

## TWELTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### Noticeboard

Sunday Masses: Vigil Mass, Saturday 6 p.m.  
Sunday Morning Mass 10.30 a.m.

Weekday Masses Monday, 5 p.m.  
Other Weekdays, 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 Memorial of St. Aloysius Gonzaga; Friday is the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist; Saturday is the Optional Memorial of St. Luan (Diocesan Calendar)*

**Please remember** the importance of your vote on Thursday. It will affect not only ourselves but future generations. We recall the origins of the European Union. Its roots are found in the decade after the devastation left by the Second World War. It began with a few member states, convinced that countries which trade together are unlikely to go to war with each other. It now has 28 member states. What the original union has become is for us to decide when we cast our vote. Please make a prayer to the Holy Spirit part of your decision.

We pray for our Faithful Departed. We remember especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Jimmy Keenan, Barrie MacKinnon, Mary Clabby, William O'Hare, Raymond Vallyley, Mary Moore, Charles Kerr, Richard Reilly, Nellie Burns, Maisie Grant, Anne MacLaren, Flora Currie, Mary Fitzsimons, Angela Brown and Donald MacDonald.** May they all rest in eternal peace and joy.

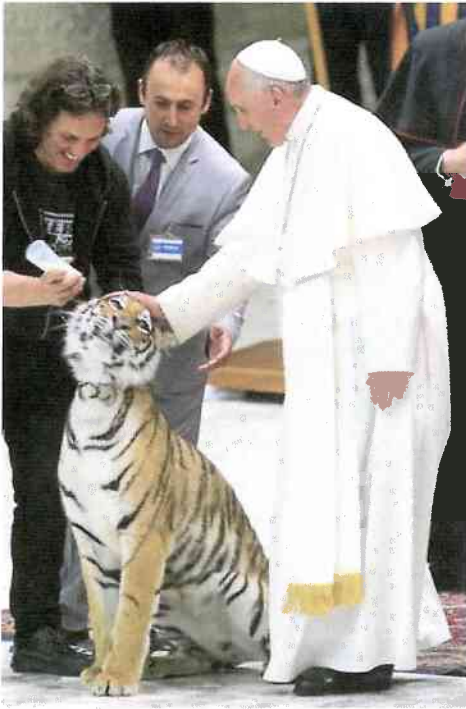
Once again we are happy to support the Catholic community of **Ballachulish and Kinlochleven.** Its raffle tickets are available at the back of the church. Each ticket costs £1, and the draw will take place on the 5<sup>th</sup> August.

Our thanks to all who helped us meet the cost of **church heating** by their donations to the Bottle. Appearances can be deceptive. What seems to have been a small amount at the bottom of the bottle actually came to £598.68! And thank you for your support of Pope Francis. Last Sunday's Peter's Pence collection came to £371.62.

The **Petits Chanteurs de St. André de Colmar** will soon be with us, on the 15<sup>th</sup> July to be exact. If you would like to help by distributing posters, you will find them at the back of the church. Fr. MacKinnon will soon be in touch with those who have so kindly offered accommodation. There are various details to be attended to.

A very happy **Fathers' Day** to all the fathers of the parish!

**St. Luan** (or Moluag) was a monk of Bangor in Ireland and a contemporary of St. Columba. He preached to the Picts on Lismore and in Ross-shire. He is venerated as the patron saint of Argyll. We are told that he built many churches dedicated to Our Lady. He died in 592.



Jo believed in a better world and she fought for it every day of her life with an energy, and a zest for life that would exhaust most people.

She would have wanted two things above all else to happen now, one that our precious children are bathed in love and two, that we all unite to fight against the hatred that killed her. Hate doesn't have a creed, race or religion, it is poisonous.

Jo would have no regrets about her life, she lived every day of it to the full.

*(Brendan Cox, husband of Jo Cox MP)*

Clouds come floating into my life, no longer to carry rain or usher storm, but to add color to my sunset sky.

*(Rabindranath Tagore)*

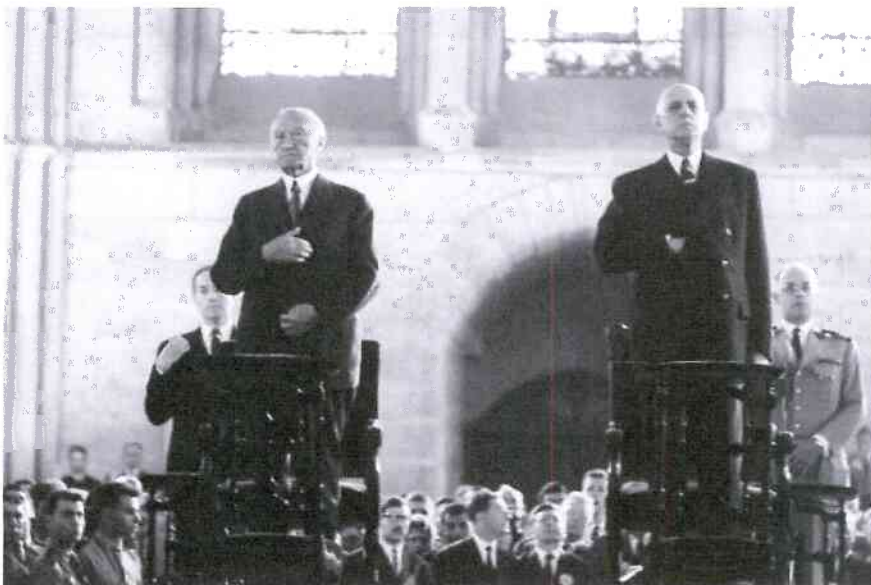
The things that we love tell us what we are.

*(St. Thomas Aquinas)*

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.

*(Anne Frank)*

A few days ago, this young tiger was shown to Pope Francis as he celebrated the Jubilee with a large number of circus performers, fairground workers, and street entertainers. The Pope thanked them for the joy they gave people, especially the poor and marginalised. The tiger seems to be enjoying the combination of a milk bottle and a rather cautious papal blessing.



### **A Reminder of Europe's Search for Peace**

On 8 July 1962, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of Germany and President Charles de Gaulle of France attended a Mass for Peace in Reims Cathedral. The two leaders were actively working for reconciliation and rapprochement between their two countries. The choice of Reims was highly symbolic. The city was occupied during the Franco-Prussian War of 1870. Its cathedral was very badly damaged by German bombardment during the First World War. It was at Reims that the German army surrendered to the Allies on the 7<sup>th</sup> May, 1945. It is interesting to note that during the First World War Charles de Gaulle had spent 32 months as a POW in Germany. He made five unsuccessful escape attempts.