

SOLEMNITY OF ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL

29th June 2014

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Noticeboard

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

10.15 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 9.45-10 a.m.
4 to 4.30 p.m.
5.30-5.45 p.m.

Thursday is the Feast of the Apostle St. Thomas.

The Consultors of the Diocese have elected **Mgr James MacNeil** as Administrator of Argyll and the Isles. He will serve us as such until the choice of a new Bishop. We know that Mgr. Jamie will carry out this task wisely and in a true spirit of service. Please keep him in your prayers.

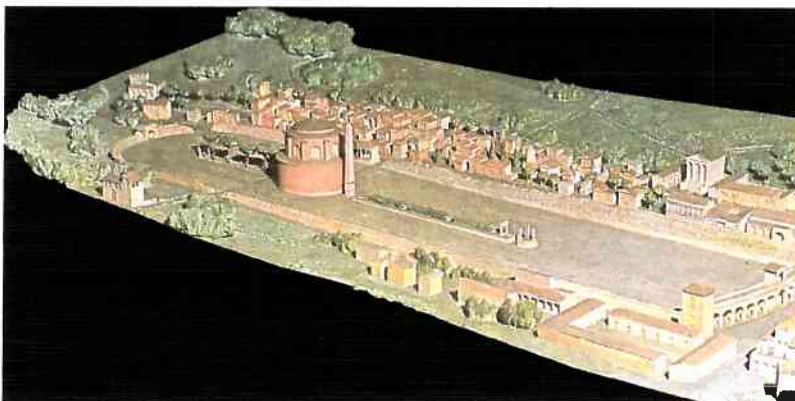
We remember our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **John MacKay, Mary MacDonald, Kenneth MacDonald, Jamie Wilson, Alexander Rennie, Ellen Jane and William O'Hare, Maryann MacDonald, Christina MacDonald, Ellen Kennedy, Angus Kennedy, Daniel Dougan, Margaret MacMaster, Louis Boni, Charles McKeown, John O'Hare, Morag Donoghue, Michael Deeny and Alexander MacDonald.** May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Holy Communion will be taken to the housebound this week by both priest and deacon.

Please pray that **Fr. John Angus** now be given the peace and the rest that he most certainly deserves. And do pray for an improvement in his health.

The new chalices have arrived, and again we thank the parishioners whose kindness has been of such great help.

Thursday was a day of sunshine. St. Mary's is especially beautiful when the evening's western sun shines through its windows. As Fr. MacKinnon was closing the church about 9 p.m., some German visitors asked if they could come in. For a while they sat in silent prayer, then they stood and sang the German version of "Holy God, we praise thy name." A beautiful end to a beautiful day, and all the more moving as we prepare for the centenary of the First World War.



Here is a reconstruction of Nero's Circus, used principally for chariot racing. It was here that St. Peter was martyred about 64 A.D., during the first state-sponsored persecution of Christians. The Apostle was buried in a cemetery alongside the Circus. The Basilica of St. Peter was later built over his tomb. The Egyptian obelisk you see in this picture now stands in the centre of St. Peter's Square.

28th June 1914

We have the priest's announcement book that begins in April, 1914. On the 28th June, 1914, a hundred years ago yesterday, these were the announcements at Mass in the old Catholic Chapel in Fort William's West End:

Catechism at 3 and Rosary & Benediction at 6 p.m. today.

Tomorrow (Monday) Sts. Peter and Paul, Holiday.

Mass at 9.15 (sharp) & 10 a.m.

Weekday Mass at 8 a.m.

Confessions Thursday for 1st Friday at 8 p.m.
Saturday 8 to 9 p.m.

R.I.P. Mr and Mrs Thomson (anniversary)

Meeting of Promoters after Mass.

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On the same day, the Austrian Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife Sophie were assassinated in Sarajevo, then part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Very soon, Europe would be at war. Some of those at Mass that day would never return home from combat.



"To Be a Pilgrim"



On this Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, we think of the countless pilgrims who through the centuries went to Rome to pray at the tombs of the two Apostles. This lead pilgrim's badge showing St. Peter is evidence of one such pilgrimage from our own diocese. It dates from the 14th century and was discovered on Islay in 1994.

Les Petits Chanteurs de Saint André de Colmar



**St. Mary's
Tuesday 15th July at 7.30 p.m.**

**ENTRANCE FREE BUT THERE WILL BE A
COLLECTION IN SUPPORT
OF LES PETITS CHANTEURS**

**Works of Mendelssohn, Bach, Vivaldi,
Vaughan Williams, Langlais, Rutter
and Others**

Potpourri

The blessed Apostles, then, founded and built up the church in Rome. They committed the office of bishop into the hands of Linus. Of this, Linus, Paul makes mention in the Epistles to Timothy. To him succeeded Anacletus. After him, in the third place from the Apostles, Clement was allotted the office of bishop. (St. Irenaeus c. 180 A.D.)

I think it is my duty to consult the chair of Peter, and to turn to a church (Rome) whose faith has been praised by Paul. I appeal for spiritual food to the church whence I have received the garb of Christ. (St. Jerome 396 A.D.)

Pope Francis:

Those who today always look for disciplinarian solutions, those who long for an exaggerated doctrinal 'security,' those who stubbornly try to recover a past that no longer exists - they have a static and inward-directed view of things. In this way, faith becomes an ideology among other ideologies.

I like it when someone tells me, 'I don't agree.' This is a true collaborator. When they say, 'Oh, how great, how great, how great,' that's not useful.

Steven Wright:

I almost had a psychic girlfriend... but she left me before we met.

I finally got around to reading the dictionary. Turns out the zebra did it.