

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23rd October 2016

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Noticeboard

Sunday Masses

Vigil Mass, Saturday, 6 p.m.

Sunday Morning Mass, 10.30 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday, Mass at 5 p.m.

Other Weekdays, 10.15 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday:

9.45 to 10 a.m.

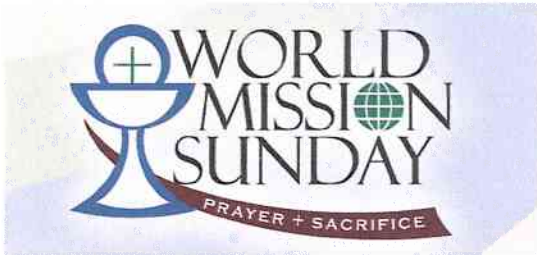
4 to 4.30 p.m.

5.30 to 5.45 p.m.

October Devotions

Wednesday, 6 p.m. (*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 5.30 to 6 p.m.*)

Friday is the Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles.



We know that you will be as generous as always in your support of the Missions. If you wish to take advantage of Gift Aid, the envelopes are at the back of the church. So, too, are the forms for membership of Missio Scotland. If you wish to initiate or renew membership, please take a form, fill it in and return it with the appropriate donation as soon as possible. For membership, if you should write a cheque, please make it out to "Missio Scotland". You may use the Gift Aid envelopes to augment your Membership donations.

The **British Legion's** poppies are at the back of the church, should you wish to give support. We remember the good work done by the Legion.

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **John Wood, Kathleen Timbrell, Simon MacKinnon, Rose Gardetto, Molly Cameron, Angus MacPhee, John Delaney, George MacFarlane (Senior), Anne Harrison, Michael Haggerty, Kenny Cairns, Ray Dryden, Angus Campbell, Sally MacPherson, Angus MacPherson, Anne Morrison, Mary MacNeil, John Gilroy, Henry MacLaren, Susan Keenan, Mary Gribben and Ina MacDonald.** May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

The last of our **October Devotions** takes place this week. Please try to be there!

Our most sincere thanks to those who support the parish through Gift Aid. The Tax Refunds claim for the year ending 5th April, 2016, came to £5,766.11. We will look at this in greater detail in the coming weeks.

Holy Communion will be taken to the housebound from Monday, the 31st October, rather later than usual.

The **November Lists** will be available next Sunday.

Many of you have had a well-earned **October break**. We are sure that you feel the better of it!



Given the news coming from the United States, this is a photo one would not expect to see! It was taken at the Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner last Thursday. Better known as the “Al Smith Dinner”, this is a white tie fundraiser for Catholic charities supporting “the neediest children of the Archdiocese of New York, regardless of race, creed or colour.” Since the Second World War, most presidential candidates have attended and given speeches making fun of themselves as well as their opponent. It is expected that the atmosphere be relaxed before returning the fray. The event is in memory of Governor Al Smith, the first Catholic presidential candidate. He lost to Herbert Hoover in 1928. In the photo we see the dinner’s host, Cardinal Timothy Nolan of New York. “Blessed are the peacemakers”, even if it is only for one evening!

Quotations

The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which the Church is celebrating, casts a distinct light on World Mission Sunday 2016: it invites us to consider the *missio ad gentes* as a great, immense work of mercy, both spiritual and material. On this World Mission Sunday, all of us are invited to "go out" as missionary disciples, each generously offering their talents, creativity, wisdom and experience in order to bring the message of God’s tenderness and compassion to the entire human family. By virtue of the missionary mandate, the Church cares for those who do not know the Gospel, because she wants everyone to be saved and to experience the Lord’s love. *(Pope Francis)*

The church, as the agent of evangelization, is more than an organic hierarchical institution; she is first and foremost a people advancing on its pilgrim way towards God. Excessive centralization, rather than proving helpful, complicates the church’s life and her missionary outreach. *(Pope Francis)*

We are all hypocrites. We cannot see ourselves or judge ourselves the way we see and judge others. *(José Emilio Pacheco, Mexican poet)*

People hasten to judge in order not to be judged themselves. *(Albert Camus, French novelist and philosopher)*

There will always be someone willing to hurt you, put you down, gossip about you, belittle your accomplishments and judge your soul. It is a fact that we all must face. However, if you realize that God is a best friend that stands beside you when others cast stones you will never be afraid, never feel worthless and never feel alone. *(Shannon L. Alder, American inspirational author)*

The sad reality is that there are many Christians who are “saved”, “heaven bound,” and “hell proofed” who do not care about the souls of the lost. What a beautiful contrast our Lord Jesus Christ is! His passion for souls brought Him from Heaven to earth, His Passion for souls motivated His compassionate activity. His passion for souls pressed Him to a rough cross where He surrendered His life to save the lost. *(John Willis Zumwalt, Biblical writer)*