

“This is
my beloved
Son...

listen to him.” -Matthew 17:5

St Kieran's, the Catholic Church

in Campbeltown and Islay
Ceann Loch Chille Chiarain
6th August 2023

The Transfiguration of the Lord

St. Kieran's, Campbeltown, Kintyre

Sunday, 6th August, *The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord,*
Holy Mass, **10.00am.**

Monday, Holy Mass: **6.00pm**

Friday, Holy Mass: **10.00am**

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

Saturday, 12th August, *Vigil Mass,* 6.00pm

Sunday, 13th August, *19th in Ordinary Time,* Holy Mass, 10.00am.

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

Sunday, 6th August, Holy Mass, 4.00pm

Sunday, 20th August, Holy Mass, 4.00pm



PARISH BULLETIN

Hymns/Music

Processional (Sunday Mass only)

SHEET Lord, the light of your love (McLennan) [304]

Offertory

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Communion

Тебе појем (We sing to you)

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147 Forth in the peace of Christ we go (Mayhew) [129]

Psalm response

The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, the Beloved:

he enjoys my favour.

Listen to him.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

When Christ appears, we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

Take Five

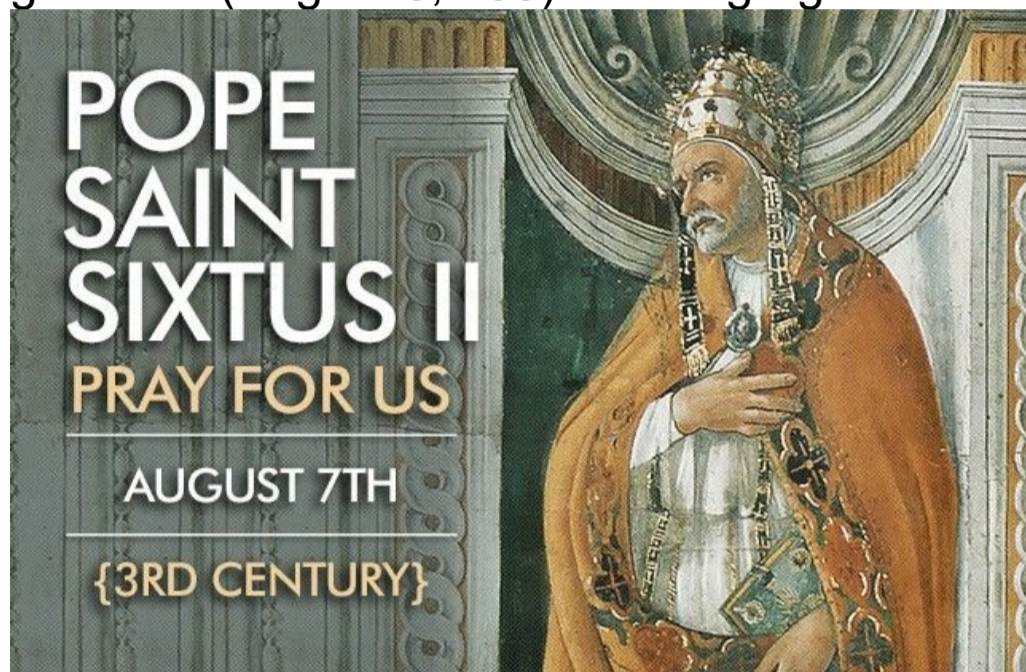
Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

Monday, Aug 07, 2023

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF SAINT SIXTUS II, POPE, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

May your faith ripen sweetly

Shortly after Sixtus's election, the Roman emperor Valerian promulgated his first decree against the Christians, and a violent persecution ensued. For protection, Sixtus gathered (August 6, 258) his congregation for



services in the subterranean cemetery of Praetextatus on the Appian Way. There he and four deacons — Saints Januarius, Vincent, Magnus, and Stephen — were seized and either beheaded immediately or brought to court and returned for execution. Buried in the nearby cemetery of Callistus, Sixtus later became one of the most revered martyrs of the early Church. It's about this time of year that grapes in many parts of the world begin a crucial transformation process the French have named *veraison*. It's when grapes start to ripen and change from green to purple — not always at the same time in the same cluster, making for some beautiful colour combinations. Most likely because of the timing of his feast day, Pope Sixtus II is the patron saint of grape prosperity. Where are you in the midst of your own *veraison* as a Christian? Pray for cause to celebrate your faith bearing ripe fruit.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:13-21.* "They all ate and were satisfied."

