

Third Sunday of Easter

19th April 2015

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"Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have."

Noticeboard

Sunday Masses

Saturday, 6 p.m.
Sunday, 10.30 a.m.

Weekday Masses

10.15 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 9.30 to 9.50 a.m.
4.30 to 5 p.m. 5.30 to 5.45 p.m.

*In the Diocesan Calendar, Friday is the Memorial of St. Egbert;
Saturday is the Feast of St. Mark.*

Our Primary School staff and pupils are very much in our thoughts and prayers as they enter the summer term, the last in St. Mary's as a Catholic school. There has been a Catholic school in our parish since the 19th century, and one can only feel great sadness at what is taking place. We can entrust our children with complete confidence to Miss Violet Smith and the staff in Lochside. And we urge all Catholic parents to support what is to be the Catholic School of Lochaber. Should any parents wish to meet with Miss Smith as regards transport, school opening times and other matters, she will be very happy to meet with them. And all parents should note that the Fort William priest's first commitment must be to the Catholic School.

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Mary Kate Phillips, John Lindsay, Elizabeth Gribben, John MacMaster, Bernard (Brian) Kearney, Sister Mary Harrison, Billy Corrigan, Sarah Brooks and Ann MacDonnell.** May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

There is a special collection due next Sunday. It is the **Peter's Pence** collection in support of our Holy Father Pope Francis. We know that you will be generous in what you give. Please have your **SCIAF boxes** handed in by *next* Sunday. Our thanks to all those who have already done so!

ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕСЕ!

We wholeheartedly congratulate you
on the light-bearing feast of the Holy Pascha!

Christ is glorified – and we ascend
From slavery into freedom;
From darkness into light,
From death into life!

May the radiant joy of the Resurrection
of Christ pour into your heart and fill you
with His love, peace, and light!

With love in Christ,
Abbess Euphrasia
and the sisters in Christ.

Many of you will remember the Orthodox sisters who have visited Fort William in recent years. Their stall was to raise funds for their work with the poorest and the most marginalised people of Belarus.

The sisters have been very faithful in sending their prayers and good wishes at Christmas and Easter. Here is this year's Easter message.

Their convent is dedicated to St. Elizabeth, a Russian saint and martyr, whose work with the poor inspired the foundation and the mission of a remarkable community of women. In next week's bulletin we will learn a bit more about St. Elizabeth.

Due to Fr. MacKinnon's absence, this will be a short bulletin. Our thanks to Deacon Thomas for looking after the parish!