

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16th November 2014

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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. Elizabeth of Hungary; Friday, the Memorial of the Presentation of Our Lady; Saturday, the Memorial of St. Cecilia.

Thank you all for your very generous response to last Sunday's missionary appeal on behalf of the **Xaverian Fathers**. Your collection came to a remarkable £835.90! We thank Fr. Ian Bathgate for being with us. He certainly gave us all a boost. We wish him every blessing in his work as parish priest in St. Alphonsus' church in Glasgow and as RE teacher in Holyrood Secondary School. He is a very busy man!

This Sunday, we have the Diocesan collection for the **Pastoral Fund**. Whatever you can give in support is truly appreciated.



We pray for our Faithful Departed. We remember those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Ellen Gallagher, Peter Mitchell, Donald MacPherson, Monique Masclet, Francis Hayes, Jean MacDonald, Annie Tully, Danny Haggerty, Bill Shearer, Annie MacDonald, Angela Adams, Mark Donoghue, Anne Shankley and Calum MacDougall**. In this month of November, we remember all our Faithful Departed with special devotion. May the Lord grant them eternal peace and joy.

Diaries, calendars, and Advent calendars are now available for purchase at the back of the church. And please remember the Carmelite Christmas cards.

The new **Offering Envelopes** are also there for collection. We thank all those who help the parish by opting for Gift Aid through the use of these envelopes.

You are invited to the Rosary in **Glen Nevis cemetery**. It will take place on Tuesday at 2 p.m. It is hoped that umbrellas will not be required.

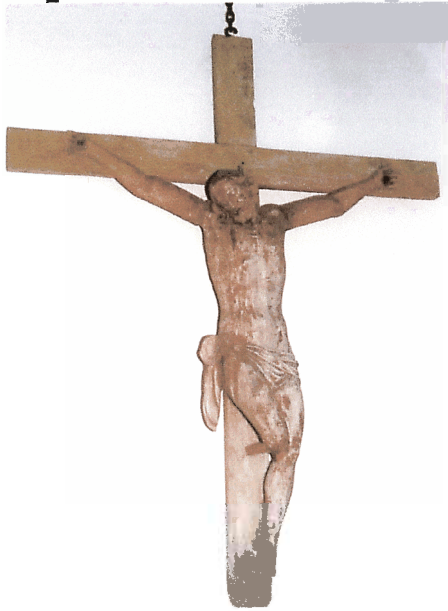
MUSIC OF THE MOVIES

Sung by tenor Martin Aelred

In St. Mary's, next Sunday, 23rd November, at 2 p.m.

In support of the Street Children of Colombia

Let your friends know! Do come along!



Next year sees the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo. The most poignant souvenir of the battle must surely be the Waterloo Cross. It hung in the chapel of the Hougoumont chateau, the scene of intense fighting between French soldiers and the Grenadier, Coldstream and Scots Guards. The 400 year old wooden cross was not consumed by fire, miraculously many thought. Only the feet of the Christ figure were burned away.

In 2011, the Cross was stolen. It was feared lost to an unscrupulous collector, who perhaps lived overseas. Interpol's search proved fruitless, until recently the police heard that the Cross was for sale in a local flea market. Now it has been restored to its proper place in good time for next year's commemorations. Victor Hugo refers to the Cross in his novel, "*Les Misérables*".



A very happy Feast Day to Canon Fraser and the parishioners of The Visitation, Taynult!

Is God present or is he absent? Maybe we can say now that in the center of our sadness for his absence we can find the first signs of his presence. And that in the middle of our longings we discover the footprints of the one who has created them. It is in the faithful waiting for the loved one that we know how much he has filled our lives already. Just as the love of a mother for her son can grow while she is waiting for his return, and just as lovers can rediscover each other during long periods of absence, so also our intimate relationship with God can become deeper and more mature while we wait patiently in expectation for his return. (*Henri J.M. Nouwen*)

Often people that criticise your life are usually the same people that don't know the price you paid to get where you are today. True friends see the full picture of your soul. (*Shannon L. Alder*)

Worry less about what other people think about you, and more about what you think about them. (*Fay Weldon*)

Artistic talent is a gift from God and whoever discovers it in himself has a certain obligation: to know that he cannot waste this talent, but must develop it. (*Pope John Paul II*)

Hide not your talents, they for use were made. What's a sundial in the shade? (*Benjamin Franklin*)

The intuitive mind is a sacred gift and the rational mind is a faithful servant. We have created a society that honours the servant and has forgotten the gift. (*Albert Einstein*)

Use what talent you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best. (*Henry Van Dyke*)

The church is not a political power; it's not a party, but it's a moral power. (*Pope Benedict XVI*)

AND ALSO...

A very small boy used to walk up with his mother whenever she took communion. On several occasions, on their way back to the bench, he tugged at his mother's arm and asked, 'What does the priest say when he gives you the bread?' Mum would always whisper her answer in his ear.

Imagine the youngster's surprise on the day of his First Holy Communion when he learned that the priest doesn't say, 'Be quiet!'