

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

22nd November 2015

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“Yes, I am a king.”

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. except on Monday, when Mass will
be at 12 noon (*Funeral Mass of Cathy Crow*)

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 Memorial of St. Andrew Dũng Lạc and Companions, the Martyrs of Vietnam.

On this Solemnity, we re-dedicate ourselves to **Christ our Shepherd-King**, he who laid down his life for us all.

We pray for our Faithful Departed. We remember especially **Cathy Crow (MacAskill)** who has died peacefully in the Belford Hospital. No matter what came her way, Cathy never lost her love of her Saviour. Hers was a faith of the heart and her communions in Invernevis House were a time of very special blessing, as was the love of her family and of the staff who cared for her in her final years. May Cathy now be welcomed home, and may the Lord comfort her sister Nan, her brother James in Australia, and all the family. We also remember those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Annie MacDonald, Mark Donoghue, Angela Adams, Annie Morrison, Mary Flora MacKay, Archie MacKay, Mollie Cameron, Edward Archibald, Margaret MacLean, Rose Gardetto, Ina MacDonald, Ann Shankley, Calum MacDougall, William MacPherson and Chris MacLellan**. In this month of November we pray all the more devoutly for all the Faithful Departed.

Please remember in your prayers **Fr. Donald MacKay** who has recently been diagnosed as having cancer. He will need chemotherapy and radiotherapy and perhaps an operation. You will have fond memories of Fr. Donald's years as assistant priest here in Fort William. He will be as much in your prayers as in those of his fellow priests, for whom he has always been the best of companions.

Thank you for what you donated to the Diocesan **Pastoral Fund**. Last Sunday's collection raised £395.25.

Holy Communion will be taken to the housebound, by deacon and priest, from Monday, 30th November to Wednesday, 2nd December.

The new **Offering Envelopes** at the back of the church. Please collect them as soon as you can.

Thank you for your support of the Carmelite Sisters in Dysart. Their Christmas cards have all been sold. There are more cards for sale at the back of the church, as well as calendars. There are also some Advent calendars for the children. Any profit is for the parish.

Missio Scotland has written to thank you most sincerely for your very generous support. So, too, has Fr. John McFadden, superior of the **Holy Ghost Fathers** in Carfin, thanking you most warmly for your generous response to Fr. Ambrose's recent missionary appeal.

Please come along and help with the **church cleaning** after the 10.15 Mass on Thursday! We are always most grateful for all that you do for your parish.

Antoine Leiris's wife H  l  ne was murdered during the terrorist atrocity in Paris. Here is a transcript of his Facebook message to these terrorists, communicated through the BBC. You may listen to Antoine's message on the internet.

“On Friday night, you stole away the life of an exceptional being, the love of my life, the mother of my son, but you will not have my hatred.

I do not know who you are and I don't want to know - You are dead souls.

If the God for whom you killed so blindly made us in his image, each bullet in my wife's body would have been a wound in His heart.

Therefore, I will not give you the gift of hating you. You have obviously sought it, but responding to it with anger would be to give in to the same ignorance that has made you what you are.

You want me to be afraid, to cast a mistrustful eye on my fellow citizens, to sacrifice my freedom for security. You lost. Same player, same game.

I saw her this morning, finally after nights and days of waiting. She was just as beautiful as she was when she left on Friday evening, as beautiful as when I fell madly in love with her more than twelve years ago.

Of course I'm devastated with grief. I will give you that tiny victory, but this will be a short-term grief. I know that she will join us every day and that we will find each other again in the paradise of free souls which you will never have access to.

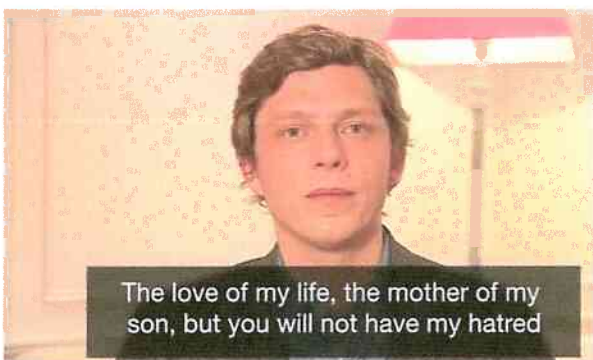
We are only two, my son and I, but we are more powerful than all the world's armies.

In any case, I have no more time to waste on you. I need to get back to Melvil who is waking up from his afternoon nap.

He's just seventeen months old. He'll eat his snack like every day, and then we're going to play like we do every day.

And every day of his life, this little boy will insult you with his happiness and freedom.

Because you don't have his hatred either.”



Antoine Leiris



H  l  ne Leiris and Melvil