

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"Love your neighbour as yourself."

Noticeboard

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

Weekday Masses: Tuesday, 5 p.m.
Other weekdays 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.

Tuesday is the Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude; Saturday, the Solemnity of All Saints.

Our sincere thanks for your very generous support of the Missions. Last Sunday's special collection raised £617.59 for **Mission Matters Scotland**. We now invite those who are members of Mission Matters to renew their special support, as individuals and as families.



We pray for our Faithful Departed. We remember especially **Charlie McHugh**, Airdrie, brother of Alice Allan, who has died recently. May the Lord now welcome him home. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Jean, their daughter Lyndsay, Alice and all the family. We remember also those whose anniversaries are about this time: **George MacFarlane (Senior)**, **Michael Haggerty**, **Kenny Cairns**, **Ray Dryden**, **Angus Campbell**, **Anne Morrison**, **Angus MacPherson**, **Mary MacNeil**, **Sally MacPherson**, **Henry MacLaren**, **Susan Keenan**, **Patrick Quinn** and **John Delaney**. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Holy Communion will be taken to the housebound in the course of this week

We congratulate **Deacon Thomas** on having completed his final examination, thereby finishing five years study for the Diaconate. Well done, Thomas!

Next Sunday is **All Souls Day**. There will be special leaflets for the Mass. Please note that All Saints is not a Holiday of Obligation this year, but remains a very special day in the Church's calendar.

The **November List** leaflets are available in the church porch.

Christmas cards have been ordered. Most of these will be sold in support of the Carmelite Sisters in Dysart, Fife. The cards they produce are their main source of income, and the Sisters really do appreciate what you do for them.

A **Xaverian Father** will be here to make the annual missionary appeal on the 8/9th November.

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

The traditional poppies are available at the back of the church, should you wish to support the British Legion in all that they do for those who have served their country and are now in need of help or care.

Mission Matters' focus on the Church in Mongolia certainly made us aware of a very young Catholic Church. But this is not the Church's first contact with the people of Mongolia. Here we see a medieval painting of Pope Innocent IV sending priests as messengers to Güyük, the Great Khan of the Mongolian tribes.



This was in 1245. The Pope asked that Güyük become a Christian and that he cease his attacks on Europe. Güyük replied in a letter written in Persian that still rests in the Vatican Library. He demanded the submission of the Pope and the other rulers of Europe. This map shows us the greatest extent of the Mongol Empire.



Things are much better today. After the collapse of Communism, Catholic missionaries began the modern mission to Mongolia. Here we see a photo of a Philippine priest who has dedicated his life to that mission, Bishop Wenceselao Padilla.



We also see two very young Mongolian Catholics outside their church, actually a traditional tent-like Mongolian dwelling called a "gher".

All music is folk music. I ain't never heard no horse sing a song. (*Louis Armstrong*)

Hell, Madam, is to love no more. (*Georges Bernanos*)

He speaks to Me as if I were a public meeting. (*Queen Victoria, referring to Gladstone, her Prime Minister*)

The heart has its reasons which reason knows nothing of. (*Blaise Pascal*)

The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But...the Good Samaritan reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?' (*Martin Luther King*)

If in my life I fail completely to heed others, solely out of a desire to be 'devout' and to perform my 'religious duties', then my relationship with God will also grow arid. It becomes merely 'proper', but loveless. (*Pope Benedict XVI*)

A few years ago, a priest working in a slum section of a European city was asked why he was doing it, and replied, 'So that the rumour of God may not completely disappear.' (*Peter L. Berger*)

Bread for myself is a material question. Bread for my neighbour is a spiritual one. (*Nikolai Berdyaev*)

AND ALSO...

An elderly woman arrived at a Catholic church. The friendly pass keeper greeted her at the door. "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely. "The front row, please." she answered. "You really don't want to do that," the pass keeper said, "The priest is really boring." "Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired. "No," he said. "I'm the priest's mother," she said indignantly. "Do you know who I am?" he asked. "No," she said. "Good," he answered.

What's the best thing about Switzerland? I don't know, but their flag is a huge plus.