

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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| <u>Sunday Masses</u> | Saturday, 6 p.m. Sunday, 10.30 a.m. |
| <u>Weekday Masses</u> | 10.15 a.m. |
| <u>Way of the Cross</u> | Wednesday, 7 p.m. (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 6.30 to 7 p.m.) |
| <u>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</u> | Saturday, 9.30 to 9.50 a.m. 4.30 to 5 p.m. 6.30 to 6.45 p.m. |

There are no Memorials or Feasts this week. The Masses are those of the Second Week of Lent.

Friday is the **World Day of Prayer**. There will be a special service at 2 p.m. in the Church of Scotland in Caol, to which everyone is invited. This year's service has been prepared by the Christian women of the Bahamas.

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Calum MacLean, Neil Lindsay, Archie Lindsey, James Connochie, Amy MacPherson, Ewan Eddie, Agnes McCaffrey, Adam MacPherson, Marion Gillies, Thomas Cameron, Peggy and Willie Downie, Canon John Archie MacNeil, Frank White, Tim Brady, Ronnie MacDonald, Nicholas Griffin, Michel Masclet, Mary MacLeod, John MacIntyre and Alasdair Martin**. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

We hope to have enough parishioners to make possible a minibus for the **Chrism Mass** in Oban on the 25th March. If you wish to take advantage of this, please write your names on the sheet at the back of the church as soon as possible.

On the 10th March, we celebrate the 400th anniversary of the martyrdom of **St. John Ogilvie**. There are special cards and leaflets at the back of the church, should you wish to have them as a memorial.

The attendance at our first **Way of the Cross** last Wednesday was very encouraging. Why not put time aside during Lent to take part in this very special devotion? And the half-hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament can be a time of peace and blessing!

The Lenten collection for **SCIAF** is two weeks away. If you pay Income Tax, you may wish to use Gift Aid to augment your donation by a quarter. There are envelopes at the back of the church for those who wish to do so. Please take an envelope this Sunday and fill in the required details well in advance. The "Wee Boxes" have their own Gift Aid format, which can be filled in before you hand in your box at Easter. Perhaps it is best to use block letters when doing so, making sure that you give the details exactly as required.

Easter cards have been ordered from the Carmelite Sisters in Dysart, and these should be with us very soon.

The Highland Hospice is shortly having a community fundraising week, raising awareness of its Project Build Appeal. There are some leaflets at the back of the church, for those who would like to help the Hospice in all that it aspires to do for our terminally ill and their loved ones.

Potpourri

We too can experience rare moments of light and joy. We get glimpses of the Promised Land towards which we are travelling in faith. In his love for us, God allows us to taste on earth the joys of the world to come. But these moments of transfiguration are given to us to strengthen us for our everyday tasks and enable us to face the cross that in some shape or form comes to everyone. The moment of glory does not exist for its own sake. It exists to clothe the common things with a radiance they never had before. *(Father Flor McCarthy)*

As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor - He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you. *(Mother Teresa)*

God shapes the world by prayer. The more prayer there is in the world the better the world will be, the mightier the forces of against evil. *(Edward M. Bound, American Methodist minister and spiritual writer)*

Your children are the greatest gift God will give to you, and their souls the heaviest responsibility He will place in your hands. Take time with them, teach them to have faith in God. Be a person in whom they can have faith. When you are old, nothing else you've done will have mattered as much. *(Lisa Wingate, author)*

Faith can move mountains, but don't be surprised if God hands you a shovel. *(Anon)*

I believe in prayer. It's the best way we have to draw strength from heaven. *(Josephine Baker, singer and dancer)*

God is an unutterable sigh, planted in the depths of the soul. *(Jean Paul Richter, German writer)*

Don't deceive yourself; laughing at someone's weakness is not the way to reveal your strength. Your strength is in the help you offer, not the mockeries you deliver! *(Israelmore Ayivor, motivational speaker and writer)*

Men must be governed by God or they will be ruled by tyrants. *(William Penn, Quaker, founder of Pennsylvania)*

Our God is at home with the rolling spheres, and at home with broken hearts.
(Manie P. Ferguson, Christian evangelist and social worker)

O Shepherd God, companion me on all the journeys of my life. Dance through the darkness with me.
(Sister Macrina Wiederkehr, Benedictine nun)

Fundamentalism isn't about religion, it's about power. *(Salman Rushdie, author)*

AND ALSO...

Researchers at Oxford University have compiled a list of the phrases people find the most irritating. At least one is often used by your editor! Look out for TV reporters who say, "Absolutely" instead of "Yes".

Here they are:

At the end of the day
Fairly unique
I personally
At this moment in time
With all due respect
Absolutely
It's a nightmare
Shouldn't of *(instead of "shouldn't have")*
24/7
It's not rocket science