Tuesday, Aug 08, 2023

MEMORIAL OF SAINT DOMINIC, PRIEST

For want of a better word

When Dominic founded the Order of Preachers in 1216, he'd been appalled by the rise of the Albigensian heresy, denying the goodness of God's creation. Even more appalling was the lack of informed preaching to inoculate the congregation against it.

Dominic threw himself into the kind of witness modelled by the Acts of the Apostles, his new religious community adopting the motto "to praise, to bless, to preach." Not surprisingly, the Dominicans have given us eloquent saints, including Catherine of Siena and Thomas Aquinas. To quote another Dominican, Saint Martin de Porres: "Everything, even sweeping ... could be a prayer, if it were offered to God."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 12:1-13; Matthew 14:22-36 or Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14.*

"Throughout my house he bears my trust: face to face I speak to him; plainly and not in riddles."

Wednesday, Aug 09, 2023

FEAST OF SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN, MARTYR

Pick up a page-turner of faith

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross was born Edith Stein in 1891 and was killed at



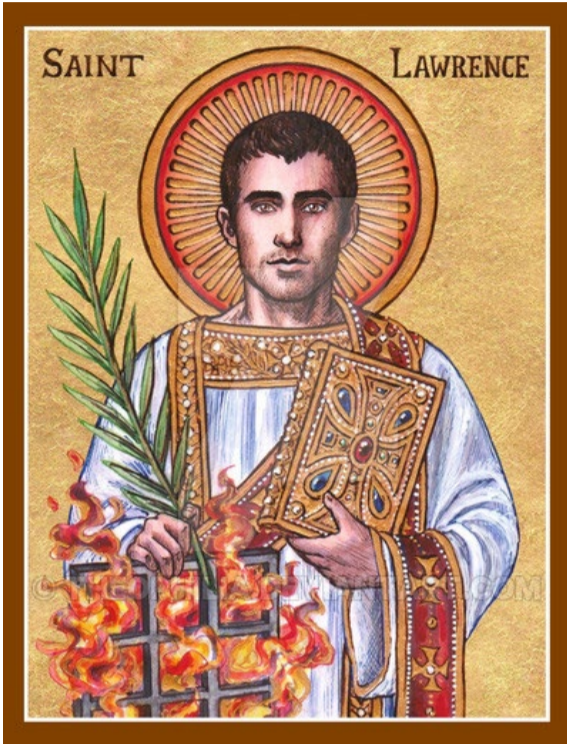
Auschwitz in 1942. She was a German Jewish philosopher who had been an atheist, although she had admired Christians she knew. She shocked everyone by becoming Catholic and, 11 years later, a Carmelite nun.

Her conversion was prompted by an all-night reading of the autobiography of Saint Teresa of Ávila, a 16th-

century Carmelite also of Jewish origins. Pick up a copy of the autobiographies of both these riveting saints — and see how they contribute to your own ongoing conversion.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hosea 2:16,17,21-22; Matthew 21:1-13.* "But he replied, 'I tell you solemnly, I do not know you'."

Thursday, Aug 10, 2023



FEAST OF SAINT LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR
Where's your treasure?

During the persecution of the Early Church, Saint Lawrence was under a death threat from Emperor Valerian. But his persecutor

offered a deal. Lawrence could live if he turned over the treasures of the church. In one of history's most audacious rebukes, Lawrence is said to have gathered the poor and sick and told Valerian: Here is our treasure. For his act of resistance and faith, Lawrence was burned to death. How do you resist injustice? Saint Lawrence, give us courage.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26.* "Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life."

