

PARISH BULLETIN

St Kieran's,

the Catholic Church *in Campbeltown and Islay*

Ceann Loch Chille Chiarain

9th October 2022

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

St. Kieran's, Campbeltown, Kintyre

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

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

Tuesday and Wednesday: 10am Holy Mass (No Mass Friday)

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

Saturday, 15th October, Vigil Mass, 6.00pm

Sunday, 16th October, 29th Sunday, Holy Mass, 10.00am.

St. Columba's Episcopal Church, Bridgend, Islay

Sunday 16th October, Holy Mass, 4pm

Sunday 6th November, Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion, 4pm



Psalm response

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks,

because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

When the Lord appears, we shall be like him,

for we shall see him as he is.

Take Five

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

Monday, Oct 10, 2022

Help foster sound minds

Today, on World Mental Health Day, we can look to Catholic teaching on mental health for help in raising awareness of mental health issues, eliminating stigmas surrounding it, and supporting those who need help. Pope Saint John Paul II said, "Christ took all human

suffering on himself, even mental illness," and "it is everyone's duty to make an active response" of charity to those who suffer from mental illness. Pope Benedict called for better medical treatment for the mentally ill as people made in the image and likeness of God.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Luke 11:29-32.* "Just as Jonah

became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation."

Tuesday, Oct 11, 2022

Hands or heart?

Which is more important to God — clean hands or a clean mind and heart? Jesus chided the Pharisees for harbouring evil thoughts – greed, pride, bitterness, envy, arrogance, and the like. Why does He urge them, and us, to give alms? When we give freely and generously to those in need we express love, compassion, kindness, and mercy. And if the heart is full of love and compassion, then there is no room for envy, greed, bitterness, and the like. Do you allow God's love to transform your heart and mind?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41. "In Christ Jesus, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love."*

Wednesday, Oct 12, 2022

Alas, woe

Why does Jesus single out the teachers and lawyers for some rather strong words of rebuke? The word woe can also be translated as alas. It is as much an expression of sorrowful pity as it is of anger. Why did Jesus lament and issue such a stern rebuke? Jesus was angry with the religious leaders because they failed to listen to God's word and they misled the people they were supposed to guide in the ways of God. The scribes devoted their lives to the study of the Law of God and regarded themselves as legal experts in it. They divided the ten commandments and precepts into thousands of tiny rules and regulations. They were so exacting in their interpretations and in trying to live them out, that they had little time for anything else. By the time they finished compiling their interpretations it took no less than fifty volumes to contain them! In their misguided zeal, they required unnecessary and burdensome rules which obscured the more important matters of religion, such as love of God and love of neighbour. They were leading people to Pharisaism rather than to God.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46. "For the LORD watches over the way of the just, but the way of the wicked vanishes."*

MEMORIAL OF SAINT KENNETH, ABBOT, MISSIONARY

Thursday, Oct 13, 2022

Keep your keys safe

The lawyers and scribes held the "office of the keys" since they were the official interpreters of the scriptures. Their interpretation of the

scriptures was so distorted and difficult to understand that others were "shut off" to the scriptures. They not only shut themselves to heaven; they also hindered others from understanding God's word. Through pride and envy, they rejected not only the prophets of old, but God's final prophet, Jesus. Jesus is the "key of David" (see Isaiah 22:22; Rev. 3:7) who opens heaven to those who accept him as Lord and Saviour. He is the "Wisdom of God" and source of everlasting life. Only the humble of heart — those who submit to God and acknowledge their dependence on Him — can receive this wisdom. God is ever ready to speak His word to us and to give us wisdom and understanding. Do you hunger for the wisdom which comes from above?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ephesians 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54. "Woe to you, scholars of the law! You have taken away the key of knowledge."*

