

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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“Michael...the great prince who stands guard over your people.”

Noticeboard

Sunday Masses: First Mass of Sunday (Vigil Mass) Saturday, 6 p.m.
Sunday Morning Mass, 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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Friday, 4 to 5 p.m.

Monday is the Feast of St. Margaret of Scotland; Tuesday, the Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary; Friday, the Memorial of the Presentation of our Blessed Lady.

Our sincere thanks for your very generous response to Father Ambrose's appeal on behalf of the **Holy Ghost Fathers**. The special collection came to £841.91. God bless you for your continuing support of our missionaries!

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Ellen Gallagher, Peter Mitchell, Donald MacPherson, Monique Masclet, Francis Hayes, Jean MacDonald, Annie Tully, Danny Haggerty** and **Bill Shearer**. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

We will have our monthly **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on Friday, between 4 and 5 p.m. It will conclude with prayers for our loved ones who have died, followed by Benediction.

This Sunday, we have the last of this year's Diocesan collections. It is for the **Pastoral Fund**. Whatever you can give at this time of the year is really appreciated.

The **Carmelite Christmas cards** are on sale at the back of the church. The Sisters are most grateful for the support you give them each year. The production of cards is their principal source of income.

Next Sunday is the **Solemnity of Christ the King**, the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year. Advent begins on Sunday, 29th November.

The **Offering Envelopes** for the coming year have arrived. They will be ready for collection next Sunday. We thank all those who help the parish through the use of these envelopes, as well as the other forms of Gift Aid.

Fr. MacKinnon is most grateful to Deacon Thomas for looking after the parish in his absence.

The Memorial of the Presentation of Our Lady was, and remains, the Patronal Feast of the Seminary of St. Sulpice in Paris. It remains a very special day for all of us who studied there. Over the centuries, the Catholics of Scotland have owed so much to France. As news continues to come in from Paris, we pray for the victims of a horrifying atrocity and for all the French people. On Friday, we will commend them with all our hearts to the love and the prayer of Our Blessed Lady: she who is honoured by countless Muslims as well as by Christians.

Reconciliation

When you are standing at your hero's grave,
or near some homeless village where he died,
remember, through your heart's rekindling pride,
the German soldiers who were loyal and brave.

Men fought like brutes; and hideous things were done;
and you have nourished hatred, harsh and blind.
But in that Golgotha perhaps you'll find
the mothers of the men who killed your son.

(Siegfried Sassoon)

Morning-Glory

In this meadow starred with spring,
shepherds kneel before their king.
Mary throned, with dreaming eyes,
gowned in blue like rain-washed skies,
lifts her tiny son that he
may behold their courtesy.
And green-smocked children, awed and good,
bring him blossoms from the wood.

Clear the sunlit steeples chime
Mary's coronation-time.
Loud the happy children quire
to the golden-windowed morn;
while the Lord of their desire
sleeps below the crimson thorn.

(Siegfried Sassoon)

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Cille Choiril: a Haiku

Sun-lit graves.
Autumn's praise below.
They sleep in peace.

(Anon)

Eilean Shona: a Haiku

Even the ghosts have gone.
Strange folk now claim their hearth.
Can an island weep?

(Anon)

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La France en deuil



St. Margaret of Scotland

One of the patron saints of Scotland; patron of girls, childbirth, large families, learning, queens and widows.



St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Patron saint of bakers, lace-workers, beggars, tramps, the homeless, charity workers, the falsely accused, nursing services, hospitals, widows, brides, exiles, people ridiculed for their piety. Also invoked against in-law problems and toothache!



The parents of the young Virgin Mary bring her to be presented at the Temple, where she is welcomed. Originating in the Eastern Church, this Feast was first celebrated by the Latin Church in 1372, in the papal chapel of the Palace of the Popes in Avignon, France.