Friday, Aug 11, 2023

MEMORIAL OF SAINT CLARE, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

Love takes its toll

Inspired by her mentor Saint Francis, Saint Clare and the women who eventually joined her to form the Poor Clares had a "radical commitment to corporate poverty." The women lived simply and spent most of their day in prayer and chores. It was a hard life, but one filled with joy for those who chose it — and continue to choose it. Spend time today pondering this pearl of wisdom from Clare: "Love that does not know of suffering is not worthy of the name."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Matthew 16:24-28.* "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Saturday, Aug 12, 2023

MEMORIAL OF SAINT BLAAN, BISHOP

The removers

Jesus tells his disciples that they can "remove mountains" if they have faith in God. The expression to "remove mountains" was a common Jewish phrase for removing difficulties. A wise teacher who could solve difficulties was called a "mountain remover". If we pray with expectant faith God will give us the means to overcome difficulties and obstacles. When you meet trials and disappointments how do you respond? With faith and trust in Jesus?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Matthew 17:14-20.* "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move."

Readings for the Transfiguration

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

The presence of God is attended by unmistakable signs of glory.

Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 9

The power of God manifests in melting mountains and restored justice.

2 Peter 1:16-19

The glory of Jesus shines like a lamp illuminating this world's darkness.

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus outshines the two greatest holy men of ancient times. Listen to him!

METEMORPHOTHE

None of the three synoptic evangelists, that is, the authors of the first three Gospels, witnessed the transfiguration. The Lord Jesus did not take Matthew, Mark or Luke there. It was impossible anyway, because Mark and Luke did not belong to the strict group of the twelve apostles. Mark knew and listened to Jesus. At the time of his public activity, Mark's mother, Mary, who was a widow, probably owned the



Cenacle. It is also possible that she was the owner of the Gethsemane Garden. Mark was baptized by St. Peter and was his disciple. He also made several trips with St. Paul. His Gospel is the oldest and the shortest. He relates the teaching of St. Peter.

Luke, on the other hand, was not a Jew and did not belong to the disciples of the Lord Jesus and probably never met Him. He was baptized by St. Paul, seven years after Christ's death. He wrote the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles on the basis of the accounts of direct witnesses of the life of Jesus. Therefore, neither Mark nor Luke could be taken by Jesus to the Mount of Transfiguration.

At the same time, all three synoptic Evangelists – Matthew, Mark and Luke - described this event very precisely, which means that it must have been extremely important for the early Church. It was placed in each of them after Peter's declaration at Caesarea Philippi and the announcement of Jesus regarding his passion and death. To Christ's question, **"Who do men say I am?"** Peter replied, **"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."** The Lord Jesus then pointed out that this is the knowledge that Peter received thanks to the revelation coming from the Father. In the next episode, immediately preceding the transfiguration. Peter protested against the necessity of Jesus' passion and death, for which he was rebuked. The event on the Mount of Transfiguration is part of the formation of the apostles.

The transfiguration is referred to by St. John, an eyewitness of this event, when in the Prologue of his Gospel says: **"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. And we have seen his glory, glory, he receives from the Father, full of grace and truth."** He could write: **"we have seen his glory"**, because he saw the transfiguration of the Lord Jesus with his own eyes.

Like Peter, who wrote: **"For we did not follow devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but [we taught] as eyewitnesses of his greatness. For he received honour and glory from God the Father, when such a voice came to him from the great Majesty: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. And we heard that voice come from heaven when we were together with him on the holy mountain."**

Going up the mountain, Jesus took with him only three apostles – Peter, James and John. Pope Benedict XVI pointed out that they were exactly the same people who were to accompany him during the prayer and agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. The evangelist Luke wrote in his account that the disciples accompanying Christ "**were overcome with sleep.**" They also fell asleep in Gethsemane when Jesus was praying.

It was probably only after the resurrection that Peter, James and John shared their experiences from the Mount of Transfiguration with the other apostles.

