



# St Kieran's, the Catholic Church

*in Campbeltown and Islay  
Ceann Loch Chille Chiarain*

7<sup>th</sup> August 2022

## ***19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time***

*St. Kieran's, Campbeltown, Kintyre*

**Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> August, 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time,** Holy Mass, 10.00am

Monday: 6.00pm Holy Mass; Sacrament of Reconciliation: 5.30-5.50pm (or on request)

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 10am Holy Mass

**Devotions:** *Wednesday:* Mid-morning Prayer, 9.50am

*Friday:* Adoration and Mid-morning Prayer, 9.30am.

**Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> August, Vigil Mass, 6.00pm**

**Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> August, Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary,** Holy Mass, 10.00am



*St. Columba's Episcopal Church, Bridgend, Islay*

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August, Holy Mass, 4pm**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August, Holy Mass, 4pm**



### **Psalm response**

*Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.*

### **Gospel acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Stay awake and stand ready,  
because you do not know the hour  
when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!*

### **Communion Antiphon**

*The bread that I will give, says the Lord,  
is my flesh for the life of the world.*

## Take Five

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.*

### Monday, Aug 08, 2022

#### MEMORIAL OF SAINT DOMINIC, PRIEST, FOUNDER

##### Kick off your shoes

You may have seen the term *discalced* before — in the names of some religious orders, such as the Discalced Carmelites — and wondered what it meant. It comes from Latin for “unshod,” or barefoot. Members of *discalced* orders go barefoot or wear sandals only. It was started by Saint Francis of Assisi, and his contemporary Saint Dominic travelled extensively by foot without shoes. Dominic didn’t believe he’d convert many people if he was wearing shoes because authentic humility, poverty, and penance was as persuasive as his famous preaching. How do you walk the talk as a follower of Christ?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c; Matthew 17:22-27.* “*Go to the sea, drop in a hook, and take the first fish that comes up.*”

### Tuesday, Aug 09, 2022

#### FEAST OF SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, MARTYR

##### Never forget

It's the feast day of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, murdered in the Holocaust. Teresa Benedicta — a Jewish convert to Catholicism and Carmelite nun — is considered a Christian martyr, but it was her Jewish ancestry that caused her to be gassed at Auschwitz with countless others on this date in 1942. At her canonization Pope John Paul II chose words that also pertain to marginalized indigenous populations: “I raise an anguished cry: May such criminal deeds never be repeated against any ethnic group, against any race, in any corner of this world!” Pray that this will be so.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hosea 2:16, 17, 21-22; Matthew 25:1-13.* “*Those who were ready went in with Him.*”

### Wednesday, Aug 10, 2022

#### FEAST OF SAINT LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR

##### Seek the treasure that lasts forever

On this day in AD 258, Saint Lawrence was born in Roman Hispania. He followed the future Pope Sixtus II to Rome and was ordained a deacon after the pope's election in 257. Lawrence would serve as a treasurer in the cathedral for roughly a year before Emperor

Valerian ordered all Christian clergy killed. The pope was murdered during Mass in 258, and Lawrence — ordered to hand over the Church's money — gave away as much as he could before bringing the sick and the poor to the prefect instead, calling them the “true treasures of the Church.” He was swiftly executed thereafter. We would all do well to model his faithful resistance to evil and service to the needy.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26.* “*He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.*”

### Thursday, Aug 11, 2022

#### MEMORIAL OF SAINT CLARE, ABBESS, FOUNDER

##### Focus on essentials, not the extras

Today is the memorial of Saint Clare, founder of the Poor Clares. Although raised in a noble family, inspired by Saint Francis, Clare zealously embraced asceticism. As the 21-year-old superior of a new religious order in the Franciscan tradition, she called for her sisters to forego shoes, meat, money, and even most conversation. While to modern Christians these practices seem harsh, Clare points the way toward a stripped-down life, laser-focused on God and unity with the poor. In the spirit of Saint Clare, we might ask ourselves if our pursuit of creature comforts sometimes separates us from God or from those in need.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21—19:1.* “*How often must I forgive . . . ? As many as seven times?*” Jesus answered, ‘*I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.*’”

### Friday, Aug 12, 2022

#### MEMORIAL OF SAINT BLAAN, BISHOP

##### Look on the bright side

What is God's intention for our state in life, whether married or single? Jesus deals with the issue of divorce by taking his hearers back to the beginning of creation and to God's plan for the human race. In Genesis 2:23-24 we see God's intention and ideal that two people who marry should become so indissolubly one that they are one flesh. That ideal is found in the unbreakable union of Adam and Eve. They were created for each other and for no one else. They are the pattern and symbol for all

who were to come. Jesus explains that Moses permitted divorce as a concession in view of a lost ideal. Jesus sets the high ideal of the married state before those who are willing to accept his commands. Jesus, likewise sets the high ideal for those who freely renounce marriage for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Both marriage and celibacy are calls from God to live a consecrated life.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Matthew 19:3-12.* "I pardon you for all you have done, says the Lord GOD."

