

PARISH BULLETIN

St Kieran's, the Catholic Church in

Campbeltown and Islay

Ceann Loch Chille Chiarain

30th October 2022

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

November
the month of the Holy Souls



Luke 19:10

For the Son of Man
came to seek and to
save the lost.

Hymns

1. Will you come and follow me (sheet)
2. My God loves me (359)
3. Take my life, and let it be (510)
4. Give thanks with a grateful heart (sheet)

St. Kieran's, Campbeltown, Kintyre

Sunday, 30th October, 31st Sunday, Holy Mass, 10.00am.

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

Tuesday – ALL SAINTS – 6pm Holy Mass

Wednesday – Commemoration of the Faithful Departed – 10am and 6pm Holy Mass

Friday: 10am Holy Mass

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

Friday: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Mid-morning Prayer, 9.30am.

Scripture discussion: Friday 10.30am

Saturday, 5th November, Vigil Mass, 6.00pm

Sunday, 6th November, 32nd Sunday, Holy Mass, 10.00am.

St. Columba's Episcopal Church, Bridgend, Islay

Sunday 6th November, Holy Mass, 4pm

Sunday 13th November, Holy Mass, 4pm



Psalm response

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son:
so that everyone who believes in him has eternal life.*

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

*Just as the living Father sent me
and I have life because of the Father,
so whoever feeds on me*

shall have life because of me, says the Lord.



Take Five

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

Monday, Oct 31, 2022

Hallowed be the Eve

Given its association with witches, goblins, and the like, it might seem strange that Halloween is actually a Catholic holiday. Halloween, or Hallowe'en, is an abbreviation for "All Hallows Eve," a celebration the night before All Saints' and All Souls' Days (November 1 and 2). Just like on the night before Christmas or before Ash Wednesday, people make merry on October 31 — with costumes and parties for kids and adults alike — before the more solemn days to come. Take a cue this week from Mexican culture's festive Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) to pay respects with a joyful heart to those who have gone before us.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Philippians 2:1-4; Luke 14:12-14.* "When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you."

Tuesday, Nov 01, 2022

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

It's the company you keep

"It is the example of the righteous that we must make our own," instructed Pope Clement of Rome. "Seek the company of the saints, for those who seek their company shall be sanctified." Catholics believe in the communion of saints: all who have attained a place at the heavenly banquet — and from whom we seek inspiration, example, and intercession. They include Saint Francis as well as someone's Uncle Frank, Saint Gertrude the Great along with a great many grandmas. Images of both famous and ordinary saints informed the work of artist John Nava for the stunning Communion of Saints tapestries at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles; let them grace your prayer today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a.* "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven."

Wednesday, Nov 02, 2022

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

Dressing for the dearly departed

All Souls' Day is celebrated in many different ways, depending on one's culture. Some celebrate the season by dressing up. Others

honour Día de los Muertos by having feasts at cemeteries, where stories are told and gifts are offered to the ancestors. Some spend the day with doors and windows wide open as a symbol of welcoming the dearly departed. In all different ways, life is celebrated, the life we shared with loved ones who have died, and the life we continue to share with them and one another in new ways. What will be your All Souls' Day custom today?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9; John 6:37-40.* "The souls of the just are in the hand of God."

Thursday, Nov 03, 2022

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES, DOMINICAN BROTHER

The struggle for racial justice continues

In 1947, the Catholic Interracial Council of Los Angeles sued the state of California to challenge the law that prohibited interracial marriages. At the time laws in 30 states made interracial marriages illegal. The challenge cited Catholic teaching to argue that racism is inherently evil and irrational. The lawsuit succeeded, a step along the long road to racial justice. Peruvian Saint Martin de Porres, born out of wedlock in 1579 to a Spanish nobleman and a formerly enslaved African woman, is patron of mixed-race people and all those seeking racial harmony. Ask Saint Martin to help us keep up the fight for racial justice.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Philippians 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10.* "He, the LORD, is our God; throughout the earth his judgments prevail."

