

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR


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	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.
	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Friday, 4 to 5 p.m.

Wednesday is the Memorial of St. Agnes; Saturday, the Memorial of St. Francis de Sales.

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** begins this Sunday. It will be week of both personal and public prayer that takes to heart the words of Our Saviour: "May they be one, Father, as you and I are one."

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Betty Devlin, Peter MacLennan, Patrick Argue, Ronnie Harrison, Jessie MacFarlane, Bob Trybis, Coll MacDonald, Michael McEleney, John MacDonald, Daniel Doherty, Catherine MacLennan, Ann Gall, Iain MacLean, Eilidh MacIntyre, Jan Stage and Lizzie MacBeth.** May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Thank you for your generous response to the **Justice and Peace** collection on the Feast of the Epiphany. It came to £383.13.

As we are clear of mandatory church collections for a few weeks at least, it might be helpful to have a parish collection in aid of our church heating. We will have it next Sunday. Shortly, there will be made available a report of our income and expenditure for the financial year ending on the 30th November, 2014. You will note that the Direct Debit cost for **church lighting and heating** was £6,617.04. This is obviously a large percentage of our parish expenditure. Please be thoughtfully generous in what you decide to give. To put things in perspective, the cost for light and heating in the Chapel House was £1,908.22.

There is a sheet at the back of the church for those who wish to help with the **cleaning of the church** in the coming months. Please help out!



There are many important anniversaries in the year 2015. One of them is **the martyrdom of St. John Ogilvie** in Glasgow on the 10th March, 1615. A conference is being held on 21 March 2015, which will explore the life of John Ogilvie S.J, and the Jesuit legacy in Scotland.

There is a sheet at the back of the church giving details of this conference. If you are interested, please take one. It looks like being a very interesting and informative day.

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**Please note the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday!
And Father Christopher will celebrate the Orthodox Divine Liturgy on Saturday.**



Pope Francis invites Argentinian Jewish leaders to a kosher lunch with him in his residence in the Vatican. January 2014.



Pope Francis and Istanbul's Grand Mufti Rahmi Yaran in silent prayer in the city's Blue Mosque. November 2014



Pope Francis warmly greeted by Buddhist monks. Sri Lanka, January 2015



A Hindu religious leader places a cape on Pope Francis's shoulders. Sri Lanka, January 2015

The Church regards with esteem also the Moslems. They adore the one God, living and subsisting in Himself; merciful and all-powerful, the Creator of heaven and earth, who has spoken to men; they take pains to submit wholeheartedly to His inscrutable decrees, just as did Abraham, with whom the faith of Islam rejoices in uniting itself...

.....Though they do not acknowledge Jesus as God, they revere Him as a prophet. They also honour Mary, His virgin Mother; at times they even call on her with devotion. In addition, they await the Day of Judgment when God will make accountable all those who have been raised up from the dead. Finally, they value the moral life and worship God especially through prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

(From the Declaration on the Church and Non-Christian Religions, promulgated by Pope Paul VI, October 28th, 1965)

Every painting is a voyage into a sacred harbour.
(Giotto)

Religious beliefs are sacred to people, and at all times should be respected and honoured. *(Isaac Hayes)*

A religion does not create murderers. The twisted human psyche does that when it forgets that the bedrock of all faith is love. *(The Boston Globe)*

Satire is a sort of glass, wherein beholders do generally discover everybody's face but their own.
(Jonathan Swift)

Many people mistake our work for our vocation. Our vocation is the love of Jesus. *(Mother Teresa)*

I feel in me the vocation of the Priest. I have the vocation of the Apostle. Martyrdom was the dream of my youth, and this dream has grown with me. Considering the mystical body of the Church, I desired to see myself in them all.
(St Thérèse of Lisieux)

Oh that wisdom was half as zealous for converts as ridicule! *(Franz Grillparzer)*

I believe in freedom of speech, but I believe we should also have the right to comment on freedom of speech. *(Stockwell Day)*

We must never undervalue any person. The workman loves not that his work should be despised in his presence. Now God is present everywhere, and every person is His work.
(Saint Francis de Sales)

A quarrel between friends, when made up, adds a new tie to friendship.
(Saint Francis de Sales)