

WHEN HE SAW THE CROWDS,
HE HAD COMPASSION FOR THEM,
BECAUSE THEY WERE
HARASSED AND HELPLESS,
LIKE SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD.
-MATTHEW 9:36



18th June 2023

11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

St. Kieran's, Campbeltown, Kintyre

Sunday, 18th June, *11th Sunday of Ordinary Time*, Holy Mass, 10.00am.

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: Holy Mass, **10.00am**

Scripture discussion: Friday: 10.30am

Devotions: Wednesday: Mid-morning Prayer, 9.50am

Friday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Mid-morning Prayer and Litany to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, 9.30am.

Saturday, 24th June, *Vigil Mass*, 6.00pm

Sunday, 25th June, *11th in Ordinary Time*, Holy Mass, 10.00am.

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

Sunday, 18th June, Holy Mass, 4.00 pm

Sunday, 2nd July, Holy Mass, 4.00 pm



Psalm response

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The kingdom of God is close at hand:
repent, and believe the Good News.*

Alleluia!

PARISH BULLETIN

St Kieran's, the Catholic Church *in* *Campbeltown and Islay* *Ceann Loch Chille Chiarain*

Hymns

Processional (Sunday Mass only)

175 God forgave my sin (Mayhew) [148]

Offertory

243 In bread we bring you, Lord (Keys) [223]

Post Communion

556 This is my body (Keys) [509]

Final

SHEET Will you come and follow me (Keys) [563]

Communion Antiphon

*Holy Father, keep in your name those you have given me,
that they may be one as we are one, says the Lord.*

Take Five

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

Monday, Jun 19, 2023

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF SAINT ROMUALD, ABBOT

Take your place in paradise

A thousand years ago, Italian monk Saint Romuald founded a religious order, the Camaldolese, that blended the Christian hermit tradition into monastic life. His monks lived in individual cells but participated in some communal activities. Romuald's rule of life put solitude and contemplation and meditation on the Psalms at the centre of his order's spirituality. He wrote, "Sit in your cell as in paradise. Put the whole world behind you and forget it. Watch your thoughts like a good fisherman watching for fish. The path you must follow is in the Psalms — never leave it." Tap into this tradition and try finding a place of solitude and, with the Psalms handy, carve out some quiet time for contemplation in your busy day.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 5:38-42. *"But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil."*

Tuesday, Jun 20, 2023

Walk in the Lord

Was Jesus exaggerating when he said we must be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect? The original meaning of "perfect" in Aramaic is "completeness" or "wholeness – not lacking in what is essential". God gives us every good gift in Jesus Christ so that we may not lack anything we need to do His will and to live as His sons and daughters. He knows our frailty and sinfulness better than we do. And He assures us of His love, mercy, and grace to follow in His ways. Do you want to grow in your love for God and for your neighbour? Ask the Holy Spirit to change and transform you in the image of the Father that you may walk in the joy and freedom of the Gospel.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Matthew 5:43-48. *"They gave themselves first to the Lord and to us through the will of God."*

Wednesday, Jun 21, 2023

MEMORIAL OF SAINT ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, RELIGIOUS

Your mission

The brief life of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga (he died at 23) is instructive for all who hope to raise or nurture young faith. Though he was raised in royal privilege, a book about the experiences of Jesuit missionaries in India inspired Aloysius to leave his comfortable world behind and dedicate his life to God. As it turned out, his mission field would be closer to home, as he gave his life serving the sick during a terrible plague in Rome in 1591. Young people are inspired by heroic examples of service. Be that inspiration.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18. *"Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them your Father who sees in secret will repay you."*

Thursday, Jun 22, 2023

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF SAINT THOMAS MORE, MARTYR

Discipleship still can be costly

Sir (and Saint) Thomas More, the British humanist and statesman, stared down King Henry VIII and paid the price. He was beheaded in 1535 for refusing to support the king's desire to control the Catholic Church. The 1960 play (and later film) A Man for All Seasons kept alive More's considerable reputation as martyr and man of letters. More's final words affirmed that he was the "king's good servant and God's first." Most of us won't have to die for our faith, but many will pay a price for doing the right and faithful thing in a difficult situation. What has your faith cost you?

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Matthew 6:7-15. *"Your Father knows what you need before you ask him."*

Friday, Jun 23, 2023

'Tis a gift

Jesus used the images of treasure and eyesight to convey the hidden truth of God's kingdom. What Jesus said about treasure made perfect sense to His audience: keep what lasts!