Friday, Nov 04, 2022

MEMORIAL OF SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO, BISHOP

An inspiration in trying times

Many lessons can be drawn from our experience in these difficult years of the epidemic. Foremost among them is that we have to be there for each other. During the 1576-78 Plague of Milan, when many city officials fled the scene, Archbishop Borromeo stayed the course, not only organizing a wide-ranging clerical response to the temporal and spiritual needs of the people, but even selling his own possessions and borrowing funds to care for the many hungry, homeless, and dying souls. Dismissing concerns over infection, he

made visitations across the diocese and personally ministered to the sick. What can we do today to honour his memory and serve those in need?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 16:1-8. "Prepare a full account of your stewardship."*

Saturday, Nov 05, 2022

Loosen that grip

Imagine going through an entire day having left your wallet or purse at home, carrying no money of any kind (cash, credit card, or otherwise). Now imagine going through your entire life that way! More than likely, that's how

Jesus lived. He had a lot to say about money, especially our relationship to it, but we never read of Jesus carrying any himself. When he's challenged about paying taxes, he asks to be shown a coin in order to respond, so he likely wasn't carrying any of his own. While Jesus did not command us to live without money, he cautioned us to use it ethically and to be careful how tightly we hold it in our hands—and our hearts.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Philippians 4:10-19; Luke 16:9-15. "If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?"*

Readings for the 31st Sunday

Wisdom 11:22-12:2

Dimensions don't matter in the measure of God.

Psalms 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14

God's unending mercy and fidelity are worthy of praise.

2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

The day of the Lord leaves no advance calling card.

Luke 19:1-10

A small man makes large advances in the reign of God.

Words on the Word: Luke 19:1-10

Who has not found the heaven below

Will fail of it above.

God's residence is next to mine,

His furniture is love

(E. Dickinson, †1886).

We again return to the figure of a tax collector in the Gospel. Both figures are tied to God's desire to save man, especially the sinner, who sees his mistake. In the stories Christ returns, as an echo, to the words: *You show mercy to all, because you can do anything and do not want the death of the sinner, but to repent*, as well as often repeating in the Gospel: *Salvation has come to us today*.

What is this wisdom that leads from sin to God? What makes God see a man among many others like the tax collector Zaccheaus or the tax collector praying in the temple? God looks in a different way. He sees in a person what others fail to see. The wisdom of a person which leads to God is the ability to look at neighbours as Christ does. Wisdom is a new vision which is seeing beyond the superficial, it also sees what in a person is most important – the heart.

Meanwhile, centuries have been obscured by constant consideration of human mistakes. Considering categories of sin, punishments for sin, and penance for sin. Perhaps it took up and takes up too much space in the human spiritual life. However, how much sin there is in sin, only God knows. Each of us is brought up in slightly different conditions, and the conditions of our lives also differ, which means that our knowledge and our freedom are not the same. It is hard

to answer the question how free a person truly is. With all certainty sin is consciously taking the way of evil, lies, deceit, violence, etc.

The tax collector wants to see Jesus, but many other people also want to. Jesus noticed him. As a well known figure, he certainly made a fool of himself climbing up a tree. It couldn't have been an easy decision, but he wanted to see Jesus. That Jesus noticed him shows that he had something more exceptional about him than just curiosity. Often times we ourselves can rise above our prejudices, emotions, false expectations, so as to be able to look Christ in the eyes. Many things, misunderstandings, prejudices, fake news, prevent us from such a gaze.

Jesus doesn't give Zaccheaus a teaching, a moral pointer, a rebuke, etc. Zaccheaus is treated with respect, which tears him out of his social isolation. He attains a conversion. He himself says to Jesus: I've changed, I will give back, I will make it up. Jesus responds with love to Zaccheaus' thirst for love. He experienced the love of Jesus and *today salvation has come to this house*. This is great ability: not feelings, but love opens the heart of people to encounter Christ.

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 all others whose anniversaries occur at this time.

News and Events

Welcome event: This Friday 4th Nov., 6.30 pm – lists are in the church porch for contributions on the night, please support this event if you are able (please finalise today). It's a great opportunity to strengthen our faith community in a celebratory way.

SPUC National Prayer Campaign: 10 Million Prayers for 10 Million Lost Lives

On 27th October 2022, it will be exactly 55 years since the Abortion Act of 1967 was passed. Since then, 10 million babies have lost their lives in this country to abortion. The battle to defend life is, above all, a spiritual one and on 27th October 2022 the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be launching a major National Prayer Campaign, in collaboration with the Knights of St. Columba, to encourage more people to pray with renewed faith and trust for an end to the culture of death and for a flourishing of the culture of life. The aim is to reach a milestone of 10 million prayers being pledged in memory of the 10 million lives lost to abortion, between 27th October 2022 and 27th April 2023. You can pledge your prayers by filling a card (in porch) or an online form at the following web address: www.spuc.org.uk/national-prayer-campaign.

November Lists and envelopes are available in the church porch. Please return by 1st November, Solemnity of All the Saints to be included in in the Memorial Book.

Quality Christmas cards available. All proceeds to St. Kieran's.

Depaul Winter Appeal for Ukraine – ribbons and donation box is in the church porch.

Live streaming: Zoom [click here](#), 'Join a Meeting' with the Meeting ID **6593787274**, and the passcode **fXQ9F5**. (Facebook, see below).



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