

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

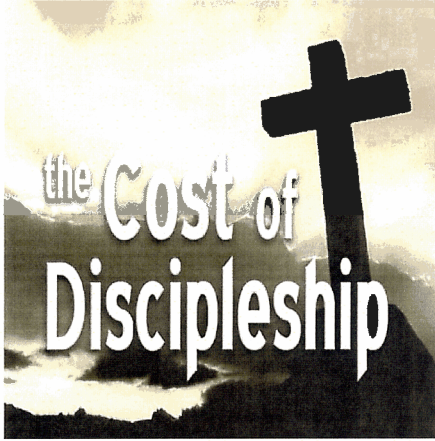
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Noticeboard

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.

Thursday is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The following clergy changes have been announced by Bishop McGee:

Fr Tony Wood moves from being Administrator of St Mary's, Arisaig; Our Lady of the Angels, Mingarry and St Mary & St Finnan, Glenfinnan to be Parish Priest of St Kieran's, Campbeltown.

Fr Joe Calleja moves from being Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Perpetual Succour and St Cumin, Morar to be Parish Priest of St Mun's, Dunoon.

Fr Ross Crighton moves from being Parish Priest of St Mary's, Benbecula to be Parish Priest of St Michael's, Eriskay. He is also responsible for the translation of the Roman Missal and the other Sacraments into Gaelic.

Fr Stanislaw Pamula moves from St Peter's, Daliburgh to be Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Perpetual Succour and St Cumin, Morar; St Mary's, Arisaig and Our Lady of the Angels, Mingarry.

Fr Danny Convery moves from being Administrator of St Mun's, Dunoon to being Administrator of St Mary's, Benbecula.

Fr Roddy McAuley will become Parish Priest of St Mary & St Finnan, Glenfinnan, He remains Parish Priest of St John's, Caol.

Mgr Basil Loftus will take up residence in Our Lady of the Angels, Mingarry and serve that parish.

The appointments will take effect on Friday 16th September 2016.

MISSION APPEAL

**The annual Mission Appeal will take place *NEXT* Sunday.
It will be made by Fr. Declan McNaughton on behalf of the Columban Fathers.
We know that you will be as generous and always.**



We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Jimmy MacKinnon, Anne Clark, Donald Kearney, Peter MacDonald, Peggy MacAskill, Agnes Currie, Frank Gribben, Duncan Kennedy, Bella MacPherson, Colin Clark, Thomas Shaw, Cathie Wood and Francis Ward.** May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.



Please remember the **Harvest Service** in the Duncansburgh MacIntosh Church this Sunday at 6.30p.m. The offering will be for Christian Aid. There will be tea and coffee in the hall afterwards. A warm invitation is extended to all of us. We need volunteers for the Harvest Lunches in St. Andrew's Hall on Friday. The sheet is in the porch of the church. We are always most grateful for those who help us out each year.

Lochside Catholic School is scheduled to close on Wednesday 21st September. The children will be off school until Thursday 29th September – the first operational day at the new school. Please keep children and staff in your prayers. This a moment of sadness and of hope for the future. Fr. MacKinnon has always been taken by the architecture of this school. Somehow it evokes the cloister. It is located close to a river, that most biblical of settings. And it bears the imprint of decades of prayer. No doubt it will soon be replaced by something far less evocative.

Sunday mornings will not be the same for many of us without **John Steele's shop** in the West End. We thank John for the cards he has donated to our parish stall. Fr. MacKinnon could never quite match John's early morning repartee, but he always appreciated his kindness, especially to the late Teresa MacDonald. We wish John all the best in the future.

Fr. Brendan Ward, rector of the National Seminary of New Zealand, used St. Mary's as a base for his journeys earlier this week. He managed to reach John O'Groats and then walked to the summit of Ben Nevis. He had previously spent three days at the House of Prayer on Iona. He is already well into a book of Scottish history! We wish Father Brendan every blessing as he returns to his key role in the formation of the seminarians of New Zealand.

A Quiz

1. Who is the patron saint of Eigg?
2. Which Pope once visited the Scottish Highlands?
3. Which 17th century French saint sent two of his priests to our diocese?
4. Where can you see the old Catholic church of Fort William?
5. Name the priest who decided to build the present church.
6. Where is the Pope's cathedral?
7. Apart from Gregory the Great, name one pope with the title "Great" attached to his name.
8. Who was the first canonised saint of the Americas?
9. What was unusual about the first priest to celebrate Mass in Australia?
10. Who are the Melkites?
11. Who are the Maronites?
12. Was there ever an English Pope?
13. Which early French saint was once a Roman officer?
14. What was his link with Scotland?
15. What age was Joan of Arc when she died?
16. In what country was Mother Teresa born?
17. Which society of French priests educated many Scots seminarians in the past?
18. Which Scottish seminary has the word "royal" attached to it?
19. Why is Queensferry so named?
20. Who is the patron saint of the Orkneys?
21. Which Swedish queen is buried in St. Peter's?
22. Which Italian wine is associated with the House of Stuart?
23. What was the nationality of St. Anthony of Padua?