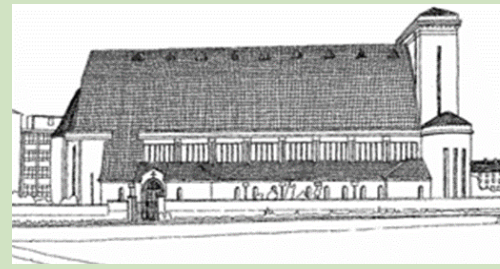




Almighty Father, we wish to commit our parish of St Columba of Iona into Your merciful hands. We want to be a vibrant and flourishing parish formed after your heart, a family of missionary disciples of Jesus where love and service spread out from us to everybody. Touch the hearts of all of us and everybody 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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28th Sunday of YEAR A, 11/10/20

First Reading—Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

Second Reading—Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL—Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. THANKS BE TO GOD

We are all invited to the wedding feast of the Lord, we are all invited to become citizens of Heaven one day but many people have excuses or others are 'dressed' inappropriately. St Paul always encourages us to put on the Garment of love. Without that, all is naught.

NOTICE **MASS TIMES**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * *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!*
- * *OCTOBER—MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY: We encourage everyone to continue to pray the Holy Rosary for an end to this pandemic ravaging the world and the protection of all the Churches and parishioners.*
- * *Confirmations: The Archbishop has approved the Sacrament of Confirmation for our S1 students who couldn't receive it sooner because of the virus. It will take place on the 29th of October at 5pm. We have 3 candidates.*

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION TO ST COLUMBA'S OR TO SUPPORT THE ADORATION CHAPEL, PLEASE USE THE DONATION STAND AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR YOU COULD ASK FR AMBROSE FOR PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS. THANKS.