



PARISH BULLETIN

St Kieran's, the Catholic Church *in*

Campbeltown and Islay

Ceann Loch Chille Chiarain

9th July 2023

Sea Sunday *14th Sunday* *of Ordinary* *Time*

Hymns

Processional (Sunday Mass only)

32 All ye who seek a comfort sure (Mayhew;4)

Offertory

226 I am the bread of life (McLennan)

Post Communion

My soul is at rest in God alone

506 Sweet heart of Jesus (Mayhew,sl.,lo.)

Final

128 Eternal Father, strong to save (Keys)

St. Kieran's, Campbeltown, Kintyre

Sunday, 9th July, *14th Sunday of Ordinary Time*, Holy Mass, 10.00am.

Monday: Holy Mass, 6.00pm

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: Holy Mass, 10.00am

Scripture discussion: Friday: 10.30am

Devotions: Wednesday: Mid-morning Prayer and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 9.45am

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

Saturday, 15th July, *Vigil Mass*, 6.00pm

Sunday, 16th July, *15th in Ordinary Time*, Holy Mass, 10.00am.

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

Sunday, 16th July, Holy Mass, 4.00 pm

Sunday, 6th August, Holy Mass, 4.00pm



Psalm response

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

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,*

*for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.*

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

*Come to me, all who labour and are burdened,
and I will refresh you, says the Lord.*

Take Five

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

Monday, Jul 10, 2023

Word of hope

Do you take your troubles to the Lord with expectant faith and confidence in His help? People in desperate or helpless circumstances were not disappointed when they sought Jesus out. What drew them to Jesus? Was it hope for a miracle or a word of comfort in their affliction? What did the elderly woman who had suffered greatly for twelve years expect Jesus to do for her? And what did a grieving father expect Jesus to do about his lost beloved daughter? Jesus gave hope where there seemed to be no human cause for it because His hope was directed to God. He spoke words of hope to the woman (*Courage, my daughter!*) to ignite the spark of faith in her (*your faith has restored you to health*). And He also gave divine hope to a father who had just lost a beloved child.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26.* “*Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you.*”

Tuesday, Jul 11, 2023

FEAST OF SAINT BENEDICT, ABBOT, CO-PATRON OF EUROPE

The Bible according to Benedict

When a team of theologians, medievalists, and artists began work on Saint John's Illuminated Bible in 1995, certain core values of Benedictine spirituality served as guiding principles. The finished product — the first hand-wrought copy of the Bible since the printing press in the 1400s — embodies some undeniable basics from Benedict's Rule, such as: the holiness of ordinary objects (simple goose quills for calligraphy) and the dignity of manual labour (vellum pages were hand-sanded repeatedly). But it's the larger themes of hospitality, transformation, and justice for God's people that make it a rich text for our time. Contemplate this Bible's full significance at the Library of Congress website.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38.* “*I have seen God face to face,' he said.*”

Wednesday, Jul 12, 2023

Extraordinarily ordinary

In the choice of the twelve apostles we see a characteristic feature of God's work: Jesus chose very ordinary people. They were non-professionals, had no wealth or position. They

were chosen from the common people who did ordinary things, had no special education, and no social advantages. Jesus wanted ordinary people who could take a task and do it extraordinarily well. He chose these men, not for what they were, but for what they would be capable of becoming under his direction and power. When the Lord calls us to serve, we must not think we have nothing to offer. The Lord takes what ordinary people, like us, can offer and uses it for greatness in his kingdom. Do you believe that God wants to work through and in you for his glory?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Matthew 10:1-7.* “*Go . . . to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.'*”

Thursday, Jul 13, 2023

Let it reign

The kingdom of God, or reign of God, means many things to many people. The term appears in today's gospel and in fact appears in the New Testament alone well over 100 times. Theologians have discussed its meaning over the centuries. They propose that in various contexts it refers to a heavenly reward, to Jesus himself, to the faithful as they pursue righteousness on Earth, to a culture based on love, mercy, and justice, and other variations on these themes. Like any big concept, there might not be one “right answer.” How do you envision the kingdom of God?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Matthew 10:7-15.* “*As you go, make this proclamation: 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.'*”

Friday, Jul 14, 2023

Blood, toil, sweat and tears

What does Jesus mean when says His disciples must be *sheep among wolves*? The prophet Isaiah foretold a time when wolves and lambs will dwell in peace (Isaiah 11:6 and 65:25). This certainly refers to the second coming of Christ when all will be united under the Lordship of Jesus after He has put down His enemies and established the reign of God over the heavens and the earth. In the meantime, the disciples must expect opposition and persecution from those who oppose the Gospel. Jesus never hesitated to tell His

disciples what they might expect if they followed Him. Here Jesus says to his disciples: This is my task for you at its grimmest and worst; do you accept it? This is not the world's way of offering a job. After the defeat at Dunkirk, Churchill offered his country blood, toil, sweat, and tears. This is not the message we prefer to hear when the Lord commissions us in His service. Nonetheless, our privilege is to follow in the footsteps of the Master who laid down His life for us. Are you willing to accept hardship and suffering in following after the Lord?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23.* "Do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say. You will be given at that moment what you are to say."

