

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

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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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, 4 to 5 p.m.

*Monday is the Memorial of St. Andrew Dũng Lạc and Companions,
the Holy Martyrs of Vietnam.*

This is the **last Sunday** of the Liturgical Year. Next Sunday, we begin the beautiful season of Advent. The Solemnity of St. Andrew has been transferred to Monday, 1st December.

This Sunday afternoon, at 2 p.m., Martin Aelred will give us an hour of “**Songs from the Movies**” in aid of the street children of Colombia in South America. Martin is a Glasgow lad with a big heart and a wonderful voice. Please come along and give your support. There will be a basket for donations at the back of the church.

We remember our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Annie Morrison, Mary Flora MacKay, Archie MacKay, Mollie Cameron, Edward Archibald, Rose Gardetto, Ina MacDonald, Ann Shankley, Calum MacDougall, William MacPherson, Chris MacLellan, Patrick Curran and John Brady.** In this month of November we pray all the more devoutly for all the Faithful Departed.

More Christmas **cards and calendars** have been ordered for the stall, as well as Christmas **candles.**

Our thanks to all who came for the rosary in Glen Nevis cemetery last Tuesday. This Tuesday, at 2 p.m., Deacon Thomas will lead the rosary at **Kilmallie cemetery.** No rain is forecast on that day, but please wrap up well.

Thank you for what you donated to the Diocesan **Pastoral Fund.** Last Sunday's collection raised a very respectable £389.59.

Holy Communion will be taken, by deacon and priest, to the housebound in the course of this week.

Mission Matter Scotland has written to thank you for your Mission Sunday collection, which came to £677.59. The **Xaverian Fathers** have also written a very nice letter, thanking you for the “the welcome and hospitality extended to Father Ian, and for the most generous collection of £835.90.” They assure us that we will be remembered in their prayers and daily Masses.

If you have still to do so, please remember to collect the new **Offering Envelopes** at the back of the church.

Please note the **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on Friday. Its theme will be a November one: “Those we have loved.”



This monument of Christ the King is the largest statue of Our Lord in the world. It was built by the people of Świebodzin, in western Poland. The figure is 33 metres (108 ft.) tall. The crown alone is 3 metres (9.8 ft.) tall. It took five years in total to construct, the cost being largely met by the donations of the 21,000 people of the town. The 33 metres represent the 33 years of Our Lord's life on earth.



Christ the Redeemer of the Andes stands at 3,832 metres (12,572 ft.) above sea level. It must surely be the highest statue of the Lord anywhere in the world. It is found on the border between Argentina and Chile. It was unveiled on the 13th March, 1904 in celebration of the peaceful resolution of a border dispute between the two countries.



This must surely be one of the most unusual statues of the Lord. It is called "Christ of the Abyss" and is found in the sea off the coast of the Italian Riviera. It was placed in the water on 22 August 1954, at a depth of approximately 17 metres. Copies of this statue are found elsewhere in the world. One of these is off the coast of Florida, and is frequently visited by scuba divers. The original was placed near the spot where Dario Gonzatti, the first Italian to use scuba gear, was drowned in 1947.

AND ALSO...

Did you hear about the two ships that collided on the Clyde? One was carrying a cargo of red paint, the other a cargo of blue paint. The Coast Guards have reported that some of the sailors have been marooned.

Did you hear that a lorry shed its load on the road from Onich to Fort William? It was carrying boxes of Alphabetti Spaghetti. The Fort William police said: "This could spell disaster!"

A man was visiting his son. He asked, "Where's your newspaper?" The son laughed. "Dad, we live in the 21st century! Nobody reads newspapers anymore! But you can borrow my iPad if you want." "Fine!" said his Dad.

The fly that had been buzzing about the kitchen never knew what hit it.