

ST. MARGARET  
OF SCOTLAND

November 16th



12<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of  
Ordinary Time  
(Rememberance Sunday)**

St. Kieran's, Campbeltown, Kintyre

**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> November, 32<sup>nd</sup> in Ordinary Time** 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, Mid-Morning Prayer, 9.30am

**Scripture discussion:** Not this Friday

**Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, Vigil Mass, 6.00pm**

**Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> November, 33<sup>rd</sup> in Ordinary Time,** Holy Mass, **10.00am**

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

**19<sup>th</sup> November,** Holy Mass, 4.00pm

**3<sup>rd</sup> December,** Holy Mass, 4.00pm



**Psalm response**

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

**Gospel acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Stay awake and stand ready,  
because you do not know the hour  
when the Son of Man is coming.*

*Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon**

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,  
near restful waters he leads me.*

# PARISH BULLETIN

## St Kieran's, the Catholic Church in

*Campbeltown and Islay*

*Ceann Loch Chille Chiarain*

**Hymns/Music**

**Processional (Sunday Mass only)**

Sheet – Waken, O sleeper, wake and rise (Mayhew)

**Offertory**

320 Lord accept the gifts we offer (Mayhew)

**Communion**

Тебе поюм (We hymn thee)

**Post Communion**

760 Stay with me (Mayhew)

**Final**

Sheet – Come, thou long-expected Jesus (McLennan)

# Take Five

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

## Monday, Nov 13, 2023

### The underestimated shall be esteemed

The Jews held that it was an unforgivable sin to teach another to sin. If we teach another to sin, he in turn may teach still another, until a train of sin is set in motion with no foreseeable end.

Jesus warns His disciples of the terrible responsibility that they must set no stumbling block in the way of another, that is, not give offense or bad example that might lead another to sin. The young in faith are especially vulnerable to the bad example of those who should be passing on the faith. While Jesus warns against the sin of bad example and scandal, He also demonstrates the power of faith for overcoming temptation and obstacles.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6. "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."*

## Tuesday, Nov 14, 2023

### Put your hope in order

As we inch toward Advent, it's good to revisit the theme of hope. Consider this, from Pope Francis two years ago today, for the World Day of the Poor: "The hope born of the Gospel has nothing to do with a passive expectation that things may be better tomorrow, but with making God's promise of salvation concrete today....

Christian hope is not the naïve, even adolescent, optimism of those who hope that things may change [and] in the meantime go on with life; it has to do with building daily, by concrete gestures, the kingdom of love, justice, and fraternity that Jesus inaugurated." Or as Italian Bishop Don Tonio Bello would say, "We cannot be content to hope. We have to organise hope." How will you organise hope today?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 2:23–3:9; Luke 17:7-10. "Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love."*

## Wednesday, Nov 15, 2023

### OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF ALBERT THE GREAT, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

#### Live a life of great service

The great Dominican friar Albertus Magnus died on this day in 1280, after a long life of dedication to the Church as a scholar, scientist, and briefly the bishop of Regensburg. He shunned excess

and was known as a mediator — which, in his day, was a complicated matter, given the ongoing Crusades. We, too, live in an age of war, economic inequality, and general spiritual laxity. We owe it to ourselves to look to the German Dominican for inspiration to live a more rigorous life of spiritual seeking, so as to find lasting solutions to the problems of our day.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19. "For those who keep the holy precepts hallowed shall be found holy, and those learned in them will have ready a response."*

## Thursday, Nov 16, 2023

### FEAST OF SAINT MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

#### Positive peer pressure

One of the best ways to teach children how to behave is simply to model good behaviour yourself. Although maybe not to the same degree, adults can be similarly influenced for the better. That's what Saint Margaret of Scotland did. She was a granddaughter, niece, wife, and mother to kings, but had no real political power herself. She prayed diligently, served the poor daily, raised eight children with Christian values (one of them became a saint), and basically lived a virtuous life. By doing these things, she made her country a better place and its rulers better people.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Matthew 25:31-46. "Lord when did we see you and feed you."*

## Friday, Nov 17, 2023

### MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS

#### Which one?

What does Jesus mean when He says that one will be taken and another left? Intimacy with a godly person does not guarantee that one will enter heaven on the day of judgment. Some may try to pass off personal responsibility to someone else, such as spouse, family, or friend. God judges each person individually according to how they have lived their life and responded to His grace. No one can discharge his or her duty by proxy or association. The good news is that God gives grace, security, and refuge to those who seek Him with faith and contrition. He gives us the grace to know Him personally and to accept His lordship over our lives. And He gives us the power of the

Holy Spirit to live each day for His kingdom, and the readiness to receive Him when He returns. God's judgment is good news for those who are ready to meet Him. Their reward is God Himself.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37. "Anyone who tries to save his life will lose it."*

**Saturday, Nov 18, 2023**

**Let freedom ring**

Jesus ends his parable with a probing question for us. Will you and I have faith — the faith that

perseveres to the end — at the time when Jesus returns in glory to judge the living and the dead? Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. If we want to live, grow, and persevere in the faith until the end, then we must nourish it with the word of God and ask the Lord to increase it (Luke 17:5). When trials and setbacks disappoint you, where do you place your hope? Do you pray with expectant faith and confidence in God's merciful care and providence for you?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8. "Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?"*

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## *Readings for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday*

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**Wisdom 6:12-16**

Wisdom is an attribute worth keeping the light on for.

**Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8**

The thirst of the soul is for God alone, and nothing else will satisfy.

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

The real "rapture" is experienced by those who are always with the Lord.

**Matthew 25:1-13**

The wise keep vigil for the unsuspected hour of God's fulfilment.

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### *Words on the Word*

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*I look at this world as a big waiting room, and since staying in a waiting room is probably not pleasant for anyone, everyone is happy when the signal to leave is given. So why is it different in this waiting room that is the world? Can death be understood as a punishment for sins? It is fair to say that death is the end of this great penance that is life. I don't understand how you can love so much these few days of suffering and heartache that constitute a person's life. I would like to have the words engraved on my grave one day: Long live death! (Letters of Blessed Urszula Ledóchowska).*

At the end of the liturgical year, the theme of the last things and the final judgment is very often mentioned. Today in the Gospel this topic is presented in a surprising form, namely without sadness and pathos, but as an invitation to a feast. A wedding is a joyful event. All over the world, weddings are associated with joy. Lord Jesus was invited to weddings. One of them, the one in Cana of Galilee, is described in the Gospel.

The focal point of the wedding celebrations was bringing the bride to her fiancé's house in a ceremonial procession. Initially, the fiancée waited at her parents' house with her friends. Hence the call: "The Bridegroom is coming, go out to meet him." The fiancé, seeing the bride's procession, noticed the maidens, her companions, whose lamps were already extinguished and who were sent to the sellers, and the doors were closed.

Some of the invited ladies were not prepared. So, Jesus calls, be ready . . .

The wedding described in Christ's parable is different. The doors are locked and at midnight you can go to get olive oil. The Lord Jesus does not care about details and human customs, because He talks about the marriage of man with God. This event is joyful in itself, but there is a condition: are you sufficiently prepared for this moment?

Religious postcards feature cheerful drawings and inscriptions. I found a note with the following content:

A child playing - too young to think about God;  
A student - too busy with tasks to think about God;  
A young man - too proud to think about God;  
A couple in love - too in love to think about God;  
An officer - too many worries to think about God;  
A cross on the grave - too late to think about God.

Meanwhile, the only really important task in our lives is to find God and remain in His love.

Indeed, work, caring for the living, love, and learning take up a lot of space in our lives and consume a lot of time. Saint Ignatius of Loyola left us this prescription: "Seek God in all things."

"The Lord is coming, go out to meet Him." "The Lord is coming" – why does it evoke fear and not joy?

Ginter Klempnauer's shocking book (Stuttgart 1977) collects statements from 500 students on the topic: "If I had to live just one more day, I would. . .". A twenty-year-old boy wrote: "I would enjoy this day to the fullest." An eighteen-year-old girl said: "Last evening I would like to go to church to thank God for my life so far." And the seventeen-year-old student admitted: "At first I would be shocked, but then I would be happy that I would soon be with Jesus."

### Meditation

*Until death, life will seem like an overnight stay.  
Our hearts are always racing towards something –  
And still standing by the grave on the shore  
We look at another world – through the eyes of this world!*

*The happiness for which you will serve a bowl of venom,  
In the blink of an eye, becomes only a shadow of happiness –  
And from the cradle of our whole life  
To the very coffin is an eternal – desire! . . .  
(A. Oppman).*

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## Prayer

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**Please pray for those who are sick, in need or have asked for our prayers:** Connie Graham, Lilian Cox, Sarah Carmichael, Ailsa Stewart, Meg Douglas (Mull), Doleen Durnin, and Russell Carroll.

**Please remember in your prayers** Owain Williams (2022), Teresa Dunne (2013), David Wike (2016) **and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

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## News and Events

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**Tea and coffee:** no tea and coffee this Sunday.

**The Highland Parish:** at its last Session meeting decided to donate one of their Communion Tables, three chairs and a lectern. We are grateful for their generosity and kind consideration.

**Book and Jigsaw Sale:** on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> of November. Therefore, books and jigsaws gratefully received as well as anyone who could spare some time on the day.

**Saint Andrew's Day:** Potluck Supper Friday 1 December, please indicate on the lists in the church porch what you would be able to bring along so to avoid duplication. Thank you.



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