

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12th October 2014

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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.

October Devotions Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Wednesday is the Memorial of St. Teresa of Avila; Friday, the Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch; Saturday, the Feast of St. Luke.

Next Sunday is the **World Day of Prayer for the Missions**. We will have the traditional special collection for the Church's missions, and those who wish to renew their membership of Missio-Scotland will be invited to do so. This parish has always been very generous as regards both SCIAF and the Missions, and we are sure that this year will be no exception.



"Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God."

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Maureen MacPherson, Archie MacKay, Sandy Campbell, Sandra Campbell, Ena MacDonald, Allan MacKellaig, Monsignor William MacMaster, Ronnie MacLeod, Mona McGovern, George Ulph, Alastair Weir, Kenny Cairns and Davie Allan (Senior)**. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Our warmest congratulations to **Joe and Betty Keenan** who this week celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. We wish them many more years together!

New **offering envelopes** have arrived and will be made available before the 7th December. Please look carefully at the back of your book of envelopes. There are some for use on Holidays of Obligation and others for Diocesan Special Collections, the Bishop's Fund, for example. We thank all those who help the parish through their choice of Gift Aid.

As winter draws near, the **church heating** will be increasingly back in action. Any help towards the cost of heating is most welcome, and perhaps a special collection will be in order at some point.

The **church porch** was examined after the recent wet and stormy weather, and was found to be almost totally free of any water incursion, for which we are most grateful. Soon, we hope, the Lady Chapel will be ready for re-plastering.

Please find the time to put the names of your loved ones in the **Anniversary Book** at the back of the church. It might help if you make your own list at home, and once that is complete, enter the names in the book, under the month and the date (ignore the year). As November draws near, the sheets for your Faithful Departed are now available.

As commemoration follows commemoration in the coming four years, let us not forget the 14,660 merchant seamen who died as a result of U-boat attacks during the First World War. Nor should we forget the 179 chaplains of every denomination who also died. Three of these were awarded the Victoria Cross, and more the Military Cross. Perhaps a memorial especially dedicated to our chaplains, British and Irish, should be part of our remembrance of the Great War.

The first Catholic chaplain in the British army came from the Highlands. He was Fr. Alexander MacDonnell, born in 1762. His early education was at Loch Morar. He then attended the Scots Colleges in Paris and Valladolid, in Spain. He was ordained a priest on 16 February 1787, at Valladolid.

He then returned to Scotland, working in Lochaber and Badenoch. After the eviction of his kinsmen, he found work for them in Glasgow, and became the first resident priest there. He helped form the Glengarry Fencibles in 1792. "Fencibles" were regiments raised to protect against possible French invasion; they did not serve abroad. Fr. MacDonnell was appointed their chaplain, serving with them in Guernsey and Ireland. When the Glengarry Fencibles were disbanded in 1802, the priest appealed to the government to grant his men a tract of land in Canada, and, in 1804, 160,000 acres provided in what is now Glengarry County, Canada.

Fr. MacDonnell went with them. His work in Canada was extraordinary. The number of priests and Faithful increased ten-fold under his leadership. In 1826 he became the first bishop of the newly created Diocese of Kingston. During the American invasion of Canada in 1812-14, he had helped raise a second Glengarry regiment to defend his new homeland. He died in 1840, in Dumfries while on a visit to Scotland.



Bishop Alexander MacDonnell

Every act, every deed of justice and mercy and benevolence, makes heavenly music in Heaven. *(Ellen G. White)*

The just is close to the people's heart, but the merciful is close to the heart of God. *(Khalil Gibran)*

Friendship is always a sweet responsibility, never an opportunity. *(Khalil Gibran)*

Happiness... even the smallest happiness, is like a step out of Time, and the greatest happiness is sharing in Eternity. *(Josef Pieper)*

Patriotism is when love of your own people comes first; nationalism, when hate for people other than your own comes first. *(Charles de Gaulle)*

After silence, that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music. *(Aldous Huxley)*

I would rather die for Christ than rule the whole earth. *(St. Ignatius of Antioch)*

May God protect me from gloomy saints!
(Saint Teresa of Avila)

Those who give themselves to prayer should in a special manner have always a devotion to St. Joseph; for I know not how any man can think of the Queen of the angels, during the time that she suffered so much with the Infant Jesus, without giving thanks to St. Joseph for the services he rendered them then. *(St. Teresa of Avila)*

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