The term "transfiguration" we use is not adequate compared to the original ancient Greek word *metemorphose*, which has a much deeper meaning. The word "transfiguration" means something external, we are told about His face and His white clothes, but the Greek term reflects the essence of the transformation – what it was that was changed, transformed, about Jesus.

Therefore, it should be explained that the Lord Jesus on the mountain turned out to be who he is in his nature and essence, i.e., the Son of God. He was transfigured before the eyes of the apostles, so that in the days of the coming trial their faith would not waver. Elijah and Moses talked with Christ about His Passion. They must have reminded Jesus' disciples of all the prophecies that foreshadowed the Messiah as the Redeemer.

There will come a time when the Lord Jesus will change us all. He will make even our bodies sharers in his glory. Therefore, today's celebration is a day of joy and hope that after our life on earth, we will participate in a glory similar to that experienced by Peter, John and Jacob on the Mount of Transfiguration.

Prayer

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH, PRAY FOR YOURSELF, PRAY FOR OTHERS

SUPPORT THE CHURCH with your prayers . . .

You who founded the Church, the sign of salvation for all generations and all ages, visit her with Your victorious Cross

Heavenly Father, rich in mercy. You who fulfil all people with the mystery of Your infinite love, sustain the Church of Your only begotten Son. Make these days a time of blessing and salvation for her, a time of openness and reconciliation, a time of faith and hope – within the "heart of the storm" – for You are almighty and merciful. Thanks to You for ever.

Jesus Christ, our God, our Saviour and our Hope, You who founded the Church, the sign of salvation for all generations and all ages, visit her with Your victorious Cross, so that the powers of hell will never prevail over her. Enlighten her with Your word; lead her into knowledge; renew her with the teaching of Your Gospel and the power of the Holy Spirit. Establish her firmly in faith; feed her with Your bread, the bread of truth; unite her children in the bonds of love and accord, so that she may live in You and witness to Your love. Glory to You for ever.

Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and of the Son, Giver of charisms, You who live in the Church and make her a holy place, fill us with the infinite diversity of Your gifts, so that we may be living members who help each other in building the Holy Church. Be our Comforter, our Guide and our Strength. Grant that we may bear the name Christian with the dignity to which we have been called and so be able to bear witness to Christ and to the values of His Gospel, and permeate our society with it. All praise to You for ever.

Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, who accompanies us in the various moments of our lives and have guarded the faith of the faithful, we come to you, entrust our way of life to your protection and entrust it to your maternal care, so that you help us to receive the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and ask for the guidance of your Son. To you honour for ever. Amen.

Part 2: Fr. Dolindo Ruotolo:

“Jesus, you take care of it!”



Below is printed the text of the prayer *Jesus, you take care of it!*, given by the Lord Jesus to the Servant of God, Fr. Dolindo Ruotolo.

1. Why do you confuse yourselves by worrying? Leave the care of your affairs to me and everything will be peaceful. I say to you in truth that every act of true, blind, complete surrender to me produces the effect that you desire and resolves all difficult situations.

2. Surrender to me does not mean to fret, to be

upset, or to lose hope, nor does it mean offering to me a worried prayer asking me to follow you and change your worry into prayer. It is against this surrender, deeply against it, to worry, to be nervous and to desire to think about the consequences of anything.

It is like the confusion that children feel when they ask their mother to see to their needs, and then try to take care of those needs for themselves so that their childlike efforts get in their mother's way. **Surrender means to placidly close the eyes of the soul, to turn away from thoughts of tribulation and to put yourself in my care, so that only I act, saying “You take care of it”.**

3. **How many things I do when the soul, in so much spiritual and material need, turns to me, looks at me and says to me; “You take care of it”, then closes its eyes and rests.** In pain you pray for me to act, but that I act in the way you want. You do not turn to me, instead, you want me to adapt your ideas. You are not sick people who ask the doctor to cure you, but rather sick people who tell the doctor how to. So do not act this way, but pray as I taught you in the our Father: “Hallowed be thy Name”, that is, be glorified in my need.

