

# PENTECOST SUNDAY, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020

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## Mass

YouTube (YT): Saturday Vigil, 6pm; Sunday, 10am;  
Mon-Sat, 10am.

## WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

From this Monday, we commence with  
readings from the 9<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time (II)

COMMEMORATION	READINGS
1/6: Mary, Mother of the Church	9 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time Liturgical colour: blue
2/6: SS. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs (d. 304)	9 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time Liturgical colour: red
3/6: SS. Charles Lwanga & Companions (d. 1885-7)	9 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time Liturgical colour: red
4/6: Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart	9 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time Liturgical colour: white
5/6: St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr (d. 754)	9 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time Liturgical colour: red
6/6: St. Norbert, Bishop (d. 1134)	9 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time Liturgical colour: white
7/6: <b>Trinity Sunday</b>	Proper Liturgical colour: white

## MASS INTENTIONS

Date & Time	Intention
Sat 30 May, 6pm	All Parishioners
Sun 31 May, 10am	Rev. Deacon David Boyd
Mon 1 June, 10am	Rachel Ferguson
Tues 2 June, 10am	Marjorie Boyce McKay
Wed 3 June, 10am	Norah & George Shivers
Thurs 4 June, 10am	Agnes Monaghan
Fri 5 June, 10am	Mary & Colum Devine
Sat 6 June, 10am	Elizabeth & Dominic McKay
Sat 6 June, 6pm	All Parishioners
Sun 7 June, 10am	Marion Corrigan

**Sick:** Margaret Gallagher, Maria Kelly (Millport), Lidia Tracey, Helen McShane, Peter Leitch, Colette McCafferty, Alex Greig, Sarah McDougall, Bruce McDougall, Jessie Clements, Baby Ava May Cleary, Teresa Black, Peter McConville, Claire McConville, Bill Morgan, Teresa Barrett, Lizzie Park, Ness Cranston, Francis Livingstone, Lorraine McBride, Tommy Monaghan, Marie Gómez Fernández, Margaret Rutherford, Martin Doherty, Ben Brownlie, Sheena Lane, William Percy, Roddy Galbraith, Donal Hughes,

Jonny Bilchak, James Reddoch, May Holland, Richard Dorman, Jessie Barr, Eileen Walker. **Recently Deceased:** Agnes Monaghan. **Anniversary of Death:** Rev. Deacon David Boyd.

## NOTICES

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** We congratulate most warmly Elizabeth and Dominic McKay who celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup>, and thus Golden, Anniversary of their Marriage this coming Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2020. May the Lord's richest blessings be upon them and all their extended family. Thank you for your powerful witness to the glorious Sacrament of Holy Matrimony! *Ad multos annos!*

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** If anyone wishes to receive this sacrament, please phone or email me and we can set up a time and place to celebrate the sacrament in a "safe" manner.

**MASS ON THURSDAY, JUNE 4<sup>th</sup>:** At this votive Mass of the Sacred Heart we will reflect and pray in a special way for those in our parishes, of whatever faith or none, who have died from Covid-19. If any *next of kin* of someone who has died of the virus wishes their name to be read out, please let me know. I repeat that we will pray for anyone and everyone who has succumbed to the virus and for those who mourn them.

**FIRST FRIDAY, JUNE 5<sup>th</sup>:** With all that's been going on I regret that I have neglected to take note of the first Fridays for a few months. So, let's begin again! On Friday coming, we will recite the Divine Mercy chaplet and the Sacred Heart Novena Prayer after the final blessing of the Mass.

**SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> MAY, EVENING DEVOTIONS:** Exposition from 6.30pm, with Rosary, the Ecumenical Prayer at 7pm and followed by Benediction.

**MESSAGE (I) FROM BISHOP NOLAN:** "The National Rosary Rally is taking place on Pentecost Sunday from 9.00 am to 9.00 pm. The Diocese of Galloway has been asked to pray the rosary from 4.00 pm till 5.00 pm. This will be broadcast on Facebook and there is an invitation on the diocesan Facebook page to anyone who wishes to submit a recording of themselves or their family saying a Hail Mary."

