

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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## Noticeboard

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.

Friday, 5 to 6 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

*Tuesday is the Memorial of St. Mary Magdalen; Wednesday, the Feast of St. Bridget; Friday, the Feast of St. James; Saturday, the Memorial of St. Joachim and St. Anne.*

This Sunday, we have our special collection for **Bishop Toal**. And we keep him our prayers as he settles into the Diocese of Motherwell.



We remember the Faithful Departed. We pray for the eternal rest of **Fiona Stoddart** whose Funeral Mass took place on Friday. For many years Fiona worked in Invernevis House, and gave a very special care and love to its residents. May the Lord now welcome her home. We extend our sincere sympathy and prayer to Neil, Neil James, Gordon, Christopher and all the family in their time of sorrow. We pray also for the eternal rest of **Mary MacDonald** who died peacefully at home in Banavie on Thursday. Mary was a very loveable and caring person. May the Lord now take her to himself and may he comfort Gordon, Clare, Jane and all the family. Mary's Funeral Mass will be at St. John's on Thursday, at 12 noon. We remember those whose anniversaries are about this time: **William Donaldson, John MacPhee, Duncan MacMaster, Roderick MacDonald, Margaret MacDonald, Ken MacDonald, John Gillies, Michelle Archibald, Stephen Fitzgerald, Liam Haggerty and John MacDonald**. May they rest in the peace of their Saviour.

Before we go ahead, Fr. MacKinnon would like to compose a short article on **Communion under both kinds**, but this may take longer than he anticipated. Creativity comes in waves! Some catechesis is needed for all of us. There are practical issues, too. How often will we have Communion under both kinds? How many Eucharistic ministers will we need? Also, we could do with more Readers at our Sunday Masses. Any volunteers?

The next special collection is due in August and will be for **sick and retired priests** of the Diocese.

The dreadful event in **Ukraine** calls upon our prayer for the dead and the bereaved. Our hearts ache for them all. We remember, too, the situation in **Gaza**. Pope Francis has written a personal message a parish priest of Gaza, Father Jorge Hernandez, a fellow Argentinian, saying he is keeping the territory's Christian community in his prayers. In his message the Pope offered words of comfort and assured them he was praying for them all. The world needs your prayer more than it ever did.

Please note the **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on Friday. The theme will be the Precious Blood of Christ.

## A Night to Remember



Everyone who was there will never forget the recital given by Les Petits Chanteurs de Saint-André on Tuesday night. The young singers certainly deserved the standing ovation they received after an hour and a quarter of continuous sacred song. Every piece in their wide repertoire was beautifully sung. Our congratulations to their conductor, Guillaume Burgmeier. He is obviously an inspiring leader, whose gentle authority brings out the very best in his singers. And he clearly enjoyed the acoustics of St. Mary's when he turned and sang part one of the songs. Jean-Louis Thomas certainly showed us the full potential of our church organ! We thank the Petits Chanteurs for choosing Fort William as one of the venues in their tour of Scotland. They have left us a very precious memory and we wish them every success in the future. Our sincere thanks to Kevin Cameron for all the liaison work he did and for helping make the singers feel so welcome. And thank you to all who came along for this very special event and who donated so generously as they left the church.

### Potpourri

#### *Prière des Petits Chanteurs*

Heureux d'être Petits Chanteurs, Frères dans ton Amour, nous voulons, Seigneur, te servir, en chantant la gloire de ton Nom. Que notre chant soit un appel pour ceux qui te cherchent. Que notre vie reflète ce que nous chantons et témoigne de ta tendresse pour les hommes. Que ta Grâce en nos coeurs soutienne nos efforts. Fais de nous, Seigneur, des Artisans de Paix.

I've been all over the world and I've never seen a statue of a critic. (*Leonard Bernstein*)

Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom. (*Marcel Proust*)

Music is the purest form of art. Therefore true poets, they who are seers, seek to express the universe in terms of music. The singer has everything within him. The notes come out from his very life. They are not materials gathered from outside. (*Rabindranath Tagore*)

The traveller sees what he sees; the tourist sees what he has come to see. (*Gilbert K. Chesterton*)

I object to violence because when it appears to do good the good is only temporary; the evil it does is permanent. (*Mahatma Gandhi*)

Let us not forget that the cultivation of the earth is the most important labour of man. When tillage begins, other arts will follow. The farmers, therefore, are the founders of civilization. (*Daniel Webster*)

God didn't make a mistake when He made you. You need to see yourself as God sees you. (*Joel Osteen*)

Faith gives you an inner strength and a sense of balance and perspective in life. (*Gregory Peck*)

*AND ALSO...*

Consciousness: that annoying time between naps. There are three kinds of people. Those who can count and those who can't. Why is "abbreviation" such a long word?