

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Noticeboard

Sunday Masses	First Mass of Sunday, Saturday, 6 p.m. Sunday Morning Mass, 10.30 a.m.
Weekday Masses	Monday, 5 p.m. Tuesday, 10.15 a.m. Wednesday, 10.15 a.m. There will be no Mass on Thursday Friday, 7 p.m. Saturday, 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 the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas);
Wednesday, the Memorial of St. Blaise with blessing of the throats;
Friday, Memorial of St. Agatha; Saturday, Memorial of St. Paul Miki and
Companions, the Holy Martyrs of Japan.*



Bishop Ian's Funeral

The reception of Bishop Ian's body with Vespers will take place in St Columba's Cathedral at 7.00pm on Wednesday. His remains will be in the Cathedral all day Thursday for people to pray and pay their respects. Vespers will be celebrated again at 7.00pm. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am on Friday, and the burial will take place immediately afterwards in Oban's Pennyfuir Cemetery.

Today is **Catholic Education Sunday**. Our Catholic schools throughout Scotland are very much in our thoughts and prayers. We will have the usual special collection in support of the Catholic Education Commission, mindful of all the good work it does on our behalf.

Our thanks to all who took part in last Sunday's **Christian Unity Service** in St. Mary's. It was a very peaceful and prayerful gathering, blessed by true friendship.

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Angus Morrison, Margaret Campbell, Donald Kearney, Angus MacDougall, William Brannigan, Margaret McKeown, Sandy Kennedy, Michael Haggerty, Andrew George, Ian Wynne, Donald MacKintosh, Simon MacDonald, Ronald MacDonald and Roderick MacInnes**. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Our **First Communions** will take place on Sunday, 6th June. Parents who wish to have their children enrolled for this are invited to contact Fr. MacKinnon as soon as possible. We also have to attend to the children's first celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will all do our very best for the sake of the children and their young faith.

The bus for **Mgr. McGee's episcopal ordination** on the 18th February will leave from St. Mary's at 5.15 p.m. The journey should take an hour and 15 minutes. The bus is a 29 seater, so there is still space for some more passengers. The cost is £15.

The **SCIAF Lenten Boxes** will be available for collection next Sunday.

Potpourri

If a thing is worth doing, it is worth doing badly.

(G.K. Chesterton)

An act of goodness, the least act of true goodness, is the best proof of the existence of God.

(Jacques Maritain)

If we are praying properly, we are saying nothing that does not already have a place in the Our Father.

(St. Augustine)

Science is for those who learn; poetry, for those who know.

(Joseph Roux)

Prayer is the best weapon we possess, the key that opens the heart of God.

(Padre Pio)

To most, even good people, God is a belief. To the saints, he is an embrace.

(Francis Thompson)

Behind every saint stands another saint.

(Baron Friedrich von Hügel)

I'm on my way!

(The dying words of St. Philip Neri)

To become gentle, first be patient with your own faults.

(St. Francis de Sales)

Never see a need without trying to do something about it.

(Saint Mary MacKillop)

I am my brother's keeper, and he's sleeping pretty rough these days.

(Archbishop Derek Worlock)

Art is the grandchild of God.

(Dante)

God cannot alter the past, but historians can.

(Samuel Butler)

A willing helper does not wait to be called.

(Danish proverb)

Never was I so devout as when I composed *The Creation*. I knelt down each day to pray to God to give me strength for my work....When I was working on *The Creation* I felt so impregnated with Divine certainty, that before sitting down to the piano, I would quietly and confidently pray to God to grant me the talent that was needed to praise Him worthily.

(Franz Joseph Haydn)

What do I believe? That doesn't take long to say and in it everything is said at once: I believe in God. And because I believe in God, I believe likewise in the Holy Trinity and in the Holy Spirit, to whom I've dedicated my 'Messe de la Pentecôte', and in the Son, the Word made Flesh, Jesus Christ, to whom I've dedicated a large part of my works.

(Olivier Messiaen)

My faith is the grand drama of my life. I'm a believer, so I sing words of God to those who have no faith.

Olivier Messiaen)

The glory of God is a human being fully alive.

(St. Irenaeus)