

## SIXTH 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 and Services: Monday, Mass at 5 p.m.  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday  
Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion at 10.15 a.m.  
Friday and Saturday, Mass at 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 Feast of St. Cyril and Methodius; Friday, the Optional Memorial of St. Finan (Diocesan Calendar); Saturday, the Optional Memory of St. Colman (Diocesan Calendar)*

This is **Catholic Education Sunday**. Please pray for Catholic schools throughout Scotland, for their staff and pupils. They have something unique to give our country. There will be a special collection this Sunday for the Scottish Catholic Education Service. It's not an easy time of the year as many of us are trying to keep our houses warm, but we know that you will be as generous as ever.

As in previous years, we will have the **Anointing of the Sick** this Sunday, the one closest to the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. This year the holy oil will be contained in a small bowl made from wood rescued from the tree fallen in the back garden. We thank the men who made and designed it. Somehow it seems very appropriate.



We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Willie Kennedy, Margaret Barr, Cyril Buchanan, Farquhar McKinney, Neil Campbell, Peggy Campbell, Margaret MacDougall, Muriel MacLennan, Charlotte MacDonald, Gordon Turner, Jessie Shields and John MacDonald**. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

The SCIAF Wee Boxes have arrived and will be distributed very soon. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, the 1<sup>st</sup> March.

**Fr. MacKinnon** will be away from Tuesday morning until Thursday night.

**St. Finan** was an Irish monk of the monastery of Iona. He succeeded St. Aidan as Bishop in Lindisfarne in Northumbria. He was known for his piety, zeal and fearless preaching. **St. Colman** succeeded him as Bishop but, in the wake of the controversy over the date of Easter, he returned to Iona after only three years. He founded churches in Scotland and two monasteries in his native Ireland.



**From the Private Notes of Saint Bernadette**

“O Jesus and Mary, let my entire consolation in this world be to love you and to suffer for sinners.”

“O Jesus, I would rather die a thousand deaths than be unfaithful to you!”

“I must die to myself continually and accept trials without complaining. I work, I suffer and I love with no other witness than his heart. Anyone who is not prepared to suffer all for the Beloved and to do his will in all things is not worthy of the sweet name of Friend, for here below, Love without suffering does not exist.”

“I shall spend every moment loving. One who loves does not notice her trials; or perhaps more accurately, she is able to love them.”

“O my Mother, to you I sacrifice all other attachments so that my heart may belong entirely to you and to my Jesus.”

“I shall do everything for Heaven, my true home. There I shall find my Mother in all the splendour of her glory. I shall delight with her in the joy of Jesus himself in perfect safety.”

“From this moment on, anything concerning me is no longer of any interest to me. I must belong entirely to God and God alone. Never to myself.”

“Love overcomes, love delights.  
Those who love the Sacred Heart rejoice.  
Jesus, my God, I love you above all things.”

**When offered money**

“No, no, no! I want to stay poor!”

**When asked if her vision was beautiful**

“Oh! Oh! Yes indeed! And even more than that!

“So lovely that, when you have seen her once, you would willingly die to see her again!”

**As her days drew to an end**

“I’m happier with my crucifix on my bed of pain than a queen on her throne.”