

PARISH BULLETIN

St Kieran's,

the Catholic Church *in Campbeltown and Islay*

Ceann Loch Chille Chiarain

2nd October 2022

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

St. Kieran's, Campbeltown, Kintyre

Sunday, 2nd October, 27th Sunday, 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: The holy rosary and Mid-morning Prayer, 9.30am.

Scripture discussion: *Friday* 10.30am

Sunday, 9th October, 28th Sunday, Holy Mass, 10.00am.

St. Columba's Episcopal Church, Bridgend, Islay

Sunday 16th October, Holy Mass, 4pm



Psalm response

O that today you would listen to his voice! "Harden not your hearts".

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Take Five

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

Monday, Oct 03, 2022

Trust God's farsighted vision

What would you do if your neighbour gets into big trouble through his or her own fault? For the Jewish believer the law of love was plain and simple: treat your neighbour as you would treat

yourself. A Jewish expert in the law wanted to test Jesus and His disciples to see if they correctly understood this basic commandment. He understood "neighbour" to mean one's fellow Jew who belonged to the same covenant which God made with the people of Israel.

Jesus agreed with the sincere expert but challenged him to see that God's view of neighbour went beyond his narrow definition.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Galatians 1:6-12; Luke 10:25-37*. "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind."

Tuesday, Oct 04, 2022

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI, FOUNDER

Be praised, my Lord, for Brother Francis

Anxiety and preoccupation keep us from listening and from giving the Lord our undivided attention. The Lord bids us to give him our concerns and anxieties because he is trustworthy and able to meet any need we have. His grace frees us from needless concerns and preoccupation. Do you seek the Lord attentively? And does the Lord find a welcomed and honoured place in your home?"

TODAY'S READINGS: *Galatians 1:13-24; Luke 10:38-42*. "They glorified God because of me."

Wednesday, Oct 05, 2022

"Go where I send thee"

We can approach God our Father with confidence and boldness because Jesus Christ has opened the way to heaven for us through his death and resurrection. When we ask God for help, he fortunately does not give us what we deserve. Instead, he responds with grace and mercy. He is kind and forgiving towards us and he expects us to treat our neighbour the same. We can pray with expectant faith because our heavenly Father loves us and treats us as His children. He delights to give us what is good. His love and grace transform us and makes us like himself. Through His grace and power we can love and serve one another as Jesus taught -- with grace, mercy, and loving-kindness. Do you treat others as they deserve, or do you treat them as the Lord would with grace and mercy? Jesus' prayer includes an injunction that we must ask God to forgive us in proportion as we forgive those who have wronged us. Are you ready to forgive as Jesus forgives?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Luke 11:1-4*. "Praise the Lord, all you nations, glorify him, all you peoples! Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News."

Thursday, Oct 06, 2022

Baby steps can take you far

If a neighbour can be imposed upon and coerced into giving bread in the middle of the night, will not God, our heavenly Father and

provider, also treat us with kind and generous care no matter how troubling or inconvenient the circumstances might appear? Jesus states emphatically, "How much more will the heavenly Father give!" St. Augustine of Hippo (340-425 AD) reminds us that "God, who does not sleep and who awakens us from sleep that we may ask, gives much more graciously." The Lord Jesus assures us that we can bring our needs to our heavenly Father who is always ready to give not only what we need, but more than we can ask. God gives the best he has. He freely pours out the blessing of his Holy Spirit upon us so that we may be filled with the abundance of his provision.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 11:5-13*. "Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

Friday, Oct 07, 2022

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

The mother of all prayers

In his 2002 Apostolic Letter on the Most Holy Rosary, Pope John Paul II described the Rosary as a prayer that was from its inception "destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness." Though ostensibly a prayer calling on Mary's aide, it is ultimately centred on Christ and the eternal mystery of the Word made flesh. Regularly contemplating the mysteries of Christ's life — His Incarnation and early days (joyful); His revelatory love (luminous); His suffering and sacrifice (sorrowful); His saving grace (glorious)—is an exercise designed to bring peace, deepen our sense of faith, hope, and love, and, above all, help conform us "ever more closely to Christ until we attain true holiness."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Galatians 3:7-14; Luke 11:15-26*. "Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters."

Saturday, Oct 08, 2022

Listen up, as Mary did

Our goal in life, the very reason we were created in the first place, is for union with God. We were made for God and our hearts are restless until they rest in him. An early martyr once said that "a Christian's only relatives are the saints." Those who follow Jesus Christ and who seek the will of God enter into a new family, a family of "saints" here on earth and in heaven. Jesus changes the order of relationships and shows that true kinship is not just a matter of flesh and blood. Our adoption

as sons and daughters of God transforms all our relationships and requires a new order of loyalty to God and His kingdom.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Galatians 3:22-29*;

Luke 11:27-28. "He replied, 'Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.' "

Readings for the 27th Sunday

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Trust in the vision; remember it and wait on it.

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

The Lord may speak today, but will anyone be listening?

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Courage is given to the one who serves God—and courage will be needed.

Luke 17:5-10

More faith isn't the answer. Genuine faith is all you need.

Words on the Word: Luke 17:5-10

The culture of more

If something is good, then more is obviously better. This notion is raised to an axiom in our consumer culture, and it works just as well for food (have another helping), sweaters (I'll take one in every colour), entertainment (what this country needs is one more talent show), and stuff in general (Q: What's the largest car that can fit in the average garage? A: None! That's where the house overflow is stored!).

So maybe we're not surprised when the disciples, following Jesus around for quite some time now and absorbing all sorts of good preaching and teaching, ask what seems a fair request and even a pious one: "Increase our faith."

The seed of faith is sufficient

William Stafford, one of the best contemporary Christian poets, has a snippet of verse called *Star Guides*. It goes like this:

*Any star is enough
if you know what star it is.*

To find our place in the universe, we don't need to be sure of every star. One will do. In the same way, we don't need to have giant vats of faith in order to follow Jesus. We just need what we are given and to get behind Jesus. A morsel, a grain, a seed of trust is already invested in our decision. But the decision has to be consciously made. As one of the Church Fathers said, "Live faith until you have faith." Children generally play-act their destiny before they step into it.

Jesuit Peter G. van Breeman wrote a line in his once-ubiquitous book, *As Bread That Is Broken*, that positively rings with truth: "For as soon as God is no longer the all-important one, He becomes unimportant." If our seed of faith is planted directly in the centre of our lives, it will grow without a doubt. But if we plant it on the margins, in the pigeonhole marked Religion, or even in second place in our lives, we have already established a rival god in whatever holds the place of primacy. That rival will eventually crowd out all pretence of serving the one true God. A second-place God, by definition, is no God at all.

Van Breeman also wrote, "God is not the one who is answering. God is first. I am but a word spoken by God. I am the one who answers."

Stir the gift into flame

The writer of 2 Timothy acknowledges the gift that is given — but reminds us that it's our responsibility to stoke the embers into a full fire. Cowardice is not a gift of the Holy Spirit, nor is mediocrity. Our "rich trust" is in our hands, but if it's going to go farther, we have to let the spiritual fire ravish us.

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 James Carroll (Jimmy)(1965) and all others whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

A prayer for Ukraine

Подайте руку Україні (Podaj ruku Ukrajinii)

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

Welcoming Ukrainian guests: this Sunday, Anastasia and Anna will be arriving in Campbeltown from Ukraine. They will, no doubt, need to rest after a journey of over 24 hours.

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



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