

PARISH BULLETIN

St Kieran's, the Catholic Church

in Campbeltown and Islay

Ceann Loch Chille Chiarain

25th September 2022



26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

St. Kieran's, Campbeltown, Kintyre

Sunday, 25th September, 26th Sunday, Holy Mass, 10.00am

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

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday: 10am Holy Mass

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

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

Sunday, 2nd October, 27th Sunday, Holy Mass, 10.00am.

St. Columba's Episcopal Church, Bridgend, Islay

Sunday 2nd October, Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion, 4pm



Psalm response

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Jesus Christ was rich, but he became poor for your sake,
to make you rich out of his poverty.*

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

*By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his
life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.*

Take Five

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

Monday, Sep 26, 2022

Give them a healer's welcome

**OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF SAINTS COSMAS
AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS**

Believed to have been twin brothers, Cosmas
and Damian were third-century Christian Syrian

physicians who accepted no payment for caring
for the sick — and made many converts as a
result of their selfless service. They were
eventually martyred by the Romans. Many of us
know “saints” in the healthcare profession who
work physically and emotionally demanding

jobs, make personal sacrifices (including endangering their own health during the pandemic), and have a seemingly endless supply of compassion despite it all. The next time you or someone you love needs medical help, ask Cosmas and Damian to support the professionals coming to your aid.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50. "Whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."*

Tuesday, Sep 27, 2022

Enrich the faith of others

MEMORIAL OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST, FOUNDER

Before co-founding the Daughters of Charity — serving the “poorest of the poor” — Saint Vincent de Paul began the Congregation of the Mission in 1625. Priests who joined had three requirements: to live in imitation of Christ, to take the gospel to the rural poor, and to educate fellow priests in the practical matters of being a priest. When he realised peasants knew so little about the faith and that local priests were poorly trained in administering the sacrament of Penance, Vincent preached such a stirring parish mission that priests from a nearby town had to be called in to help him hear confessions. How can you help others practice their faith?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Luke 9:51-56. "He resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem."*

Wednesday, Sep 28, 2022

Carry on the work of the dead among the living

At the time of Jesus, the Jewish custom was to bury a person in the family burial cave the same day they died. The body was left for a year while the family mourned, the first seven days in shivah, followed by a less intense 30-day period of shloshim. The burial rite was not complete, however, as the family would return to the cave a year later for the “second burial,” the collection of remains to be placed with the bones of other ancestors in the family ossuary. It is theorized that when Jesus commented, “Let the dead bury their dead,” He may have been referring to this second burial, suggesting to His disciples that there was more urgent work to be done among the living. Pray for the dead but serve the living!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62. "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the Kingdom of God."*

Thursday, Sep 29, 2022

Angels watching over us

FEAST OF SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

Today we honour the only three angels in scripture who have names. Michael is cited in the books of Daniel and Revelation and is known for being a protector. Gabriel is most famously a messenger, having relayed information to Daniel, but best known for giving Mary the news that she would be mother to our Saviour. Raphael is associated with healing and appears in a series of adventures in the Book of Tobit, including his cure of Tobit's blindness. At various times, each of us needs protection, a message from God, or healing. May these three archangels lift our prayers when we and our communities most need these things.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a; John 1:47-51.*

"Amen, amen, I say to you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Friday, Sep 30, 2022

Get to know the word

MEMORIAL OF SAINT JEROME, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

If you are a fan of scripture, then right next to your Bible should be The Jerome Biblical Commentary. The 2,000-plus-page book is a treasure trove of insight about the Bible written by Roman Catholic scholars from across the globe. It is a great resource for helping people to engage more deeply with scripture through study and reflection. The book is named after Saint Jerome, who is best known for his biblical commentaries and translations. Jerome believed that "Ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ." It's never too late to increase your knowledge. What would be the first scripture passage you'd look up if you had the book in hand? Why?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Luke 10:13-16. "Whoever listens to you listens to me."*

Saturday, Oct 01, 2022

In loving colour

MEMORIAL OF SAINT THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, CARMELITE NUN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Though she only lived 24 brief years, Thérèse of Lisieux, the “little flower,” was so spiritually mature she was asked to guide novices who were entering her Carmelite order. She used

vivid metaphors, comparing the Trinity to a kaleidoscope because the three mirrors transform simple images into colourful designs. She wrote: "As long as our actions, even the smallest, do not fall away from the focus of Divine Love, the Holy Trinity, symbolized by the three mirrors, allows them to reflect wonderful

beauty. Jesus . . . always sees beauty in everything we do."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24.* "Turning to the disciples in private he said, 'Blessed are the eyes that see what you see.'"

