

Weekday Mass & Holy Communion for the sick

Whilst Fr Andrew is with us he is celebrating some weekday masses for us and will take Holy Communion to the sick. If you know of anyone who is unable to attend mass and would like to receive Holy Communion please let Fr Andrew know.

Weekly Holy Hour

We have not been able to have our monthly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for some time now. Following Thursday morning mass there will be a Holy Hour of prayer and contemplation led by Fr Andrew.

Until our new parish priest is appointed in case of any emergency please contact Canon Tom Shields the parish priest of St. Fillan's, Crieff on 01764 653269.

Funeral

As many of us already know our friend and brother John McMenemie has passed to eternal life. John's Requiem mass will take place on Tuesday 10th September at 11am in St. Bride's Pitlochry.

Foodbank Donations

Some of our brothers and sisters struggle to find money for everyday basic necessities such as food. Many of us would find it difficult, if not impossible, to imagine what this must be like. Our parish tries support the local Foodbank and all donations towards this are most welcome. You can place your donations in the hamper which is in the foyer of St. Bride's.

Collections

	1st September
St Bride's	£124.34
Our Lady of Mercy's	£188.11
St. Columba's	£76.00
Total	£388.45

If you can offer to be *a volunteer* at the *Three Churches Charity Shop* in Dunkeld, please contact Cathy Reid on 01350727327 or mobile 07871107467.

Our Parish Safeguarding co-Ordinator is Liz Douglas and can be reached on Tel: 07754121629, e-mail: lizdouglas03@gmail.com

Annual Vocations Mass

The annual vocations mass for our Diocese will take place on Thursday 12th September at 7pm in St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee. The mass will be celebrated by Bishop Stephen and the homily will be delivered by Fr Jean Gove from the Archdiocese of Malta.

Dundee Pregnancy and Parenthood Support (DPAPS)

This new pro-life voluntary organisation is launching in Dundee. It aims to provide companionship at appointments and help pregnant women and families access benefits and financial assistance. It also helps by supplying baby equipment and clothing. The service is holding an **open evening on Monday 2nd September** from 7pm—9pm at the pastoral centre in Dundee when Bishop Stephen will officially open the new office.

Parishes are also being invited to sponsor a 'baby essentials pack'. The new service would like to provide each mother who asks for help a pack that includes all the initial items she may need for her baby such as vests, babygros, nappies and toiletries. They would also be grateful for any lightly used baby clothing and equipment donations that we may be able to offer. An empty pack is at the back of the church along with the list of items we could donate to make up one pack. Abortion rates are increasing every year and this new service believes that through our collective practical witness and prayer we can reverse this trend and help to build a Culture of Life.

Inaugural Fundraising Ball

Friends of Missio Ball will take place on Saturday 16th November at the Hilton hotel Bellshill all seated for 7:30pm. Tickets are £40 per person with tables of ten also available. This includes a gift upon arrival, a 3 course meal and live band. There are also some fantastic raffle prizes and an auction on the night. All proceeds will go towards schools projects in Uganda and Sierra Leone. For further information or to purchase tickets contact: admin@missioscotland.com or phone 01236 449774.

St Vincent de Paul Society Group—E-mail: stbridessvdp@yahoo.com

St Vincent de Paul Society Group meets every second Thursday of the month at 10 am in St Bride's Church. New members welcome.

Welcome to all our Visitors

We are very happy to welcome visitors to our parish as visitors are a percentage of our community throughout the year. Any donations given by visitors who pay tax are worth 25% more if they are Gift Aided. Gift Aid envelopes are provided on the table at the back of the church and all you need to do is fill out the details at the back of the envelope where you put your donation. If you need any assistance, please talk to Fr. Edward. Thanks very much.

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Gift Aid: We are very grateful to all those who support our community. If you are a taxpayer and you would like to help our community we suggest you join Gift Aid. To do so all you need to do is to fill up a form provided by the parish. This would mean that the parish will get 25% tax refund on the donation you contribute. You can either donate by Standing Order or by putting your cash donation in a Gift Aid envelope provided. If you need a standing order form to take to your bank, or if you prefer to use weekly envelopes, please contact Father Edward.

The Mustard Seed Bible Group: Take this opportunity to learn more about the most important book ever written, the HOLY BIBLE, by attending a **prayer/study/reading group**. Its purpose is to implant the seed of God's Word and Love in our Life. **Next prayer group will take place on Tuesday 24th September in St. Bride's Pitlochry at 7pm.** In preparation please read the Letter of St James. We will also continue some further discussion on St Paul's Letter to the Romans.

A Prayer for our Parish

God our Father, we thank you for the place in which you have called us to live, and work and worship. Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon our parish, and may the seed of your grace sown in our hearts grow and bear fruit.

Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word and a new consecration to your service. As you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world to bring the light of your love into our darkness, so may we go in your name to the people amongst whom we live and work, may we be for them the light of your presence.

Guide and protect our bishop and our priest,
and may your love grow among us and your kingdom come.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please e-mail any notices for inclusion in the newsletter to the parish in-box by the Thursday of each week.

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Alternatively you can speak to Fiona Hamilton the parish secretary or phone her on 07706 430848.



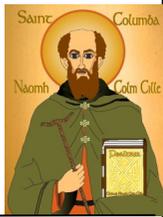
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Sunday Mass Times

St Columba's Birnam (Saturday Vigil Mass)	6.00 pm
Out Lady of Mercy's Aberfeldy	9.30 am
St. Bride's Pitlochry	11.30 am

Interim Weekday Mass Times

Our Lady of Mercy Aberfeldy	Tuesday 9.30am
St Bride's Pitlochry	Thursday 9.30am
St Bride's Pitlochry	Friday 9.30am

During the time we are without a parish priest in case of any emergency please contact Canon Tom Shields parish priest of St. Fillan's Crieff on 01764 653269.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8th September 2019. (C)

Response to the Psalm:

O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Bidding Prayers:

Reader: Dear God, in the morning

All:...fill us with your love.

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