

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

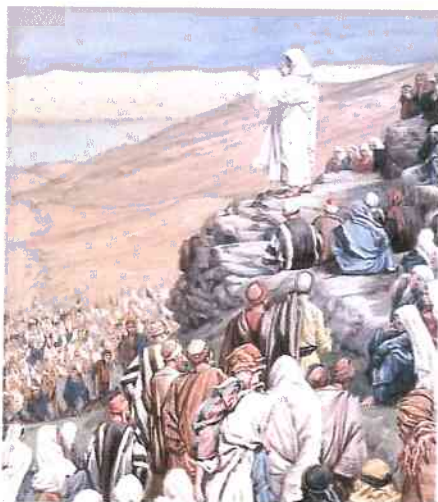
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Noticeboard

Sunday Masses First Mass of Sunday (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.

Tuesday is the Memorial of St. John Bosco; Thursday, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas); Friday, the Memorial of St. Blaise.

We welcome **Bishop Brian** to the parish. Our heartfelt prayers are with the youngsters he will confirm at our Sunday Morning Mass. We thank all those who have prepared them for this day.

We pray for our Faithful Departed. We remember especially **Frances White**, buried from St. Mary's this Saturday. We thank God for all that Frances did for others during her life, especially the foundation of Deaf Care here in Lochaber, but also in Dumbarton and Caithness. Hers was a welcoming and joyful heart. She was also a person of a faith that nothing could defeat. May she now rest in the peace and joy of her Saviour. We extend our prayer and sincere sympathy to Betty, Joe and all the family.

Please pray also for **May MacKinnon**, widow of Angus MacKinnon, who has died peacefully in Canada, aged 92. May was the last of Fr. MacKinnon's uncles and aunts. She was a warm and open hearted person. Originally from Glasgow, she never lost her love of Fort William. She was a woman of deep Christian faith. We extend our sympathy and prayer to her sons Donald and Douglas and all the family in Canada.

We pray also for those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Norah MacKinnon, Kenneth MacDonald, Flora MacDonald, John Tully, Morag Fitzsimons, Norman Campbell, Christina Turner, Kathleen Gibson, Angus Morrison, William Brannigan, Margaret McKeown, Sandy Kennedy, Michael Haggerty and Andrew George.** May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

The blessing of the candles takes place on Thursday at the beginning of Mass. It would be of great help if you could bring your own candles, although there are some in the sacristy. The traditional blessing of the throats will take place during Mass on Friday, the Memorial of St. Blaise.

Holy Communion will be taken to the housebound in the course of this week.

Please accept Fr. MacKinnon's sincere thanks for your extraordinary kindness, both collectively and individually, as he celebrated his 70th birthday. Your thoughtfulness means so much to him. All he can do is echo the immortal words of ET. - "Ouch!"

Our thanks to those who took part in last Sunday's Christian Unity Service.