

# ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## Noticeboard

### Sunday Masses

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

### Weekday Masses

10.15 a.m., except on Thursday, when  
Mass will be at 5 p.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.

*There are no Feasts or Memorials this week. The Masses and Readings will be those of the season.*

This Sunday, our prayers are with the children who are making their First Holy Communion:

**Louie MacNeil, Dennis Wilk, Jessika Piechocka and Mateusz Wilk**

May they be faithful to the love of their Lord in the Eucharist. We thank the families and school staff who have given them such support. This is the last time that children from St. Mary's School will be making their First Communion in our church: so there is a touch of sadness, but also of hope for the future as regards the Catholic formation of our children in Fort William. So much depends on the commitment of parents.

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Charles Kerr, Joseph Mulrooney, Catriona MacDonald, Cardinal Thomas Winning, John Cameron, Mary Brady, Joseph Tully, John McConnell, Catherine MacKinnon, Canon John Morrison, Jimmy Keenan, Barrie MacKinnon, Mary Clabby and William O'Hare.** May they rest in the peace and joy of their Saviour.

We are grateful for the gift of the outdoor statue of **Our Lady of Lourdes** that now stands in the Chapel House garden. And our thanks to Anthony MacMillan for discovering the paving hidden by grass that now leads to the statue. If anyone should wish to leave outdoor plants at the statue, they are most welcome to do so.

Our sincere thanks to **Tommy Laggan** for painting the Lady Chapel, now that the plaster has dried. We hope to have St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop back in her original place in the near future.

**Fr. MacKinnon** has a service at Cille Choiril on Thursday, hence the Mass at 5 p.m.



**A Quiz**  
*(Off the cuff)*

1. Which great Spanish saint was born 500 years ago?
2. Name the famous Trappist monk and author born a century ago.
3. What nationality was Bonnie Prince Charlie's mother?
4. What position did his brother have in the Church?
5. Has Mass ever been offered on Ben Nevis?
6. Which 17<sup>th</sup> century French saint sent two of his priests to our diocese?
7. Who built the first basilica over the tomb of St. Peter?
8. Name two popes who visited Scotland as young men?
9. Where did St. Columba come from?
10. Where did he first land in Scotland?
11. Why did he go to Inverness?
12. Which holy oil is used in confirmation?
13. What was unusual about the first priest to offer Mass in Australia?
14. Which WWII battle do you associate with St. Benedict?
15. What part did the future Pope John XXIII have in the First World War?
16. Which was the first Christian nation in Africa?
17. Where is St. Clare buried?
18. What was St. Francis's baptismal name?
19. Which Pope lived to 93?
20. What is the name of the Pope's Cathedral in Rome?
21. What was St. Mark's other name?
22. Where was St. Margaret's body taken during the Scottish Reformation?
23. Which Celtic saint do you associate with Campbeltown?
24. Which mountain in the Holy Land has given its name to a Catholic religious order?
25. This is a photo of a town in Israel. What is its name?



**Potpourri**

The devil can quote Scripture for his purpose; and the text of Scripture which he now most commonly quotes is, "The Kingdom of heaven is within you." That text has been the stay and support of more Pharisees and prigs and self-righteous spiritual bullies than all the dogmas in creation; it has served to identify self-satisfaction with the peace that passes all understanding. And the text to be quoted in answer to it is that which declares that no man can receive the kingdom except as a little child. What we are to have inside is a childlike spirit; but the childlike spirit is not entirely concerned about what is inside. It is the first mark of possessing it that one is interested in what is outside. The most childlike thing about a child is his curiosity and his appetite and his power of wonder at the world. We might almost say that the whole advantage of having the kingdom within is that we look for it somewhere else.

*(G.K. Chesterton)*

When I am not king, then THE Kingdom has its best chance of breaking through. *(Richard Rohr)*

If you have not chosen the Kingdom of God first, it will in the end make no difference what you have chosen instead. *(William Law)*

Our faith is stronger than death, our philosophy is firmer than flesh, and the spread of the Kingdom of God upon the earth is more sublime and more compelling. *(Dorothy Day)*

The kingdom is not an exclusive, well-trimmed suburb with snobbish rules about who can live there. No, it is for a larger, homelier, less self-conscious caste of people who understand they are sinners because they have experienced the yaw and pitch of moral struggle. *(Brennan Manning)*

I think faith is the small mustard seed of opportunities every day. For example, 'Am I going to love this person? Am I going to share my faith with this person? Am I going to pray that little prayer?' It really is a daily thing where you seize those little mustard seed opportunities and then see what God does. *(Mark Batterson)*