

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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

Weekday Masses: 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. Bonaventure.

Next Sunday we will have a special collection for **Bishop Toal**, in appreciation for all that he did for us in his years as a very dedicated Bishop. We know that you will be generous in what you give.

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Brian Forry, Thomas Archibald, Philip A. Morgan, Christine Phillpot, William Donaldson, Katie MacLean, Donald Gillies, Neil Cameron, Margaret MacDonald and Nicholas Smith.** May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

You are all invited to the celebration of the **300th Anniversary** of the first seminary in Scotland, on Eilean Ban in Loch Morar. On the 6th August, at 1 p.m., there will be an outdoor Mass at Our Lady and St. Cumin's in Morar, followed by a reception at Mallaig and Morar Community Centre.

Fr. John Angus has written to thank you all for your kind thoughts and prayers. He is especially grateful for the cards and letters he has received from so many people in Lochaber.

As the bulletin goes to print, we dare not forecast the outcome of the **World Cup final**, but we can be sure that congratulations and commiserations will be exchanged most graciously between the Argentinian Pope Francis and the German Benedict XVI. As a boy, the late John Paul II played in a local team, along with his Jewish playmates. Jerzy Dude, once Liverpool's keeper, claimed that John Paul was a keen follower of Liverpool, often watching their matches on television. Whatever claims are made, the Pope's first loyalty was to KS Cracovia. Towards the end of his life, he granted a private audience in celebration of the Polish team's centenary.



Les Petits Chanteurs de St. André

**In St. Mary's this Tuesday
at 7.30 p.m.**

**Do come along
for an evening of lovely song!**

*Entry free, but there will be a retiring
collection in support of the singers*



One could not have celebrated the Feast of St. Benedict on Friday without thinking of the monastery he founded on Monte Cassino around 529. We see above the ruins left after Allied bombing seventy years ago. We also see the rebuilt abbey, well worth a visit if you are ever in that part of Italy. Miraculously, the tomb of St. Benedict was undamaged by the destruction all around it. The Allies had begun to think, wrongly, that the Germans were using the Abbey as an observation post, despite an agreement with the Vatican that the building would be treated as neutral. It is now believed that a junior British officer – translating an intercepted radio message – mistook the German word for “abbot” for a similar word meaning “battalion”. His version convinced his superiors that the enemy was inside the Abbey and so it must be destroyed. One of the senior German officers on the mountain was actually a devout Catholic and a member of the Third Order of St. Benedict! Warfare is not short of ironies. And the destruction of the monastery did allow the Germans to enter its ruins, giving then a superb vantage point as they further delayed the Allied advance on Rome. Fr. MacKinnon’s father was at the Battle of Monte Cassino.

An act of terrorism
is not an ideology,
nor religion.
It is the lack of hope,
of opportunity
and of love.
When there is no recourse,
no other way
there is only insurrection.
Understanding, compassion
and respect for all life
is what will save us all.
(Mahima Martel)

Jesus made clear that the Kingdom of God is organic and not organizational. It grows like a seed and it works like leaven: secretly, invisibly, surprisingly, and irresistibly.
(Os Guinness)

Few delights can equal the presence of one whom we trust utterly. *(George MacDonald)*

No being has ever come into the world without being loved before it existed. *(Nate Stucky)*

Faith minus vulnerability is fundamentalism.
(Brene Brown)

There's nothing wrong with making a lot of money,
there's something wrong with keeping it.
(Tony Campolo)

What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like.
(Saint Augustine)

Christianity was literally born in the Middle East, and we must not forget our Middle Eastern brothers and sisters in Christ. *(Prince Charles)*

A painter paints pictures on canvas. But musicians paint their pictures on silence. *(Leopold Stokowski)*

There is nothing in the world so much like prayer as music is. *(William P. Merrill)*



The Sower
by
Vincent Van Gogh