Friday, Oct 14, 2022

Hints of heaven

On cool autumn days, walking through a path of fallen leaves, looking up at the constantly changing sky, many a wayfarer has contemplated what heaven will be like. "Will I be reunited with loved ones? Will I feel joy? Will I receive justice? Will all my questions be answered? Will I meet the heroes of history and understand the mysteries of the universe? Will I see the face of God?" Of course, the specifics aren't clear, but what we do know is that Jesus promises us peace (John 14:27) and rest (Matt. 11:28); has prepared a place for us (John 14:2) that is filled with rewards (Matt. 5:12); and has assured us that "there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed." Sounds like the right place to be. Keep up the good work and you are well on your way!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7. "Whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light."*

Saturday, Oct 15, 2022

MEMORIAL OF TERESA OF JESUS, CARMELITE NUN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
Two saints for two centuries

It's not hard to confuse the two Carmelite saints who have similar names. There is Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, a doctor of the Church, who lived in the 19th century. Also known as Thérèse of Lisieux or, affectionately, as the Little Flower, she was a French Discalced Carmelite nun. Then there is today's saint, Teresa of Jesus, a Spanish Carmelite nun and influential mystic, known as Teresa of Ávila, who lived in the 16th century and is also a doctor of the Church. She was instrumental in the reform of the Carmelite order, which eventually resulted in the

establishment of the Discalced Carmelites, to which the Little Flower belonged some 300 years later. They both would be happy to hear from you in prayer today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12. "I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others the Son of Man will acknowledge before the angels of God."*

Readings for the 28th Sunday

2 Kings 5:14-17

A leper general is healed and submits himself to the God of Israel.

Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

God does not hide the divine light under a bushel either but reveals it to the whole world.

2 Timothy 2:8-13

The word of God cannot be restrained even if its ministers are imprisoned or killed.

Luke 17:11-19

One Samaritan leper shows his gratitude to the source of his restoration

Words on the Word: Luke 17:11-19

*. . . what is still left for us
from schooltime hopes and songs
from post-graduation's sweet days
from letters written to each other
from the heat of first love
from bullets gathered in the war
from oaths without experience
from eyes full of amazement
from autumn leaves falling from above
from fear before the fight
what is still for us
that taking
a volume of Marx from the shelf into my hands
I seem to read, and with tears search for
an ordinary, simple child's faith . . .* (adapted from J. Twardowski)

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Possibly, at the reading of this Sunday's Gospel, you thought to yourself: again, those ten lepers – after all we know this story. Ten were healed but only one, and him an outsider, returned and thanked Christ. At this gratitude the story doesn't end at all, but in begins. Christ didn't just do this for the community who were there, but He did it for all believers whenever and wherever they will be living in the world; this story is the living present. What Christ once did He also does to us. It is not, therefore, about the fate of man from the ten who was once healed, but about the question of what we do with a man who, full of faith in our goodness and faith in Christ, calls to us: take pity on me. Such a person or such people had already long since given up hope, they are isolated, they don't see life as a great opportunity, but it is important that after meeting us gain new hope, as once that leper received who cried out to Christ: have pity on me. The person who encounters us has the right to count on the power of God, but also on our love.

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Indeed, do not despair. If you are sick, come to Him, and you will be healed.

If you are blind, come to Him, and you will be enlightened. You, who are healthy, give Him thanks. You, who are sick, run back to Him after healing. Indeed, God sometime did what you could not yourself do. So, when it is now you, you yourself can do something. Oh that you come to the Physician and beseech the Physician, who is everywhere (. . .).
(Saint Augustine, †430; doctor of the Church)

Prayer

Please pray for those who are sick, in need or have asked for our prayers: Adam Szwill, Sarah Carmichael, Owain Williams, Catherine Walker, Ailsa Stewart, Meg Douglas (Mull), Doleen Durnin, and Russell Carroll. **Please remember in your prayers Annie Grumoli (2020) 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

Ukrainian guests: Anastasija and Anna arrived safely and have had a well needed rest. They now want to find work, if you can help let us know. They have some English and are learning fast.

Fr Tony is away on Friday 14th October in Oban.

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