

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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“Jesus raised his eyes to heaven.”

Noticeboard

Sunday Masses

Saturday, 6 p.m.
Sunday, 10.30 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

There will be no Masses on Monday and Tuesday.
Wednesday, Mass at 7 p.m.
Thursday, Friday and Saturday:
Mass at 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.

Tuesday is the Memorial of St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, the Martyrs of Uganda. Thursday is the Memorial of St. Boniface, Missionary and Martyr.

Please remember **the special collection** this Sunday in aid of the Church's media, both national and international. At no time in human history has so much information been conveyed so speedily to so many people as in the present age. It is imperative that the Church's message be heard. Whatever you can give is really appreciated.

Thomas Wynne's ordination to the diaconate takes place in St. Mary's, a week on Monday, at 7 p.m. Please keep Thomas in your prayers in the coming days. Please note that this is NOT an "invitation only" event! It is to be celebrated by the parish and the diocese and you are all asked to take part. After all, you, the parishioners of St. Mary's, will be the people who will be served by the future Deacon Thomas! Be there for him.

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Joan Bremner, Mary MacDonald, Coila MacKintosh, Anne MacDonald, Linda Hunter, Martin Stokes, Norman MacInnes, Teresa Archibald, Margharita Morrison, Tam McEwan and Tommy McKinney.** May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

There will be Mass in **Cille Choirill** next Sunday at 3 p.m.

Father Kasule very kindly e-mailed Fr. MacKinnon to convey his condolences and prayers. Because of his sister's illness, Fr. MacKinnon has been unable to arrange his usual summer break. We simply did not know how long Rhoda would be with us. As it takes several months to process Fr. Kasule's supply, he thought it better not to seek his help this year. Perhaps later in the year, Fr. MacKinnon will be able to take an extended break. He is taking a short break this week, from early Monday morning to Wednesday evening.

Pope Francis was very much in our prayers during his pilgrimage to the Holy Land. In front of the Wall of the Temple in Jerusalem, he embraced two Argentinian friends: the Jewish rabbi Abraham Storcka and the Muslim leader Omar Abboud. Previously, the Pope had thanked the people of Jordan for looking after the countless refugees who had arrived in their country. He called upon other nations to help Jordan. Both the Palestinian president and the Israeli president have accepted Francis's invitation to join him for prayer at his home in the Vatican. The highlight of the Pope's visit was his meeting with the principal Patriarch of the Orthodox Churches, His Holiness Bartholomew I of Constantinople. They prayed together in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, having signed a joint declaration that looked forward to the day "in which we will finally partake together in the Eucharistic banquet."

FATHER STANSILAW THANKS YOU MOST SINCERELY FOR YOUR GREAT KINDNESS. LAST MONDAY, FR. MACKINNON PRESENTED HIM WITH THE £1262.52 YOU RAISED TO HELP HIM DURING HIS STUDIES IN WARSAW.

Some Native American Wisdom:

When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life so that when you die, the world cries and you rejoice.

Remember that your children are not your own, but are lent to you by the Creator.

Treat the earth well: it was not given to you by your parents, it was loaned to you by your children. We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors, we borrow it from our Children.

If you see no reason for giving thanks, the fault lies in yourself.

Sharing and giving are the ways of God.

White men have too many chiefs.

God gives us each a song.

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The Christian life is not a constant high. I have my moments of deep discouragement. I have to go to God in prayer with tears in my eyes, and say, 'O God, forgive me,' or 'Help me.' (*Billy Graham*)

Prayer is the most concrete way to make our home in God. (*Henri Nouwen*)

Intercessory prayer might be defined as loving our neighbour on our knees. (*Charles Bent*)

You pray in your distress and in your need; would that you might pray also in the fullness of your joy and in your days of abundance. (*Khalil Gibran*)

We do not want to be beginners [at prayer]. but let us be convinced of the fact that we will never be anything but beginners, all our life! (*Thomas Merton*)

When man is with God in awe and love, then he is praying. (*Fr. Karl Rahner*)

Don't forget to pray today because God did not forget to wake you up this morning. (*Oswald Chambers*)

Enjoying each other's good is heaven begun. (*Lucy C. Smith*)

The shopkeeper had just handed me a demonstration pair of binoculars. I was getting the distant wall nicely into focus when a passer-by, seeing my Roman collar, quietly advised, 'Just tell them to move to the front of the church, Father.' (*Fr. John Stewart*)

Translation can have its problems. When Coca Cola first expanded in China, it found that, depending on their dialect, people interpreted its name as "Bite the wax tadpole" or "Female horse stiffed with wax". Coca Cola then settled for Ke Kou Ke Le, which translates literally as "Tasty, can make you happy". Pepsi did not fare any better with the translation of its "Come alive with the Pepsi Generation" slogan. In Taiwan, it was understood as, "Pepsi will bring your ancestors back from the dead." The KFC slogan "Finger-lickin' good!" was interpreted as "Eat your fingers off"!

And here is a joke that circulated in China during the Ming Dynasty. On his birthday, a high ranking official's subordinates chipped in to give him a life-sized solid gold rat, since he was born in the Year of the Rat (each year of a twelve year cycle has a different animal). The official thanked them, then asked, "Did you know that my wife's birthday is coming up? She was born in the Year of the Ox."

At the final dinner of an international conference, a Western delegate turned to the Chinese delegate sitting next to him, pointed to the soup and asked somewhat condescendingly, 'Likee soupee?' The Chinese gentlemen nodded eagerly. A little later, it was 'Likee fishee?' and 'Likee meatee?' and 'Likee fruittee?' and always the response was an affable nod. At the end of the dinner the chairman of the conference introduced the guest speaker of the evening: none other than the Chinese gentleman who delivered a penetrating, witty discourse in impeccable English, much to the astonishment of his neighbour. When the speech was over, the speaker turned to the man beside him and, with a mischievous twinkle in his eye, asked, 'Likee speechee?'

The bird does not sing because it has an answer. It sings because it has a song. (*African proverb*)

You're not rich until you have something money can't buy. (*Anon*)

A large chair does not make a king. (*Sudanese proverb*)

Education without God is like a ship without a compass. (*Anon*)

