



FEAST OF THE
*Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

September 8th

3rd September 2023

**PARISH
BULLETIN**
**St Kieran's,
the Catholic
Church** *in*

*Campbeltown and
Islay*

Ceann Loch Chille Chiarain

**22nd Sunday of
Ordinary Time**

Hymns/Music

Suggested Hymns

Processional (Sunday Mass only)

326 Lord Jesus Christ

Offertory

243 In bread we bring you Lord

Post Communion

498 Soul of my Saviour

Final

45 As I kneel before you

St. Kieran's, Campbeltown, Kintyre

Sunday, 3rd September, 22nd in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass, 10.00am.

Saturday, 9th September, Vigil Mass, 6.00pm

Sunday, 10th September, 23rd in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass, 10.00am

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

3rd September, Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion, 4pm

17th September, Holy Mass, 4pm



Psalm response

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.*

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

*How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.*

Take Five

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

Monday, Sep 04, 2023

Who is He?

What did Jesus come to do for us? He came to set us free from the worst tyranny possible – slavery to sin and the fear of death, and the eternal destruction of both body and soul. God's power alone can save us from emptiness and poverty of spirit, from confusion and error, and from hopelessness and the fear of annihilation. The gospel of salvation is "good news" for us today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30. "Is this not the son of Joseph?"*

Tuesday, Sep 05, 2023

Eager to learn?

If demons, the fallen angels, believe in the Son of God, how much more should we believe the Gospel with the full assent of our minds and hearts and entrust our lives to the Lord Jesus Christ? If we approach God's word submissively, with an eagerness to do everything the Lord desires, we are in a much better position to learn what God wants to teach us through His word.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37. "All of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness."*

Wednesday, Sep 06, 2023

Pray for the persecuted and forgotten

On this day, many Christians of the Eastern tradition celebrate the feast of Saint Donatian and his companions, a group of lesser-known fifth-century martyrs driven out of North Africa by the Arian King Huneric, who persecuted a great many Trinitarians for their faith. Though we may not today face death for our confession, many of our brothers and sisters around the world do, and it is for them that we must pray with the help of Donatian and all who died for the name of Christ. Even more, we are tasked to help them materially if we can, since — as the Lord says — whatsoever we do for the least of His siblings, we do for Him.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44. "We have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love that you have for all the holy ones because of the hope reserved for you in heaven."*

Thursday, Sep 07, 2023

Press upon Jesus

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?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11. "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch."*

Friday, Sep 08, 2023

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A nativity set for the ages

The Church officially celebrates three Nativities: the Nativity of Jesus, the Son of God (Christmas); the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (24 June); and the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8 September). These events tell us everything we need to know about God, faith, and the path to salvation. Through Jesus' Incarnation, we learn that God is with us — always and everywhere. Through John's witness we come to understand that we are not God — not even close — and we must prepare ourselves to welcome God's great goodness into our lives. And through Mary, we are shown the meaning of true discipleship — how to answer God's call and follow Christ through the joyful, sorrowful, and luminous mysteries of our lives in faith. Celebrate this dynamic trio by living in their light.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23. "They shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"*

Saturday, Sep 09, 2023

MEMORIAL OF PETER CLAVER, PRIEST

Give us this day some peace

What does the commandment "keep holy the Sabbath" require of us? Or better yet, what is the primary intention behind this command? The religious leaders confronted Jesus on this issue. The "Sabbath rest" was meant to be a time to remember and celebrate God's goodness and the goodness of his work, both in

creation and redemption. It was a day set apart for the praise of God, his work of creation, and his saving actions on our behalf. It was intended to bring everyday work to a halt and to

provide needed rest and refreshment.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5*. "You once were alienated and hostile in mind because of evil deeds."

Readings for the 22nd Sunday

Jeremiah 20:7-9

The prophet feels trapped and yet compelled to speak for God.

Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

We thirst for God and are satisfied at the banquet of the Lord.

