

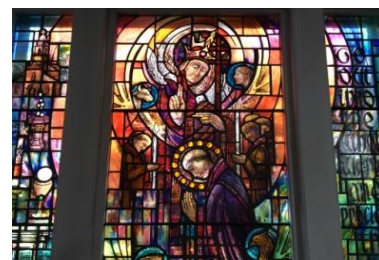
St. Gregory's Newsletter

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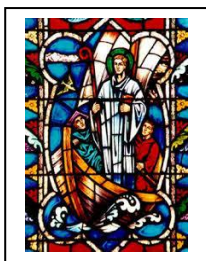


Saint of the Week

ST. COLUMBA

Columba was born in Donegal of the royal Ui Neill clan, about 521, and died at Iona in 597. He founded monasteries at Derry, Durrow, and possibly Kells. In 565 he left Ireland with twelve companions for the island of Iona off South West Scotland, given to him for a monastery by the ruler of the Irish Dalriada. From Iona he converted much of Western Scotland, his followers taking the Gospel to Northern England.

Writing a century after his death, the then abbot of Iona, Adomnan, paints a picture of Columba as tall, of powerful build with impressive presence; skilled as scholar, poet, scribe, spiritual guide and ruler with a fearless commitment to God's cause; abel, ardent and sometimes harsh he mellowed with age. Today Iona Abbey is maintained by The Iona Community, an ecumenical movement working for peace, justice and the integrity of creation.



Reflection

The coming of the Holy Spirit was far from a peaceful event!

There was 'the blowing of a violent wind' (Acts 2:2) and there were tongues of fire and speaking in many languages. Pentecost revealed that with the Spirit there is dynamism and power, change and transformation. Fear is replaced by courage; timidity with boldness; confusion with conviction; an inward-looking spirit replaced with an outward-looking vision. The Spirit changed and transformed the apostles and the same Spirit changes and transforms us through the renewal of our minds. (Romans 12:2)

Our lives can be governed by the Spirit such that, regardless of the turmoil, the tumult and the ups and downs of life, the peace of Christ can rule and govern our hearts.

(Walk With Me, Eastertide 2017 p.70 Alive Publishing)

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful. And kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. And You will renew the face of the earth.

'The Holy Spirit, given to us through Baptism... is the spirit of love and unity who made all believers one in the risen Lord and with one another, overcoming every difference of race, culture and social class... Our selfishness builds barriers of isolation and excludes those who are different from us... So, by listening to the Holy Spirit's voice, let us try to grow in this fellowship... overcoming the seeds of division carried within us.'

(Chiara Lubich, Word of Life 1994)



Children's Corner

R	E	H	T	A	F	D	E	I	S	EVENING	FIRST	DAY
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Pentecost Sunday - 4th June 2017

4th June, Pentecost Sunday

9:30am John & Elizabeth Watmough (B)
11:00am Joanne Gilgun (B)
6:30pm Special Intention (CN)

11th June, Holy Trinity Sunday

9:30am John Houghton (A)
11:00am Theresa Thompson (B)
6:30pm Patrick Mcanus (A)

Weekday Masses

Monday 10:00am Requiem Alice Houghton
Tuesday 8:30am Valerie Bretherton
Wednesday 8:30am Special Intention
Thursday 8:30am Christopher Hawch
Friday 8:30am Damian Farrell
Saturday **11:00am First Communion Mass**

Saints of the Week

St. Boniface
St. Norbert

St. Ephraim, also St. Columba

Weekly Confession Saturday after morning Mass

Rosary 20 minutes before weekday Mass

Please Pray For Our Sick Brothers And Sisters

Kitty Ellison, Jayne Hodge, Brigid Cain, Mary Patten, Agnes Martindale, Robert Stretton, Mildred Bridge, Margaret Wood, Harold Sutton, Margaret Bower, Thomas Moss, Gerard Baker, Hugh Daly, Margaret Dearden, Maureen Jackson, Maureen McIver, Bill Burns, Lois Chiasson, Gerard McGuigan, Moya Jones, Teresa Kershaw, Teresa Critchley, Winifred Calderbank

Baptism

Today we welcome in baptism Finn Joseph Huddy and pray for him and his family as they start out on their new faith journey.

Mission Appeal

The *Missionary Sisters of England and Wales* (combining 12 congregations) are making their appeal today. We welcome Sr. Ruth from the Medical Missionaries of Mary who will tell us about their work overseas as they reach out to the people most in need. "Lord Jesus, as the Father sent you into the World, so you send me to show all people your love. Let my hands be your hands, my words be your words, so that I may give your love to everyone I meet and help to spread this love to the ends of the earth. Amen."

Celebration of First Holy Communions

On Saturday the children will receive Holy Communion for the first time at 11.00am Mass. We welcome them and their families to the Table of the Lord. A big thank-you to those who have prepared the children for this Sacrament – the Parents, the School, and most specially our Parish Sacramental Team for their wonderful work. The children will join us at the Parish Mass at 11.00am the next day so that we can celebrate the occasion with them. Afterwards there will be a party in the garden. Please join us for these celebrations, all parishioners are most welcome.

Collection

Thank you for last week's collection of £841.
The World Communications collection amounted to £312. Thank you for your continued generosity.
The SVP collection which is usually taken on the first Sunday of the month has been moved to next week.

General Election

As polling day draws close (Thursday, 8th June), we are reminded that it is important we make use of our vote to help shape society to become ever more caring and working towards our common, global good.

Wedding Bells

On Saturday Rebecca Southworth and Adam Martins will be married at our church and we wish them every blessing.

Cathedral Golden Jubilee

As the celebrations are in full swing with the Pentecost Jubilee Mass and Flower Festival this weekend, a two page spread of future events is available on the notice board.

Ministering to the Assembly

Counters 5th June - Marie Dewland & Mary Hargreaves

Rotas 11th June, Holy Trinity Sunday

S.A.S. Mary Wakeman & Liz Fowler

Dial a Ride Barry Crossen & Catherine Jackson

Readers Christine Crossen

Eucharistic Ministers Chris Huddy

Marian Knight

Clare Meredith

Ryan Norse

Linda Walmsley

David Chadwick

Paul Thompson

Helen Graham

Anthony Hooson

Carol Hardman