

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20th September 2015

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Noticeboard

<u>Sunday Masses:</u>	Saturday, 6 p.m. Sunday, 10.30 a.m.
<u>Weekday Masses:</u>	Monday, 5 p.m. Tuesday, 12 noon (<i>Funeral Mass of Kathleen Lucas RIP</i>) Wednesday to Saturday, 10.15 a.m.
<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</u>	Saturday 9.45 to 10 a.m. 4 to 4.30 p.m. 5.30 to 5.45 p.m.
<u>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:</u>	Friday, 4 to 5 p.m.

Monday is the Feast of St. Matthew. Wednesday is the Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

Our sincere thanks to **Martin Aelred** for being with us once again and for the wonderful range of songs he gave us. We realised all the more his great skill on the guitar. Our thanks to all who came along. Your donations raised £216 for the residents of Moss Park and Invernevis House.

We pray for our Faithful Departed. We remember especially **Bella MacPherson** whose Funeral Mass took place in St. Mary's on Thursday. May Bella now rest in the peace of her Saviour. He extend our prayer and sympathy to William, Patrick, Adam, to Donald, Catriona and the children. May the Good Shepherd remain close to them all. We pray also for the eternal rest of **Kathleen Lucas**, who has died peacefully in the Belford Hospital after many years of illness borne with grace and with courage. Bob, Mary Margaret, Robert, Pauline and all the family are very much in our hearts and prayers. May Kathleen's faith now find its fulfilment with her Saviour in heaven, and may God bless those who gave her so much love. We pray for those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Nicholas MacKellar, John Penny, Josey MacMillan, Dorothy Campbell, Ronan MacLeod, Helen Strain, Joe McHugh, Rosemary Haggerty, John MacLellan and Bridie MacDonald.** May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Please note the changes in Mass times this week, as well as the **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on Friday afternoon.

We thank **Miss Violet Smith** for the warm welcome given to Fr. MacKinnon and Deacon Thomas. The Fort William children who are preparing for the sacraments will be visited as often as possible on the Monday of each week. In the absence of a bishop, permission has been given by the Diocesan Administrator for parish priests to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. As yet, we cannot give a date.

The annual collection for the **Ecclesiastical Students' Fund** is due this month. We will have it next Sunday. Please be as generous as ever!

The refugee crisis is as complex as it is overwhelming. Nor can we forget the millions who remain behind in camps around Syria, Food is running very low in these camps. The Christians of Syria are especially vulnerable. SCIAF has launched a Refugee Crisis Appeal. We will have a special collection early in October. Meanwhile, individual donations can be sent by cheque to SCIAF, 19 Park Circus, Glasgow G3 6BE. You can also donate by 'phone (0141 354 5555) or give online at <http://www.sciaf.org.uk/donate>

Please keep **Archie Toal** and his son **Daniel** as well as **Angus Cameron** very much in your prayers as they are treated for their injuries in the Southern General in Glasgow. Our prayers are for Mary and all the family.



A characteristic of the normal child is he doesn't act that way very often. (*Anon*)

Alarm clock: a device used by adults in houses where there are no small children. (*Anon*)

Your children are not your children. They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself. They came through you but not from you, and though they are with you, yet they belong not to you. (*Khalil Gibran, Lebanese poet*)

When I approach a child, he inspires in me two sentiments; tenderness for what he is, and respect for what he may become. (*Louis Pasteur, the father of modern microbiology*)

Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up. (*Picasso, renowned artist*)

Some day you will be old enough to start reading fairy tales again. (*C.S. Lewis, Christian author*)

Childhood is the world of miracle or of magic: it is as if creation rose luminously out of the night, all new and fresh and astonishing. Childhood is over the moment things are no longer astonishing. When the world gives you a feeling of "déjà vu," when you are used to existence, you become an adult. (*Eugène Ionesca, Romanian-French playwright*)

There are children playing in the street who could solve some of my top problems in physics, because they have modes of sensory perception that I lost long ago. (*J. Robert Oppenheimer, famous physicist*)

Even a minor event in the life of a child is an event of that child's world and thus a world event. (*Gaston Bachelard, French philosopher and poet*)

All of us have moments in our lives that test our courage. Taking children into a house with a white carpet is one of them. (*Erma Bombeck, American humourist*)

I can be President of the United States, or I can control Alice (*his daughter*). I cannot possibly do both. (*Theodore Roosevelt, U.S. President 1901-1909*)

