

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10th August 2014

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Noticeboard

<u>Sunday Masses:</u>	Vigil Mass, Saturday	6 p.m.
	Sunday Morning Mass	10.30 a.m.
<u>Weekday Masses:</u>	10.15 a.m.	
	Friday, 10.15 a.m.	1.15 p.m. 7 p.m.
<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</u>	Saturday: 9.45 to 10 a.m.	
		4 to 4.30 p.m.
		5.30 to 5.45 p.m.

Monday is the Memorial of St. Clare; Thursday, the Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe; Friday, the Solemnity of the Assumption; Saturday, the Optional Memorial of St. Stephen of Hungary.

The **Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady** is a Holiday of Obligation this year. Please note the Mass times on Friday.

Please remember this Sunday's collection for the **sick and retired priests** of the Diocese. Anything you can give is indeed appreciated.

We pray for the Faithful Departed. We remember especially **Mary "Billy" Stuart** who has died in Invernevis House at the great age of 96. Her Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday at 10.15. Widowed during the war after only six months of marriage, Mary devoted herself to the care of others, especially the blind and the deaf. A woman of deep personal faith, she was a very independent person, of great integrity, who never forgot her Scottish roots. May the Lord now welcome her into her heavenly home. We pray also for those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Michael Faryma, Kathleen McCartney, Mary Flora MacAulay, Alex Mitchell, Fr. Ian Gillies, Ann Gillies, Esther McEleney, Sheena Cameron** and **Peter Doherty**. May they rest in the peace of their Saviour.

Wherever they sang in Scotland, the **Petits Chanteurs de Saint-André de Colmar** were asked to return soon. We are delighted to be told that they intend to be back in 2016, and Fort William will be one of their venues.

Mary's Meals will be with us soon, on the 6/7th September, for their Annual Raffle and "Rags to Riches" collection. Last year the clothing collection in Scotland generated £73,000 and the raffle over £175,000! Mary's Meals are currently feeding over 700,000 throughout the world. We know that they will continue to have your full support.

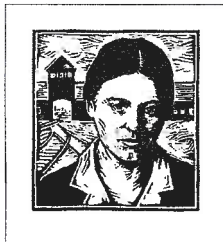
And please do not forget the **Conforti Institute's** visit on Thursday, 21st August, to listen to your thoughts and feelings about sectarianism in Scotland.

The new chairs in the sanctuary certainly make it look a lot tidier! This year's Gift Aid return helped make this possible, and our thanks to all who help the parish in this way.

However, **water damage** is still leaving its mark. The flat roof at the back of the church needs attention, as the corner of the Lady Chapel clearly demonstrates. We will have to keep an eye on our little shrine in memory of St. Mary MacKillop's mother. Once the outside is dealt with, we may have to endure a long wait before the interior can be repaired and painted. There is no point in plastering and painting over a damp wall. The wall at the back of the church seems to be drying out well.

Our thanks to all who have bought raffle tickets in support of the Church in Ballachulish and Kinlochleven. A few tickets remain.

Edith Stein



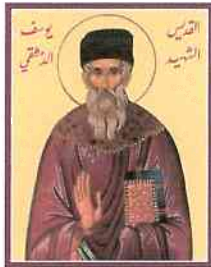
As for what concerns our relations with our fellow men, the anguish in our neighbour's soul must break all precept. All that we do is a means to an end, but love is an end in itself, because God is love.

The nation... doesn't simply need what we have. It needs what we are.

Those who join the Carmelite Order are not lost to their near and dear ones, but have been won for them, because it is our vocation to intercede to God for everyone.

Everywhere the need exists for maternal sympathy and help, and thus we are able to recapitulate in the *one* word *motherliness* that which we have developed as the characteristic value of woman. Only, the motherliness must be that which does not remain within the narrow circle of blood relations or of personal friends; but in accordance with the model of the Mother of Mercy, it must have its root in universal divine love for all who are there, belaboured and burdened

St. John of Damascus



It was fitting that she, who had kept her virginity in childbirth, should keep her own body free from all corruption even after death. It was fitting that she, who had carried the Creator as a child at her breast, should dwell in the divine tabernacles...it was fitting that God's Mother should possess what belongs to her Son, and that she should be honoured by every creature as the Mother and the Handmaid of God.



***Please remember in your prayers
the tens of thousands
of Christian and Yazidi refugees
of northern Iraq.
Try to help in any way you can.***

Madeleine L'Engle



It has often struck me with awe that some of the most deeply religious people I know have been, on the surface, atheists.

When we were children, we used to think that when we were grown-up we would no longer be vulnerable. But to grow up is to accept vulnerability... To be alive is to be vulnerable.

One of our children when he was two or three years old used to rush at me when he had been naughty, and beat against me, and what he wanted by this monstrous behaviour was an affirmation of love. And I would put my arms around him and hold him very tight until the dragon was gone and the loving small boy had returned.

You have to write the book that wants to be written. And if the book will be too difficult for grown-ups, you write it for children.

Elie Weisel



The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference.
The opposite of art is not ugliness, it's indifference.
The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference.
And the opposite of life is not death, it's indifference.

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My greatest disappointment is that I believe that those of us who went through the war and tried to write about it, about their experience, became messengers. We have given the message, and nothing changed.

