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PARISH BULLETIN

St Kieran's, the Catholic Church *in*

Campbeltown and Islay

Ceann Loch Chille Chiarain

8th January 2023

The Christmas Season – Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord



St. Kieran's, Campbeltown, Kintyre

Sunday, 8th January 2023, *Solemnity of the Epiphany*, Holy Mass, 10.00am.

Monday: Holy Mass, 6.00pm

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: Holy Mass, 10.00am

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

***Friday*:** Adoration and Mid-morning Prayer, 9.30am.

Saturday, 14th January 2023, *Vigil Mass*, 6.00pm

Sunday, 15th January 2023, *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*, Holy Mass, 10.00am.

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

Sunday 15th January 2023, Holy Mass, 4pm



Psalm response

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*We saw his star as it rose
and have come to do the Lord homage.*

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

*We have seen his star in the East,
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.*

Take Five

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

Monday, Jan 09, 2023

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Be a carrier of peace

Pigeons and doves are different species within the same family of birds. The homing pigeon, also called the mail or carrier pigeon, is a variety bred for its ability to find its way home over extremely long distances of up to 1,000 miles or more. Because of this skill, they were used to carry messages throughout history. The dove, of course, is a symbol of peace and hope, and famously carried an olive branch to Noah on the Ark after the great flood. If you want to send a similar message, you don't have to go nearly as far. Just extend peace and hope across the dinner table or over the neighbour's fence.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17. "He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him."*

Tuesday, Jan 10, 2023

FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Give peace every chance

On this day in 1920, the Treaty of Versailles formally ended World War I. On this same day in 1946 — following World War II — the UN General Assembly met for the very first time, gathering on church property at the Methodist Central Hall in London. And on January 10, 1984 the United States and Vatican City re-established full diplomatic relations after 117 years. It's not enough for Christians to worship the Prince of Peace. "We must work tirelessly to avoid war between nations and peoples," writes Pope Francis in *Fratelli Tutti* (On Fraternity and Social Friendship). "There is a need to ensure ... tireless recourse to negotiation, mediation, and arbitration."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28. "The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes."*

Wednesday, Jan 11, 2023

Measure with mercy

On this day in 314 — or the day before; the history is unclear — Pope Saint Miltiades died after a life of historic twists and turns that would help define the Early Church. Born to North African parents, Miltiades was the second of the Catholic Church's three African popes,

having been elected in 311, shortly after the end of the persecutions of Emperor Diocletian. As pope, Miltiades was most famous for rejecting the Donatists, who argued that apostates who repent needed to be re-baptized (and re-ordained, if priests). In an age of manifestly imperfect priests, may we model Pope Miltiades' mercy and forgiveness for all the fallen — starting with ourselves!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39. "They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up."*

Thursday, Jan 12, 2023

Pull back the curtain with contemplative prayer

Fans of *The Wizard of Oz* relish the moment when a curtain is drawn and the Great and Terrible Oz is shown to be an ordinary man. In a way, the tradition of contemplative prayer is an attempt to pull back the curtain but with reverse results. Instead of seeing the wondrous as ordinary, contemplation is meant to move people to see the depth and intricacy and wonder of the ordinary. In other words, contemplative prayer wants us to see God's face everywhere. Consider the times when God's presence became tangible for you. Build a time into today to seek that presence.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45. "Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched the leper, and said to him, 'I do will it. Be made clean.'"*

Friday, Jan 13, 2023

FEAST OF SAINT KENTIGERN, BISHOP

The word is out

Why did Jesus perform the miracle of the great catch of fish? No doubt the great crowd of people who had pressed upon Jesus had something to do with this miracle. They were very hungry for God and were eager to hear His word. Jesus wanted to use this occasion to teach His disciples an important lesson. Although Simon was wearied from a night of fruitless toil, he nonetheless pressed upon Jesus for His word of command: *At your word I will let down the nets*. When you meet disappointment and failure, do you press upon the Lord, like Simon, to hear His word and to receive His command? This incident tells us an important truth about how God works in and

through us for His glory. God expects of us greater things than we can do by ourselves. When we cooperate in his works, we accomplish far beyond what we can do on our own.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 52:7-10; 2 Timothy 4:1-5; Luke 5:1-11. "Put out into deep water".*

Saturday, Jan 14, 2023

Accepted unconditionally

Levi was an outcast of his people. Because of his position at the Roman customs post, not only he but also his family were held in disdain. His alliance with the Romans was considered

treasonous and his wealth ill-gotten. Levi had many character flaws, yet Jesus chose him as a disciple, and he accepted. This is good news for the outcasts of our generation, the people our society and sometimes our church counts as unacceptable. It's good news for all of us, to be honest, as we all fall short in one way or another. Thankfully, Jesus sees past our shortcomings. Imitate Jesus before judging others.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17. "I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."*

Readings for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6

Nations and kings will follow the light of God's glory.

Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Kings will bear gifts, while the poor will be rescued.

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

The mystery is revealed: The Gentiles are coheirs and partners.

Matthew 2:1-12

Magi from the East come looking for the king of the Jews.

Words on the Word

There are many legends about the so-called fourth king, who investigated the star and knew about the birth of the Son of God. And he decided to give Him homage. According to one of these legends, this king had the name Artaban. He was a Magus from the city of Ecbatana. He sold his house and estate so as to buy three gems: a sapphire, a ruby and a pearl – but he never reached Jerusalem and never presented his gifts to the Child. He saved people from poverty along the way (he rescued a land from hunger, buried the dead, saved the sick from leprosy, purchased a girl from human traffickers). Thirty-three years passed in this way. It was at the moment of his death he met Christ and said:

"Did I at some time feed You when You were hungry, and give You drink when You were thirsty? Have I opened the doors of my home to You, the weary wanderer? Did I clothe Your nakedness, did I visit You when sick? Thirty-three years I have searched for You, but I have never seen Your face and I have never served You in anything." And he fell silent, but heard a voice: "Truly, truly I say to you, whatever you did to the least of one of these brothers, You did to me."

At these words, Artaban's face shone with a strange brightness, and from his mouth came a sigh, a last sigh of joy and relief. His journey ended, the gifts were accepted. The fourth wise man of the East has found his King.

(after Henry van Dyke).

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*And suddenly all three looked,
where the child was, like a drop of light,
and they saw, as if in broken mirrors,
within themselves – a black, roaring crater.
And suddenly the three hearts felt
like fists clenched by grief.
So now in great peace they were returning,
lullabied by animals as in dreams.
The camel slowly swayed like a mast,
the tiger purred as softly as the sea,
the fish streaked through the air.
And it flowed and rippled in them like a brook.
Returning, hastening from up high,
the three kings taught love.
(K.K. Baczynski)*

Prayer



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

Please remember in your prayers Teddy Lafferty who passed away last week and Fr. John Bentley (2011) **with all whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

*Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle;
be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the
devil.*

*May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power
of God,
thrust into Hell, Satan and all the other evil spirits,
who prowl throughout the world, seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen*



News and Events

Tea and coffee in the hall after Sunday Mass. Our visitors are most welcome, please come along. Bishop Brian will make his presentation to us in hall about the diocesan discernment process.

Live streaming – on Facebook (see below for link).



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