EVERY RIVALRY AND UNHEALTHY COMPETITION IS PRIDE BUT ALSO IT IS SO TREACHEROUS THAT EVEN FOR SOME ACTIONS BY SOME PEOPLE WHICH NORMALLY WOULD COUNT AS GOOD WORKS OR MERITORIOUS, PRIDE CREEPS IN SLOWLY AND SPOILS EVERYTHING. **CHECK YOUR-SELF.** THE PRIMORDIAL SIN OF LUCIFER WAS PRIDE. GOD RAISED JESUS TO THE HEIGHTS BECAUSE OF HIS HUMILITY. GOD GLORIFIED MARY BECAUSE OF HER HUMILITY. THE SAME WITH THE SAINTS. ST PAUL ADVISES US TO ALWAYS CONSIDER OTHERS TO BE BETTER THAN OURSELVES. WHAT ARE WE WITHOUT GOD? NOTHING!

### **NOTICE** **MASS TIMES**

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- \* Last Sunday at a 2pm Special Mass—because of number limitation, we needed a separate Mass for them and their families— 5 of our primary school children received First Holy Communion. The Parish is really grateful to Helen Border who prepared all the students.
- \* Confirmations: Luckily we have now got a nod from the Archbishop to organize confirmations for our former P7 students now in secondary school. The Archbishop is the ordinary minister of the Sacrament of Confirmation, although he can delegate the Priests to do it on his behalf. A date has not been fixed yet but hopefully we have a date soon.
- \* Online giving: We would like to invite parishioners who can to explore the possibility of online giving instead of the cash collection. Many people are already doing that and we are very grateful for it. The bills have simply refused to obey lockdown!

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