

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

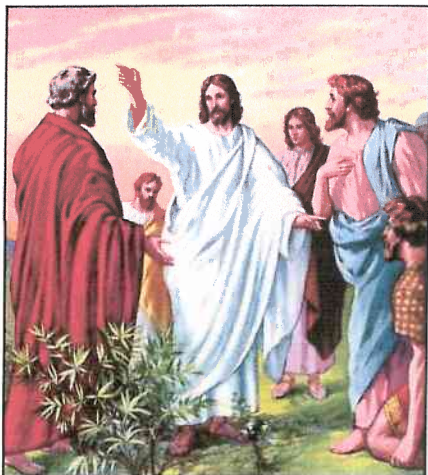
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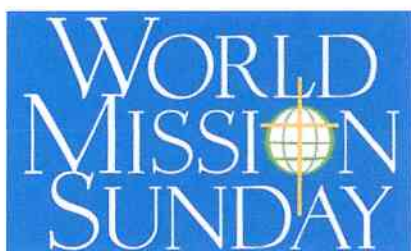


“The cup that I must drink
you shall drink.”

Noticeboard

<u>Sunday Masses</u>	First Mass of Sunday, Saturday, 6 p.m. Sunday Morning Mass, 10.30 a.m.
<u>Weekday Masses</u>	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>October Devotions</u>	Wednesday, 6 p.m. (<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for half an hour before.</i>)

Monday is the Optional Memorial of St. Jean Brébeuf, St. Isaac Jogues and their Companions, the Missionary Martyrs of Canada.



Please be thoughtful in your prayer and generous in your support on this Mission Sunday. Christ commanded his disciples to bring the Gospel to all the nations and we are all part of that. Our missionaries are very much in our prayers this Sunday. We remember the example of St. Thérèse of Lisieux who, in her Carmelite convent, dedicated her life to the spiritual support of the Catholic Church's missions throughout the world.

Our **WWI Memorial Bench** has arrived. One of the parishioners has kindly offered to varnish it. Meanwhile, we will have a plaque inscribed with these words:

In prayerful memory of the men of St. Mary's
who died in the Great War 1914-18
*Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis*

We pray for our Faithful Departed. We remember especially **Hamish Stewart** who has died very peacefully in the Belford Hospital. While visiting Invernevis House, Fr. MacKinnon always admired Hamish's spirit and the quiet warmth of his welcome. May Hamish's Lord now welcome him into that place of healing and eternal peace that we all hope for, and may God's compassionate love comfort all his loved ones. We pray also for those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Hamish Mathieson, Ellan McGinlay, Robert Francis Boyd, James MacKintosh, Cathie MacDonald, Connie Swift, Mary MacNeil, John MacLeod, Hannah Murphy, Katie MacLean, Mary MacIntyre, Alistair MacKellaig, Isobel MacKellaig, Robert Brown, Charlie McHugh, Ewen MacLennan, and Jim McLaughlin.** May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Our sincere thanks to all who help the parish by counting and recording our collections. The Diocesan Office has recently audited St. Mary's Gift Aid contributions and gave us full marks!

Fr. MacKinnon is hoping to have some days away before the end of the month. He wishes to visit some old friends.

Don't forget our **October Devotions!**



Pope Francis's Mission Sunday Message is made in the context of 2015 being the Year of the Consecrated Life. In this photo, we see so much: a child in need of care and love; a nun joyful in her service of God and her people; and, in the background, protection against the ever present danger of violence in the lives of so many innocent people. Let this be our Mission Sunday image.

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Many charities call upon us as Christmas draws near. Some are well-known and worthy of our support. One of the less prominent is the Association of Mouth and Foot Painting Artists. It helps those handicapped by accident or in birth to achieve dignity and independence through their art work. The Association is run by the artists themselves and is now truly international. These men and women teach us much about the human spirit. One of them is Simona Atzori from Milan. She was born without arms and started to paint with her feet as a child. Simona also loves ballet and is an accomplished dancer. Here we see her presenting a portrait to Pope Francis and taking part in a ballet performance.

