

Prayers Needed for the Church In Ireland

Worshippers in the Irish Republic have been forbidden to attend Mass for 27 of the last 30 weeks, the Government moving recently to make it a criminal offence with priests and Mass-goers facing up to six months in prison.

Commenting on this situation, the **President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland, Bishop Hugh Gilbert** has issued the following statement:

“As the Catholic Church in Scotland this year celebrates the 1500th Anniversary of the birth of St Columba who brought the faith from Ireland to Scotland in the 6th century, the thoughts and prayers of the Church in Scotland are now directed to our brothers and sisters in Ireland.

Recent developments that penalise the celebration of Holy Mass have been disturbing not only to the Irish Bishops' Conference but also to the Bishops of Scotland. We all recognise the need for restrictions to protect the common good of all people in a pandemic but to enact legislation that criminalises those who gather to celebrate Holy Mass is indeed extreme and unjust.

May the strong bonds between the Catholic Church in Ireland and Scotland established by St Patrick, St Columba, the Celtic saints and the faith of our forebears reassure our brothers and sisters in Ireland that they are not alone and are always in our prayers.”

(source: Catholic Bishops Conference of Scotland)

Footnote

Taoiseach Micheál Martin has now confirmed that the controversial ban on public worship will be lifted on May 10, meaning Catholics will be free to attend Mass without fear of criminalisation.

However, numbers will be restricted to just 50 worshippers irrespective of whether people have been vaccinated or not and despite the size of the church. Up to 50 people will also be able to gather for funerals and wedding ceremonies, however wedding receptions will be restricted to just six people or 15 people if the reception takes place outdoors.

The Irish Government has imposed the most draconian restrictions on religious services in Europe and currently remains the only jurisdiction in the European Union (EU) where a ban on people attending ceremonies exists. *(source: irishcatholic.com)*

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**THE ASCENSION OF THE
LORD**

Holy Day Of Obligation



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Sunday 2 May 2021

5th Sunday of Easter – B

Sunday Mass Times *(post Covid-19)*

ST MARY'S BEAULY 11:00am

OUR LADY & ST BEAN, MARYDALE 4:00pm
(Confession 3:30pm 1st Sunday in the month)

ST MARY'S ESKADALE

(Masses in abeyance until further notice)

ST MARTIN'S ULLAPOOL

1st 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month, 2:30pm

ST MAELRUBHA'S POOLEWE

2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 2:30pm

LOCHINVER : To be arranged

FORT AUGUSTUS Sunday 10:00am, Thursday
10:00am

Weekday Mass Times & Devotions from St Mary's Beaully *(Live streamed)*

Tuesday Mass 10:00am

Wednesday Mass 10:00am

Marydale, Cannich Exposition 12:00pm;

Mass 12:30pm

Thursday Mass 10:00am

Friday Mass 10:00am

Confession: call by the Parish House,
phone, or email to make appointment

Next Sunday 9 May 2021

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER - B

Fort Augustus 10:00am (livestream),
Beaully 11:00am, Poolewe 2:30pm,
Marydale 4:00pm.

Mass Intentions

Sun: Parishioners & Friends

Mon:

Tue:

Wed: Boniface Nwosu (RIP)

Thu:

Fri:

Sat:

Please pray for the sick of our parishes and all who ask for our prayers.

Liturgical Calendar.

Mon 3 Apr:

Feast of **St Philip and St James** who were two of the Twelve Apostles. St Philip spread the Faith in Greece and Turkey, being martyred there in AD 80. St James, called the Lesser, meaning the younger to distinguish him from St John's brother, was the Bishop of Jerusalem and was martyred there in AD 62. St James wrote the "Letter of Saint James" which is one of the most easily read parts of the New Testament, containing practical advice on living the Christian Life.

Remember the Rosary Movement in May. The Month of Our Lady, The Blessed Virgin Mary. (You can check the parish website for more information).

Death Anniversaries (May)

Miriam Campbell, Irene Robertson,
Alfons Jankowski, Gerald Welsh,
Canon Duncan Stone

FIRST READING

Acts 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of The Lord
R:/ Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 21(22):26-28,30-32

Response: *You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.*

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.

They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.

May their hearts live for ever and ever!

R./

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him;
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

R./

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.

They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.'

R./

SECOND READING

1 John 3:18-24

My children,
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,
but something real and active;
only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,
whatever accusations it may raise against us,
because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.
My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him,
we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.
His commandments are these:

that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another as he told us to.
Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him.
We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn15:4,5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:
'I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vinedresser.
Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away,
and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.
You are pruned already,
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me.
I am the vine,
you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
bears fruit in plenty;
for cut off from me you can do nothing.
Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers;
these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,
and they are burnt.
If you remain in me
and my words remain in you,
you may ask what you will
and you shall get it.
It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit,
and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of The Lord

R:/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH NO. 2

When we eat this Bread and drnk this Cup
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.
