

# COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls)

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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.

*Tuesday is the Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo; Saturday, the Memorial of Blessed John Duns Scotus. Please note that next Sunday is the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.*

We celebrate **the Communion of Saints**, the unbreakable bond of love between the Church on earth with the Church in Heaven and with the all the souls in that state of final purification and preparation we know as Purgatory.

There is a special leaflet for the **Mass of All Souls**, with the readings chosen for the Mass, as well as the numbers of the hymns we will sing.

We pray for our Faithful Departed. We remember those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Rose Mary Moore, Ellen McGinlay, Irene Quail, Roy Stirling, Teresa Dougan, Sarah Kelly, Sandra MacPherson, Margaret Reeve, Kathleen Kearney, Mona Timbrell, Mary MacDonald, Adam MacLean, James and Alice Findlay, and Elizabeth Cameron.** We pray also for the eternal rest of **Antonio Jimenez Ayala**, brother of Andrès, so dedicated to the care of our patients in the Belford Hospital. Antonio has died suddenly, aged 61. We extend our sincere prayers and sympathy to Antonio's wife Elena, their children and all the family in Spain: a special prayer for Andrès, who was very close to his brother. In this month of November we pray all the more, not only for our loved ones but for all the Faithful Departed. God will ensure that no prayer will be unanswered.

Next weekend, we have our annual missionary appeal. One of the **Xaverian Fathers** will be here to speak to us. We know that you will be as welcoming and supportive as always.

The Diocesan Financial Year ends on the last day of November. There is one Diocesan collection that has still to be taken and then immediately transferred to Oban: the collection in support of the **Pastoral Fund**. We will have it on the 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> November. Whatever you can give is truly appreciated.

Please remember the **British Legion poppies** for sale at the back of the church.

On Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November, at 2 p.m., there will be a very special event in St. Mary's. **Martin Aelred**, the well-known Scottish tenor, will sing "Music of the Movies", and this in support of "Let the Children Live", a charity that cares for the street children of Columbia in South America." There is more about Martin and his work on the other side of this bulletin.



**St. Guido Maria Conforti**  
**Founder of the Xaverian Missionaries**

Born in Parma, Italy, in 1865, Guido Maria Conforti was ordained a priest in 1888. Health problems prevented him from pursuing the missionary vocation he had felt since his youth, but he was able to found a new Religious missionary congregation in 1895. He defined the characteristics of his missionary family as: “a spirit of living faith which enables us to see God, to seek God, to love God in all.” Because he wanted to continue the work of St. Francis Xavier, the patron Saint of the Xaverian Missionaries, China was chosen as the first mission and the first Xaverians were sent there in 1899.

Father Conforti was consecrated Archbishop of Ravenna, Italy in 1902 and Bishop of Parma in 1906. He visited his missions in China in 1928. However, poor health prevented him from an extended stay, and he returned to Italy. He died in Parma on 5<sup>th</sup> November, 1931. He was canonised by Pope Benedict XVI on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2011.

After their expulsion from China by the communist government in 1954, the Xaverian Missionaries spread to eighteen other countries around the world in which they continue to serve today.

“Go and preach the universal brotherhood proclaimed by Christ, which is destined to demolish all barriers and make a single family of all peoples without destroying our nationalities and respective rights...”

*(Bishop Guido Maria Conforti, Address to departing missionaries, 1924)*

Eight hundred Xaverian missionaries currently serve in: Bangladesh, Burundi, Brazil, Cameroon, Chad, Columbia, Dem. Republic of Congo, Great Britain, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Mozambique, Philippines, Sierra Leone, Spain, Taiwan, and the United States.



Martin Aelred is a fine tenor and classical guitarist. His concert tours in aid of charities such as Mary's Meals have won him high acclaim. His “One World Tour” took him to London, Paris and New York. Martin has sung in churches of every denomination. He has performed before the Dali Lama, the spiritual leader of the Tibetan people. He also performed before Prince Charles, accompanied by a choir of Alzheimer sufferers. He is motivated by a desire to make our world a better place by uniting people through music.

The recital in St. Mary's will include music from such films as *Titanic* and *The Gladiator*. He asks for donations to a charity called “Let the Children Live”, founded by a British priest in Colombia in South America. This charity rescues and cares for the street children of that country. There is no need to remind you of the dangers and suffering to which these children are exposed.