Romans 12:1-2

Paul urges us to be transformed according to the will of God.

Matthew 16:21-27

Peter thinks according to the world, and not in the ways of the Kingdom.

Words on the Word

Christians know that suffering cannot be eliminated, yet it can have meaning and become an act of love and entrustment into the hands of God who does not abandon us; in this way it can serve as a moment of growth in faith and love. By contemplating Christ's union with the Father even at the height of his sufferings on the cross (cf. Mk 15:34), Christians learn to share in the same gaze of Jesus. Even death is illumined and can be experienced as the ultimate call to faith, the ultimate "Go forth from your land" (Gen 12:1), the ultimate "Come!" spoken by the Father, to whom we abandon ourselves in the confidence that he will keep us steadfast even in our final passage (Pope Francis, *Lumen Fidei*, n. 56).

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The cult of youth and carefree life has become very visible. The word "suffering" has largely disappeared from everyday speech, not least among the youth. The sight of old or crippled people is repugnant to many. Even for parents' funerals, flowers are increasingly sent through the funeral director. There are also preachers who, following the "the needs and expectations" of listeners, avoid the topic of suffering, death and the cross.

The only thing missing in a newly built church was a suitable cross. The parish priest of this church I know could not decide whether to choose a cross without the figure of Christ, or rather a classic one, or a modern one, or maybe with a suffering Christ, maybe with a triumphant one. People said to him, "Father, find a nice cross."

Can a cross be nice?

It is a symbol of shame, suffering and death. It was accepted voluntarily and out of love for people by our Saviour and became a sign of victory over shame, suffering and death.

The cross belongs to life. The cross in life does not need to be sought, it is simply:

- in the lives of parents of ungrateful and cruel children; handicapped and terminally ill children;
- in the lives of addicted people: alcoholics, drug addicts and their families; in the lives of patients with incurable diseases;
- in the workplace, which overwhelms someone, limits, becomes unbearable;
- in the lives of the unemployed, old, unwanted, no longer needed by anyone;

- in the lives of entire communities of people, the so-called excluded whose very existence is a burden to other communities;
- in the lives of spouses experiencing crises, betrayals, being abandoned;
- in the lives of children from broken or pathological families.

The Lord Jesus does not explain to the apostles why this is so but takes up the cross Himself and encourages us to follow Him. With Christ, the cross or suffering acquires a meaning and a proper sense. The meaning, the goal, is the kingdom of the Father, into which He brings those who belong to Him: "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me" (Lk 9:23).

Let's repeat the words of the Papal Encyclical *Lumen Fidei* (56): "Even death is illumined and can be experienced as the ultimate call to faith, the ultimate 'Go forth from your land', the ultimate 'Come!' spoken by the Father, to whom we abandon ourselves in the confidence that he will keep us steadfast".

The Lord Jesus met helpful people on the way of the cross: his mother, Veronica, Simon of Cyrene. He accepted help gratefully. We ourselves have experienced and continue to receive so much help from people. We understand how important it is not to be alone on the way of the cross. Maybe someone needs our help.

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*It is not easy to understand Christ, who combines seemingly opposite attitudes. He was everything to everyone, but at the same time He was totally for the Father; He declared His obedience to the law, but He was also ready to push it into the background. He presented Himself as one who continued the traditions of the Old Testament, but often acted in radically new ways; He was destroying the views of His contemporaries about the expected Messiah, who was externally powerful, while He proclaimed Himself king of hearts. No, it was not easy for the apostles to leave everything and follow Him and discover in Him the only value worth sacrificing everything else, even life (V. Macchioda, *Una corona di rose*, in: *365 moments for God*, Warsaw 2008).*

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 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.

Thanks to Fr Jarosław for serving the parish in the absence of Fr. Tony. We hope he will enjoy his time in the diocese.

Fr Tony will be back for the Masses on the following Saturday and Sunday (9th and 10th).



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