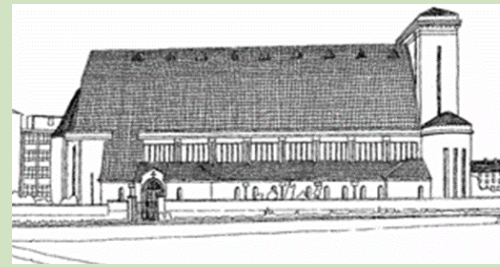


PRAYER FOR ST COLUMBA'S PARISH

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.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

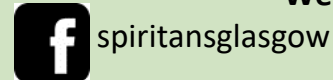
My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN



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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

READINGS

1st reading—Acts 1:12-14; Psalm 26; 2nd Reading— 1 Peter 4:13-16

GOSPEL—John 17:1-11

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:
'Father, the hour has come:
glorify your Son
so that your Son may glorify you;
and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him,
let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him.
And eternal life is this:
to know you,
the only true God,
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.
I have glorified you on earth
and finished the work that you gave me to do.
Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me
with that glory I had with you
before ever the world was.
I have made your name known
to the men you took from the world to give me.
They were yours and you gave them to me,
and they have kept your word.
Now at last they know
that all you have given me comes indeed from you;

for I have given them the teaching you gave to me,
and they have truly accepted this, that I came from you,
and have believed that it was you who sent me.

I pray for them;

I am not praying for the world
but for those you have given me,
because they belong to you:

all I have is yours

and all you have is mine,

and in them I am glorified.

I am not in the world any longer,

but they are in the world,

and I am coming to you.'

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

THEY JOINED IN CONTINUOUS PRAYER WITH MARY

Today is the third day of our Pentecost Novena. The Pentecost Novena, recounted in the first Reading, is the oldest of all Novenas since it was the first ever Novena: The eleven Apostles, together with Mary our Mother, gathered in the Upper Room in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father, and sure enough the Holy Spirit descended on them there strengthening them for the great work ahead. And for that work, they were all persecuted and suffered a great deal but the Spirit was with them.

We too, no less, need the strength of the Holy Spirit for our times too. It is becoming increasingly difficult to bear witness to Christ in our secular world. We need the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord; and we also need the twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, forbearance, gentleness, faith, modesty, self-control and chastity. These are essential for the life of grace, a Christ-like life, a true Christian life. May we persevere in asking the Lord during these days to renew in us the graces poured on us at our confirmation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

24/5/20

* TODAY IS WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

* NEXT SUNDAY IS **SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST:**

THIS IS THE END OF EASTERTIDE AND ALSO DAY FOR LIFE

TUESDAY 26TH MAY	ST PHILIP NERI
WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY	ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY
FRIDAY 29TH MAY	ST PAUL VI

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PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL THE PARISH AT ANY TIME IF YOU FEEL YOU NEED SOME SPIRITUAL SUPPORT.

WE STILL HAVE A PARISH TO MAINTAIN AND BILLS TO PAY. THEY REFUSE TO STAY AT HOME. PLEASE CONSIDER YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES.

IF YOU WOULD PREFER TO PAY BY CHEQUE, PLEASE MAKE CHEQUE PAYABLE TO ST COLUMBA'S PARISH. IF YOU PREFER TO DONATE THROUGH INTERNET BANKING, PLEASE CALL 07549260379 FOR THE DETAILS. IF YOU WOULD PREFER TO PAY THROUGH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE OR WEBSITE (SEE PAGE ONE FOR LINKS), WE HAVE THE LINKS THERE TOO. THANKS AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU.