

TRINITY SUNDAY, 7th JUNE 2020

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Mass

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

WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

| COMMEMORATION | READINGS |
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| 8/6: St. James Berthieu, Martyr (d. 1896) | Week 10, Ordinary Time Liturgical colour: red |
| 9/6: Feast of St. Columba, Abbot (d. 597) | Proper Liturgical colour: white |
| 10/6: Votive Mass, Our Lady, Queen of Apostles | Week 10, Ordinary Time Liturgical colour: blue |
| 11/6: St. Barnabas, Apostle | Proper Liturgical colour: red |
| 12/6: Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart | Week 10, Ordinary Time Liturgical colour: white |
| 13/6: St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor (d. 1231) | Week 10, Ordinary Time Liturgical colour: white |
| 14/6: Solemnity of Corpus Christi | Proper Liturgical colour: white |

MASS INTENTIONS

| DATE & TIME | INTENTION |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Sat 6 June, 6pm | All Parishioners |
| Sun 7 June, 10am | Marion Corrigan |
| Mon 8 June, 10am | Anne Lennon |
| Tues 9 June, 10am | Bishop Maurice Taylor |
| Wed 10 June, 10am | Charlie Page |
| Thurs 11 June, 10am | Anthony McFadden |
| Fri 12 June, 10am | William Caughey |
| Sat 13 June, 10am | Bill Morgan |
| Sat 13 June, 6pm | All Parishioners |
| Sun 14 June, 10am | Intentions of Sr. Teresa |

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:** Bill Gilpin. **Anniversary of Death:** Anthony McFadden, Charlie Page.

Birthday Greetings and Prayers: Miss Elizabeth Mackie (104th, on 6th June); Roseann Elliott (80th, on 7th June).

NOTICES

FEAST OF SAINT COLUMBA: One of Scotland's principal saints is celebrated this coming Tuesday, 9th June. It is also the 39th anniversary of the episcopal ordination of our beloved Bishop Maurice Taylor. I will offer Mass for his intentions on that day. We wish him health, happiness and holiness!

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 11th: St. Barnabas' name means "son of encouragement." Why don't we try and follow Mass this Thursday and pray for encouragement for ourselves, our families, our parishes and our towns. Make an effort that day to affirm and encourage those you live with, especially those who may be low because of the lockdown or a sense of frustration or hopelessness. Point out the good in them and point out that their hope, no matter what comes, will not be disappointed if they look to Christ. Speak His Name to each other! It was the passion and life of St. Barnabas.

FRIDAYS IN JUNE: At the end of the 10am Mass we will recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

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

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

RECITATION OF ECUMENICAL PRAYER AT 7pm ON SUNDAY EVENING: Although there will be no Benediction this week, please do remember to say this prayer at home together in spiritual union with all other Christians in Scotland for an end to the pandemic. The text is found below.

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 known to the PP. I would like to suggest that, from now on, we also include the names of those who celebrate

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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 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”

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 **14th 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, 7th June

God whose name is Love,
You make yourself known to us
As the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Sustain us in the knowledge of your love through
the times in which we live.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God whose love endures,
May we hear the words of your Son
That echo down the ages:
I am with you always, to the very end of the age.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God whose love is generous,
You gift to us your Holy Spirit,
The very giver of Life.
Renew our lives and the life of the community in
which we share.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God whose love is steadfast,
You know us as we are for you have made us.
In your compassion, be with all who struggle and
grieve at this time.
Remember them and hold them safe in your
keeping.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God whose love is from everlasting to everlasting,
Give strength to the weary and power to the weak,
That we might renew our strength
And soar on wings like eagles.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God whose love inspires,
May we love you with all that we are
And love our neighbour in response to your love.
Through our service of others, may your love be
revealed.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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.

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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,
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!***

CONCERNING PRAYER AND DEVOTION TO THE HOLY TRINITY

*(taken from <https://illuminadomine.com>, with no author
attributed)*

The mystery of the Trinity is the beginning and end of all revealed truth. We are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and our souls enter into relationship with each of the Three Divine Persons. We are daughters and sons of the Father, brothers, sisters and co-heirs with the Son and sanctified by the Holy Spirit continually to make us resemble Jesus Christ.

But, how can we contemplate something so great as the Holy Trinity when we are such lowly creatures? St. Teresa wrote that she was "amazed at seeing so much majesty in a thing as lowly as my

soul"; then Our Lord said to her: "It is not lowly, my daughter, because it is made in my own image." This should give us the courage to come in prayer before the Most Holy Trinity through Jesus Christ, through whose human face God chose to reveal Himself to us.

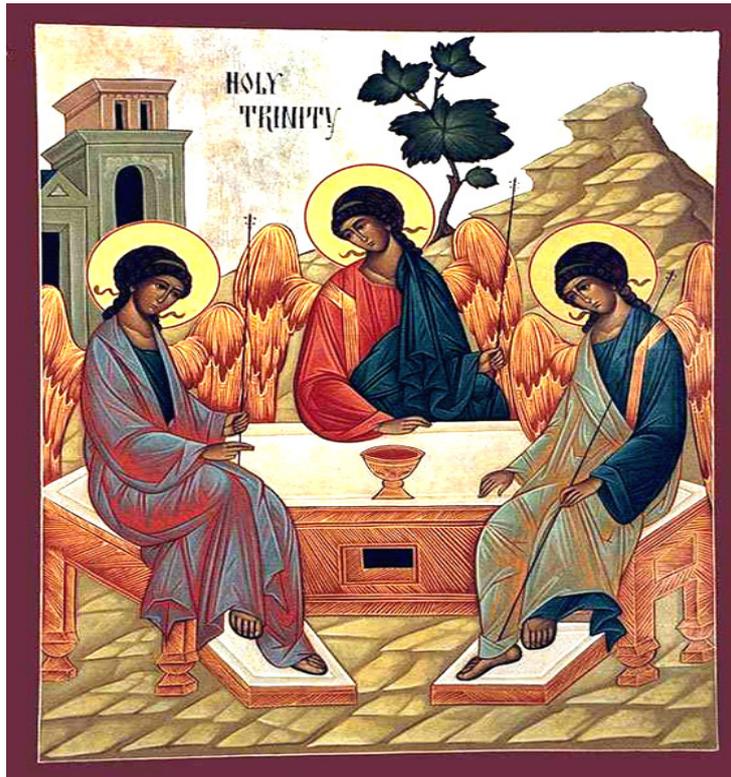
Words are not needed; we need only rejoice in the splendour of His Face. Pope Benedict XVI tells us, "To rejoice in the splendour of His Face means penetrating the mystery of His Name made known to us in Jesus, understanding something of His interior life and of His Will, so that we can live according to His plan for humanity. Jesus lets us know the hidden Face of the Father through His human Face; by the gift of the Holy Spirit poured into our hearts."

We rejoice in the splendour of His Face as we gaze at Him, and while we gaze at Him, He gazes at us: "How beautiful is this gaze of Jesus – How much tenderness is there!" says Pope Francis. Pope Francis urges us to reflect on Jesus gaze upon us: "How is Jesus looking at me? With a call? With a pardon? With a mission? But on the path He created, all of us are being looked at by Jesus. He always looks at us with love. He asks us something, he forgives us for something and he gives us a mission... May each one of us think: 'Lord, You are here, among us. Fix your gaze on me and tell me what I must do: how I must repent for my mistakes, my sins; what courage do I need to go forward on the path that You first created.'" St. John of the Cross says the gaze of God is active, "for God's gaze is to love and to work favours. His Gaze is love and love does things. God's gaze works four blessings in the soul: it cleanses her, makes her beautiful, enriches her and enlightens... making her like Himself."

By this mutual gaze of love between the Face of God and the soul of man, God restores His Image in our souls where, incredibly, He chooses to dwell. In The Spiritual Canticle, St. John of the Cross exclaims "O, then, most beautiful soul who dost so much desire to know the place where your Beloved is in order to seek him and to be united with him, He tells you now that you yourself are the abode wherein He dwells, and the closet and hiding place where He is hidden. It is a matter of great contentment and joy for you to see that all your good and all your hope are so near that you cannot be without them. 'Behold' says the Spouse, 'the kingdom of God is within you' (Luke 17:21), and his servant the Apostle Paul says: 'We are the temple of the living God' (2 Cor 6:16)."

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CHILDREN'S CORNER



Children, I want to introduce to you today a very special picture. It is an "icon." An icon is painted after someone has spent a lot of time praying about what he or she wants to paint. It means that the icon tries to tell us what the artist came to know after praying so much.

This icon was made by a man called Andrei Rublev. He made it around the year 1400! It is an icon of the Blessed Trinity. Today is the feast day of the Trinity. I am sure you can all say no bother what the Trinity is? Yes, that's right, it is the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

What we believe with all Christians is that these three Persons are God. But there is a great truth or mystery we can't understand: although there are three Persons, there is only one God. It's a bit like saying there are a lot of human persons, but there is only one human nature! We are all human, so we are the same. Yet we are all different, too!

There's a story in the bible which tells of three men visiting Abraham by his tent in a place called Mamre. This is what Andrei had been praying about. His prayer led him to understand that our real home is not a tent on the earth, but the Father's house in heaven (top left). Its door is always open for people to come home. The tower on it is where the Father keeps watch for us. The most important tree is not the oak you see, but the Cross of Jesus. The real hill (top right) is the uphill journey of prayer and of living a good life with the help of the Holy Spirit. The real table is the altar on which Jesus is given as our food for the journey home. The Father is on the left, the Son in the middle, the Holy Spirit on the right.

The table is spread, the door is open. The Holy Trinity invites us: come!