

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6th November 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. except on
Saturday, when Mass will take place in
St. John's at 2.30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

Friday's 10.15 a.m. Mass is a Requiem Mass for James McAllister
RIP

*Tuesday is the Memorial of Blessed John Duns Scotus; Wednesday,
the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica; Thursday, the
Memorial of St. Leo the Great; Friday, the Memorial of St. Martin of
Tours; Saturday, the Memorial of St. Josaphat.*

The Bishop' Lochaber retreat will take place in St. John's, Caol, next Saturday. You need not be there for all the events, but it would be good to take part in some of them. Our Saturday morning Mass will be transferred to St. John's at 2.30 p.m.

10.30am	Gathering and tea
11am	First Session
11.30 noon	Entering through the Holy Door and Confession
12.30pm	Lunch
1.15pm	Second Reflection
1.45pm	Eucharistic Adoration and Confession
2.30pm	Mass

Thank you for your very generous support of the Church's Missions. This year's collection came to £885.64 To this we have still to add some late donations and the amount raised by Gift Aid envelopes. Last's year's Missio collection came to £751.95 and the previous year £617.59. Well done, St. Mary's!

Those who have still to renew their **Missio Membership** are asked to do so as soon as possible. We thank those who have already done so.

We pray for our Faithful Departed. We remember those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Adam MacLean, Elizabeth Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. James, Alice Findlay, Mary Ellen Timbrell, Charlotte Turner, Una Brown, Mary Mulrooney, Jack Doyle, Dick Cameron, Esther Judge, Kathleen Mitchell, Edward Walsh, Murdo MacLeod and Thomas MacLean.** May God grant them eternal rest. We remember also **George Duffy**, a relative of parishioners, who as laid to rest with military honours on Friday. May the Lord welcome him into eternal peace. And next Friday's Mass will be a Requiem Mass for **James McAllister**, husband of Willine, who is the sister of Murdo MacLeod and Mairi Stewart. James' Funeral Mass will already have taken place in Tynemouth. It seems appropriate that James, who served so well as an officer in our army, should be laid to rest on the feast of a saint who himself was once an army officer, St. Martin of Tours.

Please remember **the poppies** at the back of the church.

The priest's announcement book for the 5th November 1916 included **Archibald Kennedy** of the Scottish Rifles, killed in action and remembered at the Parish Mass in the old chapel in the West End. We will remember him and countless others next Sunday, Remembrance Sunday, at the Vigil Mass and the Sunday Morning Mass.

Our most sincere thanks for your great generosity to our **"Coin for Aurellian's family"** appeal. There was over £200 in the baskets at the back of the church, and that at a time when there were other demands upon you! We will have the baskets there this Sunday for final help. If we get to a final total of £300, that can be added to the £150 Fr. MacKinnon already has. The Apostolate of the Sea has already expressed its great gratitude for your kindness.

Death - the last sleep? No, it is the final awakening.
(Sir Walter Scott)

I have seen death too often to believe in death.
It is not an ending, but a withdrawal,
as one who finishes a long journey
stills the motor, turns off the lights,
steps from the car
and walks up the path
to the home that awaits him.
(Anon)

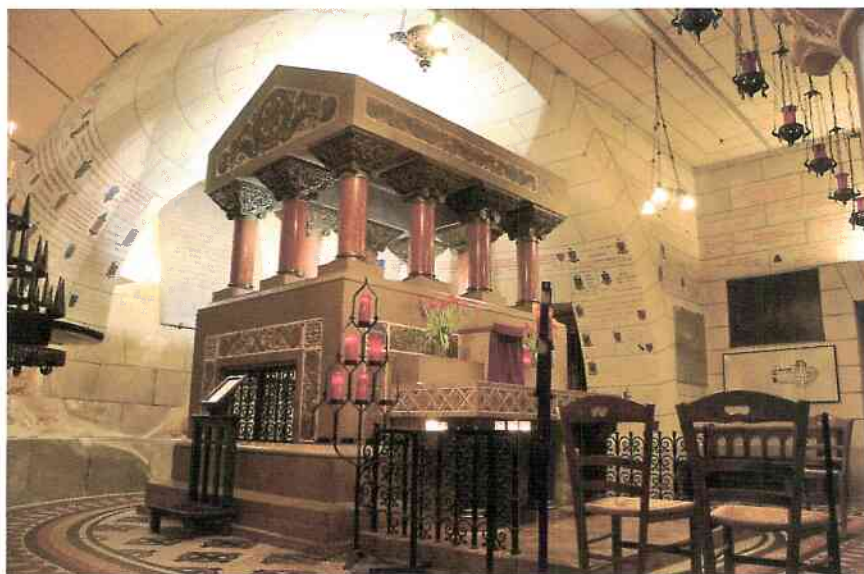
The bitterest tears shed over graves are
for words left unsaid and deeds left undone.
(Harriet Beecher Stowe)

Death is nothing else but going home to God.
The bond of love will be unbroken for all eternity.
(Mother Teresa)

Let life be as beautiful as summer flowers,
and death as beautiful as autumn leaves.
(Rabindranath Tagore)



Here we see part of the ruins of Whithorn's medieval priory built on the site of St. Ninian's original foundation c. 397. Ninian's church was called the "Candida Casa" (the "White House") because of the brightness of its walls. While the building was taking place, Ninian heard of the death of his friend and mentor, Martin of Tours, and so he dedicated his church to Martin's memory. Many British and Celtic monks were trained at Martin's monastery just outside Tours.



The tomb of St Martin in Tours