

PARISH BULLETIN

St Kieran's, the Catholic Church in

*Campbeltown and
Islay*

Ceann Loch Chille Chiarain

20th November 2022

Hymns

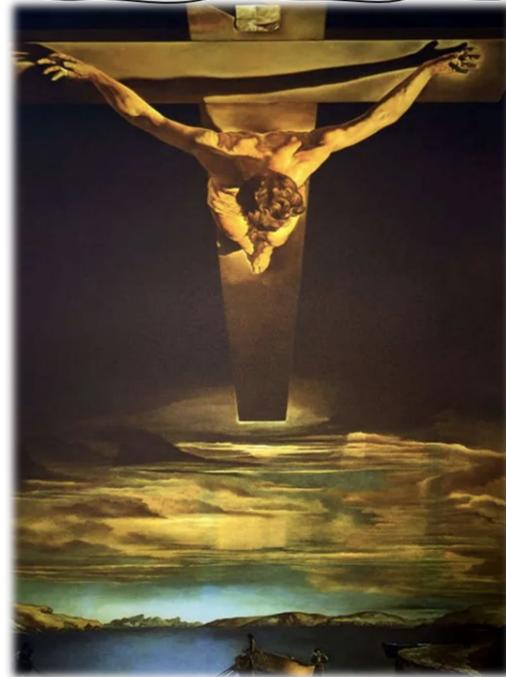
14 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
(Keys)

705 Holy, holy, holy is the Lord (Mayhew)

717 Jesus, remember me (Keys)

50 At the name of Jesus (Mayhew)

November
the month of the Holy Souls



Solemnity of Christ the King

St. Kieran's, Campbeltown, Kintyre

Sunday, 20th November, *Solemnity of Christ the King,*

Holy Mass, 10.00am.

Monday to Friday: No Mass

Saturday, 26th November, Vigil Mass and blessing of the Advent wreath,
6.00pm

Sunday, 27th November, *First Sunday of Advent* Holy Mass, 10.00am.

St. Columba's Episcopal Church, Bridgend, Islay

Sunday 20th November, Holy Mass, 4pm

Sunday 4th December, Holy Mass, 4pm



Psalm response

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house'.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Take Five

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

Monday, Nov 21, 2022

**MEMORIAL OF THE PRESENTATION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Ready for the ride of your life?

Just as Catholics celebrate the conception,
birth, and presentation in the temple of Jesus,

we celebrate the same events in the life of Mary. God's plans (for all of us) begin and unfold before anyone's understanding of them. The story of Mary's presentation in the temple comes from a non-biblical text that says Mary's parents consecrated her to God at a very young age. With her Immaculate Conception, God set her on the path to a pivotal role in salvation history, but it required dedication and preparation nonetheless — culminating in her immortal "yes" at the Annunciation. Life hands us circumstances, and sometimes decisions are made that are beyond our control — have you considered how those might shape your purpose? Commit to following where the Spirit might lead you.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Luke 21:1-4.* "She, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood."

Tuesday, Nov 22, 2022

MEMORIAL OF CECILIA, MARTYR

Speak up

Once Saint Paul's letters were collected in the third century, he got heat from Christians for "Wives, be submissive to your husbands" — adding that neither should they speak in church. For the third century also saw the martyrdom of Saint Cecilia. Paul's critics pointed out that Cecilia's eloquent words persuaded her husband and led him (and others) to convert. As for not speaking in church? It was Cecilia who allowed an underground church to worship in her home. Cecilia's story is told in Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, recounted by a nun who praises her for evangelizing with both words and example. Men and women of faith, glorify God today with your own words and example!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11.* "Reap the harvest, for the time to reap has come."

Wednesday, Nov 23, 2022

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF CLEMENT I, POPE, MARTYR

We owe You

We naturally think of Saint Paul when we think of letters written to the early Christians in Corinth, but Saint Clement I — a disciple of the apostles and later a pope — had occasion to write to the Corinthian church as well. From one of those letters comes advice that's fitting for Americans celebrating Thanksgiving tomorrow: "If you are wise, then display your wisdom by good deeds; and if you are modest, let others speak of your modesty instead of proclaiming

the fact yourself. To God we owe everything, and therefore on every count we are under obligation to thank him."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Revelation 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19 (505).* "I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking."

Thursday, Nov 24, 2022

MEMORIAL OF ANDREW DŨNG-LẠC, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Saved in the cloud

Most who are reading these words can give thanks to God for the freedom to worship, something absent for the saints and martyrs memorialised on this date. Today's memorial is unusual in that it honours 117 Vietnamese martyrs, the "companions" of Father Andrew Dũng-Lạc. In fact, those 117 actually represent the 100,000 to 300,000 Vietnamese Christians killed or severely persecuted for their faith between the 17th and 19th centuries. May your actions of gratitude today give honour to this "cloud of witnesses."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Luke 21:20-28.* "Then [Jesus] said to him, 'Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.'"

