

## FOURTEENTH 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.

*Saturday is the Feast of Our Lady of Aberdeen.*

In the present circumstances, the words of St. Paul come to mind: *"My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet."* (I Timothy 2:1-2)



We pray for our Faithful Departed. We remember those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Daniel Dougan, Margaret MacMaster, Charles McKeown, Louis Boni, John O'Hare, Michael Deeny, Morag Donoghue, Alexander MacDonald, Gladys White, Christine Smith, Michael Morrison, Billy MacLeod, Christine Smith, Maisie Mitchell, Ian MacIntyre, Mary Ulph, John Donaldson, Mary McLaughlin and Catherine MacLeod.** We remember also **Miriam Azad**, mother of Fr. Mushtaq Azad, who had died peacefully in Pakistan. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

We wish our **schoolchildren and staff** a very enjoyable summer break!

The annual collection for **the Bishop** is due this month. We will have it next Sunday. Please be generous in your support of Bishop Brian.

**The swifts** have once again nested in our church porch and their chicks have hatched. It's going to be a bit of a squeeze as they get larger!



Please remember that the **Petits Chanteurs de St. André de Colmar** will be with us once again on **Friday, 15th July**

**A Prayer for Europe**  
**Composed by the late Cardinal Martini of Milan**



Father of mankind, Lord of history, watch over Europe, to which you have sent philosophers and lawmakers, people of wisdom and forerunners of faith in your Son, he who died and rose again..

Watch over these peoples, evangelized by Peter and Paul, by the prophets, by the monks and by the saints; watch over these regions watered by the blood of the martyrs and touched by the voice of the Reformers.

Watch over the peoples united in so many different ways, but also divided, time after time, by hatred and war. Help us work for a Europe of the Spirit founded not only on economic treaties, but also on human and eternal values: a Europe capable of ethnic and religious reconciliation, ready to welcome the stranger, respectful of each person's dignity.

Grant that we undertake our duty with confidence, inspiring and promoting understanding between peoples, and ensuring in every continent, justice and bread, freedom and peace.

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The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions. The nearer we get to Him, the more intensely missionary we become. *(Henry Martyn)*

A citizen is a political and moral agent who in fact has a shared sense of hope and responsibility to others and not just to him or herself. *(Henry Giroux)*

The great illusion of leadership is to think that man can be led out of the desert by someone who has never been there. *(Fr. Henri J.M. Nouwen)*

I feel that I am a survivor from an age that people no longer understand. *(Olivia de Havilland, who celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday)*



This is the incident that came to mind on hearing these words from last Sunday's Gospel: "*Seeing this, the disciples James and John said: 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them...*"

The little girl in the centre of the photo is Phan Thị Kim Phúc, a nine-year old from the Highlands of Vietnam. She is fleeing from a napalm attack. Her clothing has been burned off her body; napalm eats into her back and arms. At first they thought she would not survive, but she did, returning home after 14 months in a Saigon hospital and 17 operations, including skin grafts.

As a young adult, while studying medicine, Kim Phúc was removed from her university and used as a propaganda symbol by the communist government of Vietnam. She converted to Christianity. She married in 1992 and went on honeymoon to Moscow. During a re-fuelling stop in Canada, she and her husband left the plane and asked for political asylum. This was granted.

The couple now live in Ontario and have two children. In 1997 Kim Phúc established a foundation to provide physical and psychological help for the child victims of war.



**Kim Phúc with one of her children**