

# PARISH BULLETIN

## St Kieran's, the Catholic Church *in*

### Hymns

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November  
the month of the Holy Souls



*Campbeltown and Islay*

*Ceann Loch Chille Chiarain*

6<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

*St. Kieran's, Campbeltown, Kintyre*

**Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> November, 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday,** Holy Mass, 10.00am.

Monday: **No Mass**

Tuesday, Wednesday and 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, 12<sup>th</sup> November, Vigil Mass,** 6.00pm

**Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday,** Holy Mass, 10.00am.

*St. Columba's Episcopal Church, Bridgend, Islay*

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November,** Holy Mass, 4pm

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November,** Holy Mass, 4pm



### **Psalm response**

*I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.*

### **Gospel acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Jesus Christ is the First-born from the dead:  
to him be glory and power for ever and ever.*

*Alleluia!*

### **Communion Antiphon**

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,  
near restful waters he leads me.*

## Take Five

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

**Monday, Nov 07, 2022**

### **With Him there is justice**

The Jews held that it was an unforgivable sin to teach another to sin. If we teach another to sin, he in turn may teach still another, until a train of sin is set in motion with no foreseeable end.

Jesus warns His disciples of the terrible responsibility that they must set no stumbling block in the way of another, that is, not give offense or bad example that might lead another to sin. The young in faith are especially vulnerable to the bad example of those who should be passing on the faith. While Jesus warns against the sin of bad example and scandal, He also demonstrates the power of faith for overcoming temptation and obstacles.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Titus 1:1-9; Luke 17:1-6. "And the Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.'"*

**Tuesday, Nov 08, 2022**

### **What is love?**

True love is sacrificial, generous, and selfless. How can we love others selflessly and unconditionally? God himself is Love (1 John 4:16) and He fills our hearts with the boundless love that gives what is good for the sake of others. If we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us (1 John 4:12). God honours the faithful servant who loves generously. He is ever ready to work through and in us for His glory. We must remember, however, that God can never be indebted to us. We have no claim on Him. His love compels us to give him our best! And when we have done our best, we have simply done our duty. We can never outdo God.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Luke 17:7-10. "We have done what we were obliged to do."*

**Wednesday, Nov 09, 2022**

### **FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA**

#### **Build your vocation steeped in love**

For nearly a millennium, the Catholic Church has marked on this day the dedication of the Lateran Basilica, so named for the hill upon which it sits just east of the Colosseum in Rome. The cathedral of the Diocese of Rome, it is the official seat of the pope (the bishop of Rome) and is dedicated to both of the New Testament's two most famous Johns: the

Baptist and the Apostle. Consider the far-reaching impact of these servants honoured in the Catholic Church's highest-ranking edifice. Let's dedicate ourselves as they did to spreading the Good News of love, and through our own holy vocations attain our heavenly reward!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22. "His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me."*

**Thursday, Nov 10, 2022**

### **MEMORIAL OF SAINT LEO THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

#### **The great and the good**

Saint Leo the Great is one of the few popes remembered as the "Great." This accomplished preacher and writer was also such a skilled diplomat that he convinced Attila the Hun to spare Rome from attack in 452 and later kept a plundering Vandal army from burning the city. Saint Leo used his gifts to uplift Christ. How do you use yours? Sharing God's peace is a good place to start.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Philemon 7-20; Luke 17:20-25. "For behold, the Kingdom of God is among you."*

**Friday, Nov 11, 2022**

### **MEMORIAL OF SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP**

#### **Holiness cut to fit**

Humility and generosity are the key attributes associated with many saints, and fourth-century Saint Martin of Tours is no exception. While on patrol in Gaul as a soldier in the Roman Army, it is said that Martin took pity on a half-naked beggar by cutting his officer's cloak in half and sharing it with the shivering man. The incident is immortalized in Christian art and iconography throughout Europe and became a defining image of what it means to be Christian. Martin took to heart the words of Jesus: "Whatever you did for one of these least of mine, you did for me" (Matt. 25:45). In Martin's honour, extend your compassion beyond your comfort zone today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 John 1,4-9; Luke 17:26-37. "For this is love, that we walk according to his commandments."*

**Saturday, Nov 12, 2022**

## MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOSAPHAT, BISHOP, MARTYR

### Seek unity where possible

For the first thousand years Christianity was one big, mostly happy family. But for a number of reasons the Church was divided in the Great Schism of 1054. Saint Josaphat (c.1580-1623) was a Catholic bishop trying to reunite the Eastern Church with Rome. But, alas, he was a little heavy-handed. When he discovered a priest in his diocese was celebrating Mass

according to the Byzantine practice, he had him arrested and thrown in jail. This angered a mob of unruly citizens who attacked and violently dispatched Josaphat, tossing his body in a river. We can honour his good intentions today, while perhaps choosing another approach to unity. Pray we unite in those things that matter most.