“Thy kingdom come”, that is, let all that is in us and in the world be in accord with your

kingdom. “Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven”, that is, in our need, decide as you see fit for our temporal and eternal life. If you say to me truly: “Thy will be done”, which is the same as saying: “You take care of it”, I will intervene with all my omnipotence, and I will resolve the most difficult situations.

4. You see evil growing instead of weakening? Do not worry. Close your eyes and say to me with faith: “Thy will be done, You take care of it”. I say to you that I will take care of it, and that I will intervene as does a doctor and I will accomplish miracles when they are needed. Do you see that the sick person is getting worse? Do not be upset, but close your eyes and say “You take care of it”. I say to you that I will take care of it, and that there is no medicine more powerful than my loving intervention. By my love, I promise this to you.

5. And when I must lead you on a path different from the one you see, I will prepare you; I will carry you in my arms; I will let you find yourself, like children who have fallen asleep in their mother’s arms, on the other bank of the river. What troubles you and hurts you immensely are your reason, your thoughts and worry, and your desire at all costs to deal with what afflicts you.

6. You are sleepless; you want to judge everything, direct everything and see to everything and you surrender to human strength, or worse – to men themselves, trusting in their intervention, – this is what hinders my words and my views. Oh, how much I wish from you this surrender, to help you; and how I suffer when I see you so agitated! Satan tries to do exactly this: to agitate you and to remove you from my protection and to throw you into the jaws of human initiative. So, trust only in me, rest in me, surrender to me in everything.

7. I perform miracles in proportion to your full surrender to me and to your not thinking of yourselves. I sow treasure troves of graces when you are in the deepest poverty. No person of reason, no thinker, has ever perform miracles, not even among the saints. He does divine works whosoever surrenders to God. So don’t think about it any more, because your mind is acute and for you it is very hard to see evil and to trust in me and to not think of yourself. Do this for all your needs, do this all of you and you will see great continual silent miracles. I will take care of things, I promise this to you.

8. Close your eyes and let yourself be carried away on the flowing current of my grace; close your eyes and do not think of the present, turning your thoughts away from the future just as you would from temptation. Repose in me, believing in my goodness, and I promise you by my love that if you say “You take care of it” I will take care of it all; I will console you, liberate you and guide you.

9. Pray always in readiness to surrender, and you will receive from it great peace and great rewards, even when I confer on you the grace of immolation, of repentance and of love. Then what does suffering matter? It seems impossible to you? Close your eyes and say with all your soul, “Jesus, you take care of it”. Do not be afraid, I will take care of things and you will bless my name by humbling yourself. A thousand prayers cannot equal one single act of surrender, remember this well.

As a novena the prayer can be divided as indicated by the numbers. There is no novena more effective than this.

*Each novena prayer ends with: **O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything!***



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 Mary Toal 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.

Coffee Morning: next Saturday 12th August; come along, help out or donate! Friday evening, 6pm, setting out the hall.



Anastasiia and her husband Igor arrived safely on Tuesday and are settling in.

Thanks to hedge trimmers: we are grateful for the willing volunteers who have kept the hedges in fine condition. And thanks also to Sean and Warren for the grass cutting and others jobs around the church grounds.

Father's holiday: Fr Tony, God willing, flies off to Poland on Thursday 24th to 9th September. Detail of supply for Holy Masses TBA.

Donations for church supplies for this year: chalice linens and covers, red lectern fall, and the possibility of a new altar, etc.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR OUR SICK AND REITEED PRIESTS

Our annual second Collection to help with the support of our sick and retired priests takes place over the weekend of 20th August. Presently the diocese helps support six priests who ministered both in parishes throughout our diocese as well as serving the Church in national and world-wide roles. The budget for this year is £109,911 and we are grateful for last year's Collection which raised £7,234.25. We thank you for any donation you can give this year.

Bishop Brian

From Bishop Brian: I regret to inform you that Mary Toal died during the night. May she rest in peace. Mary was, as we all know, full of faith and love. We pray that she is now enjoying the fruits of her labours. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bishop Joe and all the Toal family.



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