Readings for the 26th Sunday

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Being comfortably well off is not a sin, but ignoring the needs of the poor is.

Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

Praise the God who cares about justice and knows our need.

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Our commitment to faith in Jesus Christ is a noble confession.

Luke 16:19-31

Miracles won't save us, but our charity just might.

Words on the Word: Luke 16:19-31

Superheroes are often immediately recognizable by their distinctive attire, like the Men in Black or the Captain Scarlet. But no self-respecting hero comes wearing purple, which is the ancient colour of privilege. Purple dye was hard to make and expensive to buy. The man dressed in purple garments and fine linen in Luke's parable automatically defines himself as leading a soft and pampered life. Add to that his big belly — he dined sumptuously every day — and you know at a glance that you are dealing with an antihero in the rich man who ignored Lazarus. It's poignant to recognize that we're told what the rich man wears, but of Lazarus we hear only that he is covered with sores.

Death, an equal-opportunity ending, comes for both characters, and here the dialogue formally begins. The rich man never spoke to Lazarus in life and does not do so now. He addresses Father Abraham most courteously and asks for the humblest taste of relief, which he is just as courteously denied. Discovering empathy a tad too late, the man in purple makes a second request, this time on behalf of his brothers who stand in danger of sharing his fate. Abraham points out that the brothers have all the warning they need in the words of Moses and the prophets.

And here's where things get really interesting. The rich man protests that a miracle would make a difference: A man rising from the dead might be enough to save the brothers from themselves. Abraham replies that it doesn't take a miracle to save someone. A simple act of charity would have been sufficient for the rich man, as it remains for the brothers.

Those of us who remain convinced that it would take a superhero or miracle-worker to straighten out our messy world underestimate the power of charity, the greatest of the theological virtues.

Would it have been a miracle if the rich man had learned to love Lazarus at his gate? What can we call it but a miracle when a person of privilege surrenders the advantage for the sake of the disadvantaged?

Prayer

Please pray for those who are sick, in need or have asked for our prayers: Adam Szwill, Owain Williams, Catherine Walker, Ailsa Stewart, Meg Douglas (Mull), Doleen Durnin, and Russell Carroll. **Please remember in your prayers Shirley Finn (2017) and all others whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

A prayer for Ukraine

Подайте руку Україні (Podaj ruku Ukrajinі)

Podaj rękę Ukrainie

Give Ukraine a helping hand

God of hope,

we pray to You when hope is scarce

as our world convulses with the horror of war.

You alone know the extent of the crimes committed in Ukraine:

the people murdered, the homes and infrastructure destroyed,

the way violence comes as a calamity,

cutting a swath through the world.

Why is power concentrated in the hands of so few?

How can we make this war stop?

You alone know a way out of this quagmire of evil.

Help us find it.

Awaken those who dismiss this as someone else's problem.

Give world leaders wisdom as they impose sanctions,

looking for diplomatic and economic ways to end this aggression.

Raise up resistance to war in Russia itself.

Protect the people of Ukraine,

who are reeling from the trauma of invasion.

Open the arms of all countries to take in refugees.

In times like these, fill us with resolve rather than hatred.

Help us believe that justice will prevail,

that crimes will be prosecuted, that peace can be found

even in the roar and rubble of war. Amen.

News and Events

Delving into the Word of God: Fridays at 10.30am after Mass.

Finance Committee: there is a virtual meeting on December 8th December in the afternoon.

Please let Fr Tony know if it convenient.

Welcoming Ukrainian guests: this next Saturday, Anastasia and Anna will be arriving in Glasgow from Ukraine. I will need to meet them and therefore there will be no Vigil Mass.

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



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