

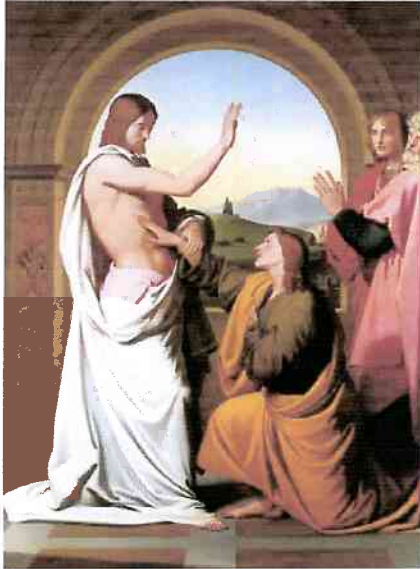
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

27th April 2014

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Christ and St. Thomas
by Johann Friedrich Overbeck

Noticeboard

Sunday Masses: Vigil Mass, Saturday 6 p.m.
Sunday Morning Mass 10.30 a.m.

Weekday Masses: THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY.
Mass on Thursday 7p.m.
Mass on Friday 10.15 a.m.
Mass on Saturday 10.15 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday:
9.45 to 10 a.m.
4 to 4.30 p.m.
5.30 to 5.45 p.m.

May Devotions Friday 5 p.m.

There is an **ecumenical Eastertide Service** in the Church of Scotland in Caol this Sunday evening at 6.30 p.m. Do try to take part!

Father MacKinnon is most grateful for the Easter cards and gifts he has received. God bless you for your kindness! He will be taking an Easter break this week, from Monday to Thursday. Please note this week's noticeboard.

We pray for our Faithful Departed. We remember especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Patrick Toal, Roddie MacDonald, Ted Timbrell, Billy Brooks, Helena Nickel, Benny Delaney, Alexina MacEachen, Peter MacDonald, John MacDonald, Angus MacDougall, Monsignor Neil McGrory, Richard Davies, Jim Grace, Marie Doyle and Helen MacDonald.** We remember, too, those who have died tragically in Lochaber in recent weeks and months. May they all rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

Please remember the special collection for **Fr. Pamula** this Sunday!

The **Divine Liturgy** of our Orthodox brothers and sisters will be celebrated in St. Mary's on Saturday 10th May, from 11.45 a.m.

Our thanks to all who have handed in their **SCIAF boxes**. If you have still to do so, please try to hand in your box in the very near future.

A very special thanks to the parishioners who support the parish through **Gift Aid**. This year's total was £17,803.83. Please remember that as well as using the envelope system, parishioners can donate through a standing order in favour of the parish. Just ask Fr. MacKinnon for the parish account details. Gift Aid certainly does help keep our head above the waters of inflation!

This week, our **May Devotions** will be on Friday at 5 p.m. The earlier time may allow people to go home and have their supper or go out as people do on a Friday evening. We'll see how it goes!

Born into a devout German Lutheran family, Johann Friedrich Overbeck (1789-1869) became the leader of a group of young German artists committed to Christian art and that in the style of the early Renaissance. They settled in Rome, where Overbeck became a Catholic in 1813. Known as the "Brotherhood of St. Luke" or as the "Nazarenes", they had a great influence on the popular Christian art of the 19th century. They also inspired Britain's Pre-Raphaelite painters. Here are some of Overbeck's paintings.



Self Portrait with Wife and Child



Christ in the House of Martha and Mary



The Death of St. Joseph

Doubt isn't the opposite of faith; it is an element of faith. (Paul Tillich)

It's not atheists who get stuck in my caw, but agnostics. Doubt is useful for a while. We all must pass through the garden of Gethsemane.... But we must move on. To choose doubt as a philosophy of life is akin to choosing immobility as means of transportation. (Yann Martel, "Life of Pi")

Fanaticism is...overcompensation for doubt. (Robertson Davies)

Believe your beliefs and doubt your doubts. (F.F. Bosworth)

It's a good thing to have all the props pulled out from under us occasionally. It gives us some sense of what is rock under our feet, and what is sand. (Madeleine L'Engle)

Ten thousand difficulties do not make one doubt. (Cardinal Newman)

This is our destiny in heaven – to be like Christ: not Christ limited as he was on earth, to the confines of time and flesh, but Christ risen, the great, free timeless Christ of the Easter morning. (David Winter)

Silence is when the wholeness of God embraces the wholeness of man. (Fr. Peter Ball)

The souls of emperors and cobblers are cast in the same mould. (Montaigne)

Christianity has died many times and risen again; for it had a God who knew his way out of the grave. (G.K. Chesterton)

AND ALSO....

Luke and Obi-Wan are in a Chinese restaurant having a meal. Skillfully using his chopsticks, Obi-Wan deftly dishes himself a large portion of noodles into his bowl, then tops it off with some chicken and cashew nuts. All this is done with the consummate ease you'd expect from a Jedi Master.

Poor Luke is having a nightmare, using his chopsticks in both hands, dropping his food all over the table and eventually himself. Obi-Wan looks at Luke disapprovingly and says, "Use the FORKS, Luke, use the Forks!"

Hummingbirds are just regular birds that don't know the words.