Aren't we all trying to find the treasure which brings security and happiness? Jesus contrasts two very different kinds of wealth — material and spiritual goods. Jesus urges His disciples to get rich by investing in that which truly lasts, not just for a lifetime, but for all eternity. How attainable is this heavenly treasure and can we enjoy it now, or must we wait for it in the afterlife? The treasure of God's kingdom is both a present and future reality for those who seek it. What is this treasure which Jesus offers so freely? It is the joy of knowing the living God, being united with him, and receiving the inheritance of an imperishable kingdom — a kingdom of peace, joy, and righteousness. Since one's whole life is directed by that which he most values, to set one's heart on heavenly treasure will be to enter into a deeper and richer life with God.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30; Matthew 6:19-23. "Do not store up for

yourselves treasures on earth."

Saturday, Jun 24, 2023

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Find your voice

Zechariah, father of John the Baptist, stands in for all of us who fall silent when our doubt overcomes our faith. Along the path of life where we sometimes lose our way, it's difficult to trust that God is with us always. When Zechariah comes to his senses and realizes God is indeed active in his life through the wondrous birth of John, he is able to speak again. So it is with us. We find our authentic voice when we trust in God.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80. "He asked for a tablet and wrote, 'John is his name,' and all were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God."*

Readings for the 11th Sunday

Exodus 19:2-6a

Being God's people means embodying the very holiness of God.

Psalms 100:1-2, 3, 5

God made us and claims us. There is no end to God's kindness shown to us.

Romans 5:6-11

To die for someone else is the greatest sacrifice. To die for someone who doesn't deserve the sacrifice is beyond wonder.

Matthew 9:36-10:8

Because the crowds needed shepherding, Jesus supplied 12 of them.

Words on the Word

In today's readings, the Church recalls the theme of vocation-selection. In a world that is changing at an alarming rate, people have little time to reflect, and rarely ask questions: Who are believers? What is the Church? What does it mean to believe in God? What does this mean for me and for others?

We read the description of the calling of the apostles. Jesus chooses them not to accompany Him, but to witness to His signs, His miracles and His teaching. Our Saviour wants them to keep His word and pass it on, to be His people, His very own.

First of all, it's a call to personal fidelity to God. The first task of the disciples of Christ is an ever-deeper relationship with God the Saviour. This is not an easy task in a world that is becoming increasingly religiously indifferent and morally insensitive. "You of all nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation" (Exodus 19:5-6). This is the remnant of Israel mentioned in the Old Testament, described by Christ as "the salt of the earth, the light of the world". These are all whose one goal in this world, which is God is not obscured by the cares of this world. They go to Him. All believers go to Him together and, in this way, we want to shape our lives and, if possible, the

lives of our generation. We try to influence the fate of the world; we try to make sure that there is no harm nor crying, so that we feel like one family on this earth.

This vocation is based on the second task. It is prayer for priestly and religious vocations and prayer for all those who give a good testimony about Christ. This is what Jesus asks us to do today in the Gospel. It follows that such prayer is important and necessary. It is not enough to manage the Church in a human way, the Church is God's and God decides what are the most important matters.

The third task is to bear witness. This testimony does not mean an aggressive attitude, it does not mean fighting for God. Someone said God doesn't need lawyers. The risk needs to be accepted that today the preaching of Christ is very often done out outside church buildings. It takes place where non-believers be in awe at the life, devotion, sacrifice and spirit of prayer of believers. Sometimes a kind word, encouragement, or good advice can make a difference in other people's lives, not so much preached in such a way as if we knew better and others were there just to listen, and we were there to teach them.

Pope Benedict XVI sent us such a beautiful programme and call at the same time:

- I ask you, strengthened by your faith in God, to commit yourself fervently to strengthening His Kingdom on earth, the Kingdom of goodness, justice, solidarity and mercy;
- I am asking you to courageously bear witness to the Gospel before today's world, bringing hope to the poor, the suffering, the abandoned, the desperate, those who hunger for freedom, truth and peace;
- I am asking you to show that God is love by doing good to your neighbour and caring for the common good;
- finally, I am asking you to share the treasure of faith with other nations of Europe and the world, also through the memory of your compatriot who, as the successor of St. Peter, he did it with extraordinary power and efficiency” (Homily of Pope Benedict XVI, May 28, 2006).

Prayer



Please pray for those who are sick, in need or have asked for our prayers:

Connie Graham, Lilian Cox, Sarah Carmichael, Catherine Walker, Ailsa Stewart, Meg Douglas (Mull), Doleen Durnin, and Russell Carroll.

Please remember in your prayers Madge McWhirter who now sleeps in Christ and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

News and Events

Tea and coffee in the hall after Sunday Mass. Our visitors are most welcome, please come along.

Bishop Brian enjoyed his stay with us over last weekend and was pleased to discuss with you issues surrounding the Led by the Spirit process.

Ministers of Holy Communion: anyone who can offer themselves to serve as Ministers of Holy Communion, assisting at the distribution of the Eucharist as well as on occasion taking the Blessed Sacrament to the housebound, please talk to Fr. Tony. This is an increasingly important lay ministry in the parish.



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