

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA (Remembrance Sunday)

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Noticeboard

Sunday Masses Vigil Mass, Saturday, 6 p.m.
Sunday, 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.

Monday is the Memorial of St. Leo the Great; Tuesday, the Memorial of St. Martin of Tours; Wednesday, the Memorial of St. Josaphat.

On this **Remembrance Sunday** we pray for the eternal rest of all who have died in combat in the last century. It is to the crucified and risen Lord that we turn on a day such as this. May the fallen live with him in everlasting peace. That is the prayer of faithful memory.

This Sunday, we welcome one of the **Xaverian missionaries**. We know that you will be as attentive and supportive as always.

We pray for our Faithful Departed. We remember those whose anniversaries are at this time: **Mary Ellen Timbrell, Charlotte Turner, Una Brown, Jack Doyle, Esther Judge, Kate Mitchell, Edward Walsh, Murdo MacLeod, Johnnie Neil, Dick Cameron, Donald Macdonald, Jessie MacKinnon, Patrick O'Reilly, Hugh MacDonald, Dorothy MacDonald, Ellen Gallagher Peter Mitchell and Donald MacPherson**. We pray also for **Kenny Jones** who was laid to rest in Roy Bridge this Saturday. We remember the quiet goodness of Kenny's life and the support he always gave to his loved ones. We extend our sincere prayer and sympathy to Tina and the family. In this month of November, all the Faithful Departed are brought by us to the altar of God.

Carmelite Christmas cards are now available at the back of the church. Please support the Sisters! More cards, as well as diaries and calendars, should arrive next week.

The new **offering envelopes** will be available for collection next Sunday.

We have still one Diocesan collection before the end of our financial year: the **Pastoral Fund**. Whatever you can afford to give next Sunday will be greatly appreciated.



This is a photo of Father Peter Walters with some of the street children of Medellin, Colombia's second largest city, widely regarded as one of the most violent cities in the world.

Please remember that Martin Aelred will be with us on Sunday, 23rd November. His "Songs from the Movies" will be in aid of Father Peter's work. His "Let the Children Live" charity is in urgent need of support.

Sunday School - 3 p.m.
 Rosary and Benediction (pro. Conv. Scotiae) 6 p.m.
 Tomorrow - All Souls - Mass at 9.30
 H.C. 8.15 a.m.

Weekday Mass at 8 a.m.
 Confessions Thursday for the First Friday 8 p.m.
 Saturday 8 to 9 p.m.

Belgian collection £12.73
 Sch. or Sick Children (?) £12.14.4

Mass for the Dead of the local Apostleship of Prayer on
 the First Friday

Pray for Angus Gillies who is ill

RIP Mary MacKellaig- Glenfinnan
 Major Hugh Fraser, Lovat Scouts, killed in action

Anniversaries Donald Peter MacDonald
 Francis Sykes
 Jessie Mackintosh

Marriage Bans Walker-Cameron

*These are the announcements made in the old St. Mary's on
 the first Sunday of November, 1914. The handwriting in the
 priest's notebook is very small and words often abbreviated.*

*The Rosary on Sunday night is offered for the Conversion of
 Scotland. It seems that on All Souls Day there was a "Low
 Mass" at 8.15 a.m., where the parishioners could receive
 Holy Communion. The 9.30 a.m. Mass would have been a
 High Mass, where there was no Communion for the
 Faithful. We have come a long way since the Second Vatican
 Council.*

*The War is now part of parish life as collections are taken
 for Belgian refugees. The handwriting is such that it is
 unclear whether the other collection is for school children
 or sick children. At other times, there are parish collections
 for the old Belford Hospital. There was, of course, no NHS
 at the time.*

*We have the first announcement of a man killed in action:
 Major Hugh Fraser of the Lovat Scouts. There will be more
 in the next four years. Since the outbreak of war, there have
 been occasional Masses for the war dead in general.*

*The First Friday devotion seems to be very much part of
 parish life.*

*What would be the present day equivalent of the collection
 for the Belgian refugees? It has been calculated that prices
 have risen fifty-fold since 1914. Let's say that the parish
 collection for the Belgians raised the equivalent of £630,
 and the collection for the children slightly more.*



In Flanders fields the poppies blow
 between the crosses, row on row,
 that mark our place; and in the sky
 the larks, still bravely singing, fly
 scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
 we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
 loved and were loved, and now we lie
 in Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
 to you from failing hands we throw
 the torch; be yours to hold it high.
 If ye break faith with us who die
 we shall not sleep, though poppies grow

*This is one of the most famous poems to come from
 the First World War. It was written by Major John
 McCrae, a Canadian doctor serving on the Western
 Front. A close friend had been killed. The chaplain
 had been called away to other duties, so Major
 McCrae conducted the funeral service. He began to
 write this poem immediately afterwards. He
 himself would die of pneumonia, in France in
 1918.*

Pietas

There is a Latin word that often comes to Fr.
 MacKinnon's mind at this time of the year. It is
 "pietas", the origin of our word "piety". What did
 it mean to the ancient Romans?

They saw it as the virtue which commands us to
 carry out our duty to our country and its religion,
 to our parents and our family. For the Roman
 family, this involved faithfulness to the memory
 of its dead. "Pietas" was at the very heart of
 Roman culture. Aeneas, the founding hero of the
 Roman people, was seen as the outstanding
 example of this virtue. Its adjective "pius" was
 often attached to his name.

"Pietas" often comes to mind when the November
 Lists are handed in and then placed upon our altar.
 The ancient Romans would have fully understood
 the sacredness of what we do. It is an act of piety
 in the true and honourable sense of the word.