

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Noticeboard

Sunday Masses

Saturday, 6 p.m.
Sunday Morning, 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.

Tuesday is the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael; Wednesday, the Memorial of St. Jerome; Thursday, the Memorial of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus; Friday, the Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels.

This Sunday we have the annual collection for the **Ecclesiastical Students' Fund**. Please be supportive. Next Sunday we will have a special collection in response to **SCIAF's urgent appeal for refugees**. We know that you will be very generous.

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Sarah Sidgwick, Sandy MacFarlane, Margaret Cameron, Peter MacFarlane, Margaret MacDonald, Eddie Campbell, George MacFarlane, Jessie Fitzsimons, Mary McCarthy and Janet McCaffrey**. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Holy Communion will be taken to the housebound this week, from Monday to Wednesday.

Please note the first of our **October Devotions** will be a week on Wednesday, on the 7th October, which happens to be the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

There are **Sympathy Mass cards** available showing a fine drawing of St. Mary's church. They cost £1.50 each.

Spotted in the Chapel House garden: a cheeky robin standing on the head of **Our Lady's statue**. For obvious reasons, let's hope that such visits are not too frequent!

One of the most moving images of the past week shows John Boehner, Speaker of the US House of Representatives, overcome with emotion as he listens to Pope Francis address a Joint Session of the US Congress. His were not the only tears as the Pope spoke from the heart, calling upon politicians and the American people to use their power to heal the "open wounds" of a planet torn by hatred, greed, poverty and pollution. Pope Francis, speaking in English, is the first Pontiff to address the entire Congress, that is, the Senate and the House of Representatives. You can find the text of the Holy Father's speech on the Holy See website or watch and listen on the Vatican's YouTube service.



There is no grief like the grief that does not speak.
(Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, poet, 1807-1882)

If we get our self-esteem from superficial places, from our popularity, appearance, business success, financial situation, health, any of these, we will be disappointed, because no one can guarantee that we'll have them tomorrow. *(Kathy Ireland, American model, author and philanthropist, b.1963)*

A man calumniated is doubly injured - first by him who utters the calumny, and then by him who believes it.
(Herodotus, Greek historian, 484 - 409 BC)

There is something mean in human nature that prefers to think evil, that gives a willing ear and a ready welcome to calumny, a sort of jealousy of goodness and greatness and things of good report.
(Richard Le Gallienne, English poet, 1866-1947)

This is a disease of people who seek tirelessly to multiply power only aimed at calumny, and to defame and discredit others. *(Pope Francis, b.1936)*

We are all in the same boat, in a stormy sea, and we owe each other a terrible loyalty. *(G.K. Chesterton, author, essayist and Catholic convert, 1874-1936)*

I think a good friend, to me, is all about trust and loyalty. You don't ever want to second-guess whether you can tell your friend something.
(Lauren Conrad, American designer, b.1986)

My understanding of the Scriptures has been made simple by the person of Christ.
(Bono, musician and philanthropist, b.1960)

We are each of us angels with only one wing, and we can only fly by embracing one another. *(Luciano De Crescenzo, Italian writer and film director, b. 1928)*

Paradoxically, the ability to be alone is the condition for the ability to love. *(Erich Fromm, German social psychologist, 1900-80)*

Who are you to condemn another's sin? He who condemns sin becomes part of it, espouses it.
(Georges Bernanos, French Catholic writer, 1888-1948)

The face is the mirror of the mind, and eyes without speaking confess the secrets of the heart.
(St. Jerome, 347-420)

True friendship ought never to conceal what it thinks.
(St. Jerome)

Even if the fire of love seemed to have gone out, I would keep on throwing fuel in it and Jesus would take care to light it up again.
(St. Thérèse of Lisieux, 1873-97)

Let us not be justices of the peace, but angels of peace.
(St. Thérèse of Lisieux)



These are pictures of six of those quoted above. Can you identify them?

The Whimsical Wisdom of Robert Brault



"Life becomes easier when you learn to accept an apology you never got."
"Having perfected our disguise, we spend our lives searching for someone we don't fool."
"In a soulmate we find not company, but a completed solitude."
"The advantage of growing up with siblings is that you become very good at fractions."
"Man is rated the highest animal, at least among all animals who returned the questionnaire."
"It comes down to whether you believe in seven miraculous escapes a week or one guardian angel."
"The average pencil is seven inches long, with just a half-inch eraser - in case you thought optimism was dead."