

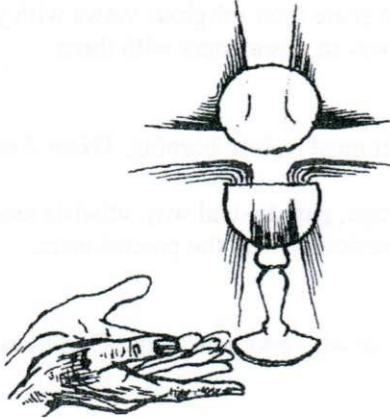
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26th August 2012

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Noticeboard



Sunday Masses: 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 5.50 p.m.

Monday is the Memorial of St. Monica, mother of St. Augustine; Tuesday, the Memorial of St. Augustine; Wednesday, the Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist; Friday, the Memorial of St. Aidan (Diocesan Calendar)

Please remember that there is a special collection this Sunday for **the retired priests** of the Diocese. Whatever you give is deeply appreciated.

The work on the back wall of the church and the sanctuary arch is now complete. We thank Joe Kulaszewicz and his workmen for the quality of their work, done with the minimum of disruption. We thank them especially for the little "extras" that they did free of charge, especially the painting of the baptistery. The cross and the figures at the back of the church are now on an extended arch. This is because the damage we have witnessed behind the cross may re-occur. This is due to a number of factors, external and internal. If we need a non-technical description, it was provided by a parishioner. It's as if the church has a cold sore which can reappear in the future. Repairs to the outside of the church await completion. Security lights have been mounted at the back of the church and in the courtyard of the Chapel House. The next big project is a new boiler and an improved heating system. The choice of fuel will need a great deal of discussion, weighing up pros and cons. All this is possible because of two bequests to the parish, the generous gift of the late Anne MacKintosh and the late Sheena Cameron. These total £103,399.59, part of which has already been used to pay for the stonemason's work. It should be noted that the £55,000 for a new hall donated over the years can only be used for the purpose for which it was given. Canon Law requires that this should be honoured. The day-to-day expenses of the parish should be met by the current account, dependent on your weekly offerings and personal donations. We thank you for your continued support! Times are not easy for individuals and families and this makes your faithful generosity all the more admirable.

We pray for our Faithful Departed. We remember especially **George Brown** of Ballachulish, who has died peacefully in the Belford Hospital. George belonged to the Church of Scotland but was a good friend of St. Mun's parish and always supported his late wife and his daughters in their Catholic faith and was unflinching there for them in their times of joy and grief. May he now rest in the peace of his Saviour, and may the Lord comfort Elizabeth, Stewart, Helen and all the family. We remember also those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Eileen MacKinnon, Neil Gillies, Mary Maclean, Theresa Harrison, Nora MacKay, Alister MacMillan, Hugh MacKinnon, Mary Anne MacKintosh, Irene MacLean** and **Jim Barron**. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

We congratulate those who made the arduous ascent of **Ben Nevis** on Friday. Was the hymn "Nearer my God to Thee" sung at any point?

Regarding the **Mary's Meals** collection at the end of September, please note that "textiles" covers a lot, from old dish towels and cleaning clothes to the Yves Saint Laurent gown bought years ago in Paris! As long as it can be recycled, what you give will be appreciated. What cannot be accepted is bric-a-brac, books, etc. Please remember that two bin bags of textile can generate enough money to provide a child in Malawi with school meals for a whole year.

Proverbs from across the World

Potpourri

After the game, the king and the pawn go into the same box.
(Italian)

Ask the experienced rather than the learned. *(Arab)*

Be slow in choosing a friend, but slower in changing him.
(Scottish)

Forget injuries, never forget kindnesses. *(Chinese)*

The heart that loves is always young. *(Greek)*

One meets his destiny often in the road he takes to avoid it.
(French)

The reverse side also has a reverse side. *(Japanese)*

Vision without action is a daydream. Action without vision is a nightmare. *(Japanese)*

Pride and dignity would belong to women if only men would leave them alone. *(Egyptian)*

There is nothing so eloquent as the rattlesnake's tail
(Native American)

A friend is a poem. *(Persian)*

Beauty does not season soup. *(Polish)*

Old age does not announce itself. *(Zulu)*

An open enemy is better than a false friend. *(Greek)*

Everyone is kneaded out of the same dough, but not baked in the same oven. *(Yiddish)*

Who loves roses, would bear its thorns. *(Turkish)*

The eggs do not teach the hen. *(Russian)*

The morning is wiser than the evening. *(Russian)*

Begin to weave and God will give you the thread.
(German)

Do a good deed and throw it into the sea. *(Egyptian)*

In every woman there is a Queen. Speak to the Queen and the Queen will answer. *(Norwegian)*

A man is not where he lives, but where he loves. *(Latin)*

A man who views the world the same at fifty as he did at twenty has wasted thirty years of his life.
Muhammad Ali

People who want to share their religious views with you, almost never want you to share yours with them.
Dave Barry

What is to give light must endure burning. *Viktor Frankl*

In some awful, strange, paradoxical way, atheists tend to take religion more seriously than the practitioners.
Jonathan Miller

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.
Anon

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but the Highland midgie come pretty close. *Anon*

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous
Anon

The quickest way for a parent to get a child's attention is to sit down and look comfortable. *Lane Olinghouse*

Some people have so much respect for their superiors they have none left for themselves. *Peter McArthur*

The only normal people are the ones you don't know very well. *Foe Ancis*

The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time. *Abraham Lincoln*

A rabbi, a priest and a minister walk into a bar. The barman looks up and says, "What's this, a joke?"

For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God. *Saint Teresa*

Religion is meant to be bread for daily use, not cake for special occasions. *Anon*

Padre Pio was once interviewed by a journalist. The man told him that he believed that the Franciscan meditated so excessively on the Passion of Christ that Pio's stigmata was a biological or psychosomatic reaction. To which Padre Pio replied: "Well, you go into a field and meditate on the cows and see if you grow horns!"