**Saturday, Aug 13, 2022**

**Make it a policy to help the widowed and**

### **orphaned children**

No one is unimportant to God. He comes to each person individually that he might touch them with his healing love and power. Do you show kindness to the youth you encounter in your neighbourhood, home, and church and do you pray for them that they may grow in the knowledge and wisdom of Jesus Christ?

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Matthew 19:13-15.* "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

## **Readings for the 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

### **Wisdom 18:6-9**

The faithful will know the glory of God and the rescue of the just.

### **Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22**

God's kindness is revealed to those who live in hope.

### **Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19**

Faith can achieve our hopes on the proportion of the miraculous.

### **Luke 12:32-48**

Vigilance is expected from those who wait on the Lord.

## **Words on the Word: Luke 12: 32-48**

This Sunday's Gospel is a continuation of the disciples' question: Lord, what have we to do to gain the kingdom of heaven? Jesus talks about the need for vigilance as a very important attitude in the life of a child of God. Faith and vigilance are closely entwined. What I have, my treasure, I can easily lose. Everything depends on whether my God is important to me.

*My eye grow dim, Your image does not fade,  
My ears are blocked, I always hear You,  
Without legs and over the abyss I will follow You,  
Without a mouth I will implore the most gracious name.*

*Take my hands away and they will still embrace You  
My heart is like longing arms,  
Take out my heart, the thought will remain in me,  
When You want to burn out thought with a flame,  
Then I will carry You in a wave of my blood.*

(R.M. Rilke)

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The Lord Jesus says: *Happy those servants whom the master finds wake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them.* Faith is not just a pleasant feeling, but is a constant strengthening in God's presence, in His faithfulness and truth. Faith is also an effort, a certain type of work breaking down doubts and a

strengthening in the hope of reaching the kingdom, which are to draw near to.

Whoever receives the Good News of salvation, undertakes the hard work of conversion, the hard work of prayer and doing good, on this will depend what Christ promised to His disciples. On one hand Jesus demands that we be rooted in the life of the world, but on the other hand we realise the true kingdom of God is not of this world and it is given to those who remain with God. The disciples of Christ are chosen and loved by God, but this gift is not given irrevocably, because the servants can behave wickedly and blaspheme in the Lord's absence. To close the eyes to God's revelation is often ignorance on the side of the person, who considers himself to be enlightened and modern. These people allow the voice of God to be drowned out and forget about the necessity of death, and especially eternal death. They deprive themselves of God's presence.

Understanding the temporal world, we have to understand as a time for sanctification. As long as we live, we have the time to perfect our faith, hope and charity. Life is a period of vigilance so as not to lose this great treasure, that is the faithfulness to God. On our earth and in our time, the Word of God became Flesh. After the ascension of Christ, the task of sanctifying the world fell to the disciples of Jesus – the Holy Church. However, we ourselves have to keep vigilant, because the Lord comes to each of us personally, when our time comes. Complete freedom, true happiness and the fullness of life we receive from Christ, when time is up, under the condition that we had built our days on the foundation of faith, hope and charity. This is how Mary, the Blessed Mother, lived her life before us, who *pondered these things in her heart* and to this day she points us toward her own Son Jesus Christ as the one who brings us salvation. He is the way, the truth and the life.

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## Prayer



**Please pray for those who are sick, in need or have asked for our prayers:** Owain Williams, Catherine Walker, Ailsa Stewart, Meg Douglas (Mull) and Russell Carroll.

**Please remember in your prayers all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

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## News and Events

**Coffee and tea** this Sunday in the hall after Mass.

**Coffee morning:** Thanks for everyone's efforts and contributions, the grand total taken is came to £765 . . .

**Live streaming:**

Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/campbeltownrcchurch>)

Zoom [click here](#), 'Join a Meeting' with the Meeting ID **6593787274**, and the passcode **fXQ9F5**.



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