TODAY'S READINGS: 3 John 1,5-8; Luke 18:1-8. "I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily."

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## Readings for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

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### 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

Seven brothers and their mother demonstrate their hope in the afterlife.

### Psalm 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15

The justice of God will reward the faithful whose steps do not falter.

### 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Be encouraged by the fidelity of the Lord who protects us.

### Luke 20:27-38

Jesus affirms the hope in the life of the world to come.

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## Words on the Word: Luke 20:27-38

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In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus refutes the belief dominating in His day about the purpose of marriage and its relationship to eternal life. Today the world has gone even further. Pius XI described the social situation like this:

*For now, alas, not secretly nor under cover, but openly, with all sense of shame put aside, now by word again by writings, by theatrical productions of every kind, by romantic fiction, by amorous and frivolous novels, by cinematographs portraying in vivid scene, in addresses broadcast by radio, in short by all the inventions of modern science, the sanctity of marriage is trampled upon and derided; divorce, adultery, all the basest vices either are extolled or at least are depicted in such colours as to appear to be free of all reproach and infamy. Books are not lacking which dare to pronounce themselves as scientific but which in truth are merely coated with a veneer of science in order that they may the more easily insinuate their ideas. The doctrines defended in these are offered for sale as the productions of modern genius, of that genius namely, which, anxious only for truth, is considered to have emancipated itself from all those old-fashioned and immature opinions of the ancients; and to the number of these antiquated opinions they relegate the traditional doctrine of Christian marriage.*

*These thoughts are instilled into men of every class, rich and poor, masters and workers, lettered and unlettered, married and single, the godly and godless, old and young, but for these last, as easiest prey, the worst snares are laid.*

*(Pius XI, Casti connubii).*

It's difficult for us to reply to questions deprived of meaning, especially when they are malicious and loaded. Even the questions of children can be exhausting, but the questions formulated by the Sadducees were specially formed in a way so as to discredit teachings about the resurrection on the basis of simple human logic: in life she was the wife of seven brothers,

whose will she be after the resurrection?

Marriage, apart from having children, however, also has another important purpose – reaching the kingdom of God together. Following the path to this destination together. Jesus Christ reminds us that after death the laws of biology don't have any great meaning, it is the power of God that plays the decisive role. At baptism Jesus made us His brothers and sisters and this relationship in Christ is what most needs to be taken into account. We have a part in the Risen Christ, not now as wife and husband, but as sister and brother united in the love of God which will consume us while respecting the unique personality of each person. Jesus often says that after death we keep our own individual personality. Abraham, Jacob, Moses still live, they have not melted into a mass of the dead, their names and deeds remain and will characterise them for eternity.

Even among Christian people there exist those who do not believe in eternal life. The idea of reincarnation (Hinduism, Buddhism) is also fashionable in many environments, even Christian ones. It is tempting – that here life can be repeated. Maybe even avoiding mistakes.

In the theory of reincarnation, every reincarnation is dependent on you and your efforts. This is the greatest weakness of this teaching, because it is as though a person can will themselves into heaven, pulling themselves up. The second decisive difference between us and the reincarnationists is that the ultimate goal of the constant transformation of *karma* is perfection and ultimately merging with permanent impersonal absolute. In Christian personhood, unique, beautiful and the whole masterpiece of God's grace that becomes the human being is contained in: I am the God of Abraham, Jacob and Moses.

Without eternal life, without remaining in the eternal God after death, human reductionism is terrifying.

Can a person be treated as a one-day fly, that in the morning hatches, reproduces, and in the evening dies and nothing of it remains?

Is a human's existence only in order to be productive as long as is possible, and then reject them?

Does the place where they put me after death shut the whole of me for ever?

The whole of me and human nature shudders at such a possibility. I am not only my body, which weakens and dies, but I also live in the order of grace which makes me an increasingly richer, and more and more beautiful child of God.

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## 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.**

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## News and Events

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