Friday, Nov 25, 2022

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, MARTYR

Called to speak out

The early Church was a place of great religious fervour and danger. Prior to 313 Christianity was outlawed, and many adherents were put to death. This was the age of the martyrs, including Catherine of Alexandria. Catherine was well educated and known for her keen intellect. As she grew in the faith, she became an outspoken critic of the dominant religion of the Roman empire. Though given many unconscionable "outs" to avoid death, Catherine held firmly to her beliefs and continued to speak out. What compels you to speak out, even when it costs you?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Revelation 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Luke 21:29-33.* "I also saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God."

Saturday, Nov 26, 2022

The last day

It's the last day of the year — the liturgical year, that is. Tomorrow is the beginning of a new liturgical year, a new cycle of readings, and a new season of joyful hope. Good thing some might say, because the readings for the past

few weeks, like today's, have been words of warning and apprehension regarding the "eschaton," which means the end of the world. It all sounds terrifying, but it is good news, for however you prefer to interpret it, literally or figuratively, unless this world passes away in

some way, the kingdom Jesus preached isn't fully realized. Pray God's kingdom come!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36. "Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations."*

Readings for Solemnity of Christ the King

2 Samuel 5:1-3

David receives the total confidence of the nation at Hebron.

Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5

The house of God in Jerusalem is the centre of joy for God's people.

Colossians 1:12-20

Jesus is the first, the essential, and the reconciling force of creation.

Luke 23:35-43

On the cross, Jesus receives a vote of confidence from a condemned man.

Words on the Word: Luke 23:35-43

If We ordain that the whole Catholic world shall revere Christ as King, We shall minister to the need of the present day, and at the same time provide an excellent remedy for the plague which now infects society. We refer to the plague of anti-clericalism, its errors and impious activities. This evil spirit, as you are well aware, Venerable Brethren, has not come into being in one day; it has long lurked beneath the surface. The empire of Christ over all nations was rejected. The right which the Church has from Christ himself, to teach mankind, to make laws, to govern peoples in all that pertains to their eternal salvation, that right was denied. Then gradually the religion of Christ came to be likened to false religions and to be placed ignominiously on the same level with them. It was then put under the power of the state and tolerated more or less at the whim of princes and rulers. Some men went even further, and wished to set up in the place of God's religion a natural religion consisting in some instinctive affection of the heart. There were even some nations who thought they could dispense with God, and that their religion should consist in impiety and the neglect of God. (Pius XI, Quas Primas, 24)

This Sunday the last Sunday of the liturgical year we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. The Holy Church today honours Christ as King and Lord of the Universe. However, in the Gospel we hear a description of the enthronement of a king, but the description of the execution of a Jewish criminal who dies on a cross amid insults directed at Him. Even one of those crucified with Him also insults Him. To make matters worse, and to humiliate the Jewish nation, Pilate ordered to be written above the cross "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews". Jesus Christ the King had to die, because the Jewish leaders imagined for themselves a different Messiah. They wanted a powerful Israel in the image of other 'superpowers'.

Jesus Himself to the question of Pilate: "Are you the king of the Jews?", replied: "Yes, I am he". However, Our Lord, is not the victorious leader of wars, but is the Prince of Peace. At the birth in Bethlehem the angels already were proclaiming the coming of the kingdom of peace: glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will. However, the Kingdom of Christ is

not of this world. The so-call good thief expresses this best who must have known the Good News preached by Christ, because he cried out on the cross to Christ: *Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom*. A wonderful confession of faith in God, who in Christ became a man, and His kingdom is not of this world.

Throughout His whole earthly preaching He did not rest, He constantly preached the liberation of man and indeed accomplished this on the cross. Many believed in Him and His eternal kingdom. The exclamation of the thief on the cross is also so important for us: *Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom*. This encourages us, strengthens our faith and shows us that the kingdom of Christ is not of this world.

The theology of Christ's kingdom is fundamentally in conflict with this direction of thought which replaced the laws of God with human rights, especially in collective life, and, as a consequence, the community of the nation and the state do not recognize the sovereign God, do not worship Him, do not respect His law, do not take into account the mission and rights of His Church. In the course of an intricate evolution over a century and a half, this view was born out of, among other things, the disastrous sectarian systems of Western secularists, godless Eastern communism and modern neopaganism. They aspire to the importance of infallible social and state philosophies. For mankind, this crazy development of views had the worst effect, as it drove the world into an anarchy that threatened to destroy culture and all the achievements of civilization. It so happened that societies crumble and the world trembles in convulsions that tomorrow can turn into cataclysms (Cardinal Hlond, 30 July 1939).

Prayer

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

Please remember in your prayers whose anniversaries occur at this time.

In our prayers let us commend the soul of Owain Williams into the sleep of Christ. May Bethan and his family all be comforted in the knowledge of God's unfathomable mercy and infinite love. Funeral arrangements will be confirmed when burial in Wales is finalised.

News and Events

Quality Christmas cards available for a donation. All proceeds to St. Kieran's. Please place your donations in the box.

Fr. Tony will be having a period of respite – back for the Vigil Mass 26th Nov. Thanks to Bishop Brian for celebrating the Holy Mass on Sunday 20th Nov. (no Vigil Mass on Sat. 19th) in Campbeltown and on Islay.

Live streaming – on [Zoom](#) will continue on weekdays but not on Sundays. (Facebook streaming continues as before, see below for link).



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