

PARISH BULLETIN

St Kieran's, the Catholic Church

in Campbeltown and Islay

Ceann Loch Chille Chiarain

14th August 2022

Solemnity of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Kieran's, Campbeltown, Kintyre

Sunday, 14th August, *Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, 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, 20th August, Vigil Mass, 6.00pm

Sunday, 21st August, *21st Sunday*, Holy Mass, 10.00am

St. Columba's Episcopal Church, Bridgend, Islay

Sunday 21st August, Holy Mass, 4pm

Sunday 4th September, Holy Mass, 4pm



Psalm response

On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Mary has been taken up to heaven;
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon

*All generations will call me blessed,
for he who is mighty has done great things for me.*

Take Five

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

Monday, Aug 15, 2022

Don't be afraid

Selling all that we have could mean many different things – our friends, our job, our "style" of life, what we do with our free time. Jesus challenged the young man because his heart was possessive. He was afraid to give to others for fear that he would lose what he had gained. Those who are generous towards God and others find that they cannot outgive God in generosity. God blesses us with spiritual goods that far outweigh the fleeting joys of material goods. He alone can satisfy the deepest longing and desires of our heart. Are you willing to part with anything that might keep you from seeking true joy with Jesus?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 24:15-24; Matthew 19:16-22.* "What more do I need to do?"

Tuesday, Aug 16, 2022

Embrace the mystery of communion

Brother Roger Schütz, founder of the Taizé movement, died on this date in 2005. Brother Roger began Taizé in 1940 in the French countryside, envisioning a humble monastic community to respond to the needs of war-torn refugees — but also to welcome followers from all Christian denominations. The simple house he purchased eventually blossomed into a global place of pilgrimage, especially for young people. Taizé is especially known for beautiful chants still used in congregations all over the world. "The Church is a mystery of communion," Brother Roger wrote, where we "can discover an aurora of reconciliation and the practicing of a simple joy."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30.* "For God all things are possible."

Wednesday, Aug 17, 2022

To each is given a mission

God is generous in opening the doors of his kingdom to all who will enter, both those who have laboured a life-time for him and those who come at the last hour. While the reward is the same, the motive for one's labour can make all the difference. Some work only for reward. They will only put as much effort in as they think they will get back. Others labour out of love and joy for the opportunity to work and to serve others. The Lord Jesus calls his disciples to

serve God and neighbour – his heavenly kingdom and our earthly community – with generosity and joy. Do you try to perform your work and responsibilities with cheerfulness and diligence for the Lord's sake? And do you give generously to others, especially to those in need of your care and support?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16.* "You have made them equal to us."

Thursday, Aug 18, 2022

Be willing to look closely

On this day in 1998 the renowned Holocaust scholar Harry James Cargas died. Most of his teaching and writing focused on the Christian response to the Holocaust. What haunted him, he once said, was that "probably every Jew killed in the Holocaust was murdered by a baptized Christian." Cargas could have chosen an easier academic path, but instead he forced Christians to take stock of their complicity. Today's Psalm is a good help for examining our own cooperation with contemporary sin: "A clean heart create for me, O God."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14.* "Many are invited, but few are chosen."

Friday, Aug 19, 2022

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN EUDES, PRIEST

Keep it simple

Saint John Eudes, a 17th-century priest and mystic, worked tirelessly to spread the gospel message, which he feared was being corrupted by various heresies. For Saint John, Christianity wasn't complicated: "The Christian life is a continuation and completion of the life of Christ in us. We should be so many Christs here on Earth, continuing His life and His works, labouring and suffering in a holy and divine manner in the spirit of Jesus." And just what was Christ's work? Look no further than the two great commandments he gave us: "Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind," and "Love your neighbour as yourself."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40.* "The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

Saturday, Aug 20, 2022

**MEMORIAL OF SAINT BERNARD, ABBOT,
DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

Faithful through thick and thin

Today is the Memorial of Bernard of Clairvaux, whose impact on Europe in the 12th century was profound and whose influence lives on worldwide in Cistercian monasteries and Catholic theology. He was a scholar (whose books are still readily available), a skilled arbitrator, mystic, monk, reformer, and leader of

Europe's second crusade (a violent venture that ended badly). Through his successes and mistakes, Bernard of Clairvaux aimed to follow Jesus. We are called to do the same. Do one thing today that puts your heart, mind, or skills to the service of God

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 43:1-7a; Matthew 23:1-12. "The greatest among you must be your servant."*

Readings for the Assumption

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

A woman clothed with the sun gives birth to a child of hope destined to rule.

Psalms 45:10, 11, 12, 16

The place of the queen is at the side of her Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Even death will die, as John Donne and Saint Paul eloquently reminded us.

Luke 1:39-56

Two holy women celebrate what God has done for them.

Words on the Word: Luke 1:39-56

The gospel reading is a rare one: Have you noticed there are no men in it? The focus is entirely on two women, pregnant women, an elderly lady and a girl. Their coming together is joyful, and the news, for a change, is all good.

It's noted that the house Mary enters belongs to Zechariah. And the promises made to Abraham and "the fathers" become the source of celebration. The babies to be born, it's true, are both boys, but in this special hour we've entered a male-free zone in the Bible. The action involves women, the dialogue is entirely theirs, and the prenatal scene is deeply charged with oestrogen!

The unusually feminine energy in the visitation between Mary and Elizabeth is palpable. It reminds us that when it comes to salvation history, women are there. And not only "there" waiting to clear the dishes, but engaged, decisive, leading the prayer and the charge toward God's will being done "on Earth as it is in heaven."

We rarely get behind the curtain to the Bible's ladies' space. If you read the books concerning Ruth and her mother-in-law Naomi, or Judith and her unnamed but trusty maidservant, you get another glimpse into the headstrong, powerful women who weren't content to sit on the sidelines of scripture but earned top billing in their generations.

And you know, we don't have to retreat into biblical times to find such women. Look around every parish assembly. How many administrators, religious educators, eucharistic ministers, lectors, and contributors to the financial bottom line are women?

If there were ever a Sunday when the women didn't show up, I think it would be obvious how crucial a role they play in "salvation present." If every mother stopped teaching her children their prayers at night, where would the Church be in a generation's time. Saint Paul knew his

Churches across the Gentile world depended on his collaboration with women. That's why he insisted on making them heads of Churches, like Lydia near Philippi, and partners in his own ministry of proclamation, like Prisca in Corinth. Women are not afterthoughts in the story of salvation. Even God assumed the essential nature of their cooperation.

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 Ian Bruce Caldwell (2016) **and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

News and Events

Coffee and tea this Sunday in the hall after Mass.

Live streaming:

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

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