

# EIGHTEENTH 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. or as announced.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday:  
9.45 to 10 a.m.  
4 to 4.30 p.m.  
5.30 to 5.45 p.m.

*Monday is the Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori; Thursday, the Memorial of St. John Mary Vianney; Saturday, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord.*

**Father Jacques Hamel** is very much in our prayers this Sunday. There is a candle at the Lady Altar in his memory, and in memory of all the victims of terror in recent weeks. It will be lit during Mass in the coming weeks.



We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose memories we bless at this time: **John Frederick Lindsay, Mary Gillies, Muriel Armstrong, Finlay MacDonald, Joan MacDonald, Donald MacDonald, Annie Cameron, Angus MacDonald, Ann MacDonald, Mary (Billie) Stuart, Lawrence Tumilty, Flora Nicholson and Alex MacLean.** May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

There is a very nice photo of the **Petits Chanteurs of St. André** in this week's edition of the *Scottish Catholic Observer*. And it is nice to see recognised the hospitality given to the young choristers.

**Our thanks** to all those who supported the Catholic community of Ballachulish and Kinlochleven by buying their raffle tickets. We wish you a lucky draw!

*Here is an extract from the beautiful homily given by Pope Francis at the shrine of Mary in Czestochowa:*

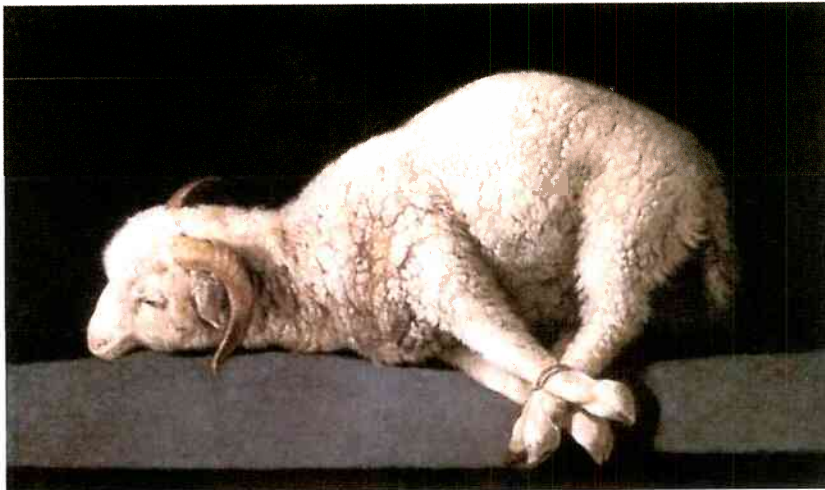
“At Cana, as here in Jasna Góra, Mary offers us her *nearness* and helps us to discover what we need to live life to the full. Now as then, she does this with a mother's love, by her presence and counsel, teaching us to avoid hasty decisions and grumbling in our communities. As the Mother of a family, she wants to keep us *together*. Through unity, the journey of your people has surmounted any number of harsh experiences. May the Mother, who stood steadfast at the foot of the Cross and persevered in prayer with the disciples in awaiting the Holy Spirit, obtain for you the desire to leave behind all past wrongs and wounds, and to build fellowship with all, without ever yielding to the temptation to withdraw or to domineer.

At Cana, Our Lady showed great *realism*. She is a Mother who takes people's problems to heart and acts. She recognizes moments of difficulty and handles them discreetly, efficiently and decisively. She is neither imperious nor intrusive, but a Mother and a handmaid. Let us ask for the grace to imitate her sensitivity and her creativity in serving those in need, and to know how beautiful it is to spend our lives in the service of others, without favourites or distinctions. May Mary, Cause of our Joy, who brings peace amid the profusion of sin and the turmoil of history, obtain for us the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and enable us to be good and faithful servants.

Through her intercession, may the fullness of time come about also for us. The transition from before to after Christ means little if it remains a date in the annals of history. May each one of us be able to make an interior passage, a Passover of the heart, towards the divine “style” incarnated by Mary. May we do everything in littleness, and accompany others at close hand, with a simple and open heart.”



**Père Jacques Hamel, martyred at the altar of God**



**Zurbaran's *Agnus Dei***



**Pope Francis meets survivors of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp**