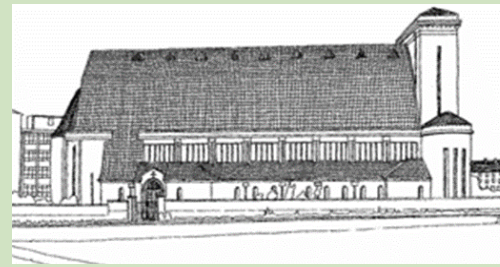


## PRAYER FOR ST COLUMBA'S PARISH

*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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## Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul

YEAR A, 28/6/20

### READINGS

#### First Reading—Acts 12:1-11

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

THE WORD OF THE LORD. THANKS BE TO GOD

## **2ND Reading—2 Timothy 4:6-8.17-18**

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was *rescued from the lion's mouth*. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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## **GOSPEL—Matthew 16:13-19**

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.'

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. THANKS BE TO GOD

THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT ALLOWED FOR THE OPENING OF PLACES OF WORSHIP FROM MONDAY THE 22ND OF JUNE —FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS ONLY. HOWEVER IN ST COLUMBA'S, WE CAN SAFELY OPEN FROM TODAY SUNDAY THE 28TH OF JUNE. I HAVE OUTLINED SOME GUIDELINES. I AM SORRY THAT THEY MAY SEEM A BIT HARSH BUT IT IS FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE. WE WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE DISPENSATION FROM THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION STILL STANDS AND ALL THOSE WHO ARE NERVOUS, FEEL UNWELL OR HAVE HEALTH ISSUES ARE NOT EXPECTED TO VENTURE OUT.

## **GOODNEWS AND GUIDELINES**

1. FUNERALS CAN BE ARRANGED UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS: MAXIMUM NUMBER PERMITTED TO ATTEND FUNERAL IS 20 AND A LIST OF ALL THOSE WHO WOULD ATTEND SHOULD BE HANDED OVER TO THE PRIEST SO THAT THE STEWARDS CAN MAKE SURE THAT ONLY THOSE ON THE LIST ARE ADMITTED INTO THE CHURCH.
2. TODAY SUNDAY THE 28TH OF JUNE, WE ARE DELIGHTED TO OPEN THE CHURCH FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS FROM 11AM—1PM. FROM MONDAY TO SATURDAY, THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FROM 10AM—11AM. THE ADORATION CHAPEL WILL BE OPEN FROM 12 PM—3PM DAILY. THE MAXIMUM CAPACITY FOR THE ADORATION CHAPEL IS 1 PERSON EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF A HOUSEHOLD. TO USE THE CHAPEL, BOOK YOUR SLOT BY CONTACTING FR AMBROSE—07549260379 OR EMAIL.
3. ALL THOSE COMING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER EITHER TO THE BIG CHURCH OR THE ADORATION CHAPEL MUST WEAR A FACE MASK FOR THE DURATION OF THEIR STAY, EXCEPT LITTLE CHILDREN 5 YEARS & UNDER.
4. PLEASE FOLLOW SIGNS IN THE CHURCH & SEAT ONLY WHERE THE STEWARD OR THE SIGN INDICATES. ALSO FOLLOW ENTRY & EXIT SIGNS.
5. MEMBERS OF THE SAME HOUSEHOLD CAN SIT TOGETHER ON A PEW.
6. FOR SAFEGUARDING PURPOSES, CHILDREN UNDER 16 MUST ALWAYS BE ACCOMPANIED BY ADULTS.
7. AS YOU ENTER THE CHURCH PLEASE USE HAND SANITISERS—FOLLOW SIGNS.
8. SOME AREAS OF THE CHURCH WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR USE DURING THIS PERIOD.
9. IF YOU NEED HOLY WATER, PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN WATER IN A BOTTLE AND ASK ANY AVAILABLE PRIEST TO BLESS IT FOR YOU.
10. MAKING OR ANSWERING A CALL IN THE CHURCH IS NOT ALLOWED.
11. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE EMAIL FR AMBROSE.
12. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION, PLEASE USE THE DONATION STAND AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE.
13. 'CATCH IT, KILL IT, BIN IT'. USE BINS AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.
14. THANKS SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR PATIENCE AND CO-OPERATION. MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR LOVE FOR ST COLUMBA'S.