

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.

Wednesday is the Memorial of St. Bernard; Thursday, the Memorial of St. Pius X; Friday, the Memorial of the Queenship of Our Lady; Saturday, the Optional Memorial of St. Rose of Lima.

We wish our **school staff and pupils** every blessing as the new academic year begins. And our congratulations to our High School pupils for their good examination results. Well done, and all the best in the coming year!

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Donald (Dodo) MacKinnon, Tom Crowe, Lucy Ryan, Ann MacLeod, Darin Quail and George Brown** (Ballachulish). May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Again we invite you to support **Mary's Meals** when they visit us on the 6/7th September for their Annual Raffle and "Rags to Riches" collection. Because of the support of so many people like yourselves, Mary's Meals are able to feed 700,000 children throughout the world. If you are handing in bags of material early, please place them in the Chapel House garage. And please remember: clothing and fabric only, no bric-a-brac.

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

And please do not forget the **Conforti Institute** representatives' visit on Thursday of this week. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. in the Lady Chapel. It is a listening exercise regarding any thoughts or feelings you may have as regards sectarianism in Scotland. It is important that your voice be heard.

**Almighty and merciful God,
our eternal shepherd and guide,
grant to our diocese of Argyll and the Isles
a shepherd whose watchful care and kindly zeal
will continue the good work of his predecessors.
May he be a true leader and brother to us all.
May he fill our hearts and minds
with the truth of the Gospel,
the power of the sacraments,
and the desire to build up your holy Church.
Through Christ our Lord.**



Sunrise over Iona

Here are two extracts from a 1914 edition of the "Oban Times". One lists the men and women of our parish who had enlisted for active service. The other reports the appointment of two diocesan priests as military chaplains. Fr. Hugh Cameron would eventually be at Gallipoli. Fr. McNeill would return from war with the Military Cross and bar, one of the highest awards for bravery. For many years, he was parish priest in Morar.

Roll of Honour

Roman Catholic Church

Regular Army

Lance-Sergt. Alexander MacDonald, 2nd Camerons
Lance-Corporal Angus Kennedy, 2nd Camerons
Pte. Joseph Berger, 1st Camerons
Pte. Ronald Stewart, Scots Guards
Pte. Wm. Fraser, Royal Field Artillery
Pte. Donald MacDougall
Pte. Donald Campbell

Lovat Scouts (Imperial Yeomanry)

Lieut.-Colonel A. W. McDonald, D.S.O.
Quartermaster Sergt. Alex Mackintosh
Lance-Corpl. Donald Kennedy
Pte. Hugh Kennedy
Pte. Alex. Stewart
Pte. John MacDonald
Pte. John MacDonald (Glenloy)
Pte. Joseph MacLean

Fife and Forfar Yeomanry

Pte. A. MacDougall

4th Cameron (Territorials)

Lance-Corpl. Lachlan Gillies
Pte. Donald Mackinnon
Pte. Angus Macphee
Pte. Neil Kennedy
Pte. Robert Ross
Pte. James Stewart
Pte. John MacEachen
Pte. Donald Kennedy
Pte. Alexander MacDonald
Pte. Alexander MacDonald
Pte. Patrick Fleming
Pte. William Fleming
Pte. Ronald Pennet
Pte. Moran

National Reserve

Pte. Alex Mackintosh

French Artillery

Gunner Marcel Mongredien

Red Cross Nurses

Lena MacCulloch
Mary Louisa MacFarlane

Highland Priests at the Front

The Rev. Father McNeill, Eriskay, has volunteered and has been accepted as a chaplain with His Majesty's Forces. He is attached to Lochiel's Camerons. Another priest, Rev. Father Hugh Cameron, Castlebay, has been appointed chaplain to Lord Lovat's Highland Brigade. The good wishes of their many friends in the West Highlands will follow the rev. gentlemen in their Christian and patriotic work.

Potpourri

The greatest trap in our life is not success, popularity or power, but self-rejection. (*Henri Nouwen*)

Learn the lesson that, if you are to do the work of a prophet, what you need is not a sceptre but a hoe. (*St. Bernard of Clairvaux*)

He who loses his mother loses a pure soul who blesses and guards him constantly. (*Kahlil Gabran*)

Sectarian politics gets votes in Iraq. But sectarian government fails in Iraq. (*Ahmed Chalabi*)

The people of God want pastors, not clergy acting like bureaucrats or government officials. (*Pope Francis*)

Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you. (*St. Augustine*)

Love is friendship that has caught fire. It is quiet understanding, mutual confidence, sharing and forgiving. It is loyalty through good and bad times. It settles for less than perfection and makes allowances for human weaknesses. (*Ann Landers*)

Friends are those rare people who ask how we are and then wait to hear the answer. (*Henri Nouwen*)

AND ALSO...

Q. How does Moses make his coffee?

A. Hebrews!

Q. Who is the best female financier in the Bible?

A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went to the bank of the Nile and came back with a little prophet.

Quantum mechanics: The dreams stuff is made of.

4/3 people have trouble with fractions.