**PARISHES' ROSARY INTENTION:** For a swift end to the coronavirus.

**PRAYERLINE:** To ask for prayers, phone: 078037 48251.

**SIGNIFICANT BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:** In the weekly bulletin, we rightly remember to pray for the sick and the dead by listing the names of those made

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known to the PP. I would like to suggest that, from now on, we also include the names of those who celebrate significant birthdays and anniversaries. It is a way of celebrating health and life, and not just of remembering the sick and the dead. A significant birthday would be 18 or 40 or 65 or 80, 90, 100! A significant anniversary would be, in the case of marriage, all the usual ones that are given names: wooden (?), silver, gold, etc.. Please either pop a note of the name and significant birthday or anniversary through the letterbox of the presbytery or send me an email at the email addresses given at the top of the opposite column.

WEEKLY COLLECTION: If you are able, please put any contribution through the letter-box of either parish house. If you wish to set up a standing order via the bank, please contact the Mrs. Karen Govaerts, who will help you. Tel: 07542 570863. Please note that bank details will not be provided by email and I would ask you not to share them with anyone else by email. Ask anyone who asks you to phone Karen. Many thanks.

MESSAGE (II) FROM BISHOP NOLAN: “*Financial Scam.* Someone has been sending out emails purporting to be from Fr. Martin Chambers (PP in Kilmarnock) and asking for money. Needless to say you should not send "Martin" any money. Anyone can be the victim of a scam like this, so you might like to warn your parishioners not to respond if they receive any similar emails claiming to come from a priest or from this email address: [parishpastor465@gmail.com](mailto:parishpastor465@gmail.com)”

PARISH MOBILE PHONE: It seems to be out of order, I'm afraid. If you have phoned or texted me on it over the past few weeks, I have not received your messages!

SAFEGUARDING MOBILE PHONE NUMBERS: For direct access to our Parish Safeguarding Coordinators: 1) Largs (Gordon Sutherland) – 07707 598929; 2) Millport (Donnie McGilveray) – 07852 753874.

SVDP PHONE NUMBER: 07950 586214. Please direct all enquiries and requests directly to this number.

BULLETIN: The next larger-sized bulletin will be for **7<sup>th</sup> June**. Requests for notices to be included in the weekly bulletin must be submitted by 12 Noon on **Wednesdays**.

### ECUMENICAL PRAYER To Be Recited together at 7pm Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> June

Almighty God, by your Spirit, you brought order from chaos. By your brooding Spirit, hovering over the void, you spoke and there was ... something rather than nothing.  
Create and recreate in and through us, we pray.

Almighty God, by your Spirit, you equipped and gifted and led our ancestors to know you and to serve you and to glorify you.  
Continue to equip and enable us, we pray.

And then, Almighty God, as promised by the prophets and as never before, you poured out your Spirit on these first believers - on men and women, on the old and the young; and they were transformed and made alive, as dry bones brought to life.  
Pour out your Spirit on us, we pray.

Almighty God, in these turbulent and uncertain times, send us the Comforter, that we might know you to be near. Grant us your healing touch and help us to know the rest that comes from resting in you.  
For the loving touch of your Spirit, we pray.

Almighty God, by what seemed as a rushing wind and as tongues of fire you brought your Church to life. Come to your Church now, we pray, that by the same Spirit we might be renewed and refreshed and remade and revived.  
Yes, Lord, grant us a fresh outpouring of your Spirit, we pray.

And all our prayers we offer in the name of our Lord and Saviour, none other than Jesus Christ. Amen.

### NOVENA PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

*All Parishioners are invited to say this prayer for nine consecutive days beginning on whatever day you choose. The Novena can then be repeated as long as necessary.*

O Mary,  
you always brighten our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain  
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,  
you know what we need,

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and we are confident you will provide for us  
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,  
the divine Physician,  
for those who have fallen ill,  
for those who are vulnerable  
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with  
protecting the health and safety of others  
and for those who are tending to the sick  
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who took upon himself our  
suffering and carried our sorrows,  
so as to lead us, through the Cross,  
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*We fly to thy patronage,  
O most Holy Mother of God.  
Despise not our prayers in our necessities  
But ever deliver us from all dangers,  
O most Glorious and Blessed Virgin!*

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### **BROTHER CHARLES DE FOUCAULD, A NEW "BLESSED" IN THE CHURCH**

On Thursday afternoon, 28<sup>th</sup> May, Pope Francis decreed the authenticity of a miracle attribute to Charles de Foucauld, thus making him one of the latest "Blesseds" in the Church. Here is the biography the Vatican gives of him:

"CHARLES DE FOUCAULD (Brother Charles of Jesus) was born in Strasbourg, France on September 15th, 1858. Orphaned at the age of six, he and his sister Marie were raised by their grandfather in whose footsteps he followed by taking up a military career.

He lost his faith as an adolescent. His taste for easy living was well known to all and yet he showed that he could be strong willed and constant in difficult situations. He undertook a risky exploration of Morocco (1883-1884). Seeing the way Muslims expressed their faith questioned him and he began repeating, "My God, if you exist, let me come to know you."

On his return to France, the warm, respectful welcome he received from his deeply Christian family made him continue his search. Under the guidance of Fr. Huvelin he rediscovered God in October 1886. He was then 28

years old. "As soon as I believed in God, I understood that I could not do otherwise than to live for him alone."

A pilgrimage to the Holy Land revealed his vocation to him: to follow Jesus in his life at Nazareth. He spent 7 years as a Trappist, first in France and then at Abbès in Syria. Later he began to lead a life of prayer and adoration, alone, near a convent of Poor Clares in Nazareth.

Ordained a priest at 43 (1901) he left for the Sahara, living at first in Beni Abbès and later at Tamanrasset among the Tuaregs of the Hoggar. He wanted to be among those who were, "the furthest removed, the most abandoned." He wanted all who drew close to him to find in him a brother, "a universal brother." In a great respect for the culture and faith of those among whom he lived, his desire was to "shout the Gospel with his life". "I would like to be sufficiently good that people would say, "If such is the servant, what must the Master be like?"

On the evening of December 1st 1916, he was killed by a band of marauders who had encircled his house.

He had always dreamed of sharing his vocation with others: after having written several rules for religious life, he came to the conclusion that this "life of Nazareth" could be led by all. Today the "spiritual family of Charles de Foucauld" encompasses several associations of the faithful, religious communities and secular institutes for both lay people and priests."

The Prayer of Abandonment, written by Blessed Charles de Foucauld, is one of the most beautiful prayers of faith, trust and surrender in the Christian spiritual heritage. Memorize it, pray it often, and share it with others!

Father,  
I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what  
you will.  
Whatever you may do, I thank you:  
I am ready for all, I accept all.  
Let only your will be done in me, and in all your  
creatures.  
I wish no more than this, O Lord.  
Into your hands I commend my soul;  
I offer it to you  
with all the love of my heart,  
for I love you, Lord,  
and so need to give myself,  
to surrender myself into your hands,  
without reserve,  
and with boundless confidence,  
for you are my Father.

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## CHILDREN'S CORNER



What's this a picture of, I wonder?? It looks more like tiles than a picture, doesn't it?

How many men are there in the picture? How many women?

What are the names of the men? See if you can guess who's who! One name might be tricky because someone who had been in the group left it. What was his name? And who took his place?

You'll find the answers if you get out the family bible (you know, that big book with dust on it in the corner?!). If you open the bible towards the back and leaf it backwards, you'll find "Acts of the Apostles." All the answers are in chapter 1 of the Acts of the Apostles.

If you don't have a bible, maybe your mum or dad can look it up on the computer!

Who is the woman in the picture?

What are they all doing? What is that above them?

Paint a picture of the Holy Spirit. Or, here's a real challenge, find out what the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are! What one of those gifts do you especially want? Ask for it now!