Saturday, Jul 15, 2023

**MEMORIAL OF SAINT BONAVENTURE,
BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

What we leave behind

History was not kind to the remains of Saint Bonaventure (1221-74), an Italian cardinal and minister general of the Franciscans. His many works of philosophy and theology are carefully preserved. But his body? Not so much. His torso was burned by invading Huguenots in 1562. His head, discovered to be uncorrupted 160 years after his death, was lost in the destruction of a church during the French Revolution. Only a lone arm has survived, resting in a church in Bagnoregio, Italy. Though your body will not last, your legacy can. Make it a good one.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Matthew 10:24-33.* "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul."

Readings for the 14th Sunday

Zechariah 9:9-10

The prophet foretells the era of a peaceable kingdom on Earth.

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

God rules with compassion and kindness toward all of creation.

Romans 8:9, 11-13

The material world has no claim on those who live according to the Spirit.

Matthew 11:25-30

Followers of Jesus receive a new way of seeing and being in the world.

Words on the Word

In 1844, among the Jesuit seminarians in Vals, France, the Movement of the Apostleship of Prayer was founded. They wanted to finish their studies and go to missionary areas, but their spiritual director, Fr. François Xavier Gautrelet SJ, reminded them that they can do a lot for the salvation of souls by offering God daily prayers, study, work and even rest time. Everything done in accordance with the regulations in force in the seminary was sanctifying and glorious, as long as it was motivated by love for God. Father Gautrelet instructed the seminarians: Be now apostles, apostles of prayer! Sacrifice everything you do every day in union with the Heart of Our Lord for what He desires: the extension of the Kingdom for the salvation of souls." He helped the seminarians realize that they can develop the work of saving souls as much through their daily life of prayer and work as through active involvement in missionary activity.

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Priests or people who work with the sick sometimes meet people who are tired of life and confess: "I don't have the strength to live anymore." Many young people admit bitterly: "I have nothing to live for anymore."

Are they paralyzed by suffering? Or maybe too self-centred? In life, you need faith in the meaning of what you do: faith in the possibility of overcoming obstacles, in a better tomorrow; the need to feel accepted and needed; it takes faith in God's great love that does not pass away.

In order to make an effort to convert and live a better life, I must first know for whom I am doing it. Through Jesus Christ, the Almighty Father wanted to enlighten people hungry for love and hungry for God and hug them to His Heart, like the good father of a prodigal son. Not all people are open to God's invitation.

It was accepted by those who were ridiculed by the proud, all-knowing and self-assured ones. The one who is self-sufficient counts on their selves: their knowledge and cognition, power, and possession, they are closed to mystery. It seems to such a man that he does not need God. "God reveals his secrets to loving hearts" (St. Augustine).

The words of Jesus in today's Gospel are the voice of the One who satisfies the poor with good things and sends the rich away empty. He unequivocally stands on the side of the poor, those who are thirsty for encountering the Lord, the suffering, and His call is a refreshment: "Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28). These words are addressed to people paralyzed by suffering, or maybe too fixated on themselves and their pain? A word that wants to pick up. Words that want to raise up.

The hardships of life and other yokes are not so burdensome if we invite Christ to walk with us, if we notice His presence and help. He gave everything for us, even His life. Through a long-known "morning offering", in which I sacrifice all that I can, "the evil that I endured and the good that I did", I bring God's help to many people who don't even suspect it. Significant or not of great importance; known or unknown – each of us is an important apostle of Christ's love.

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There are many variations of the morning offering prayer, but all have the basic elements contained in the following formula: "O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of Your Most Sacred Heart, in unity with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass around the world, as reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my loved ones, and especially for the intentions of the Holy Father. Amen".

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 Edward Maguire (2021), Margret Robertson (2022), Sean McGrory **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.

Special Collection: this Sunday a collection will be taken up for the ***Apostleship of the Sea*** (*Stella Maris*).

10 years on: I was very touched by the Mass I celebrated with the people on the Feast of Saint Thomas. For me it was the most appropriate way to give thanks for the ten years of my service as a priest of Christ. God bless you all.



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