

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

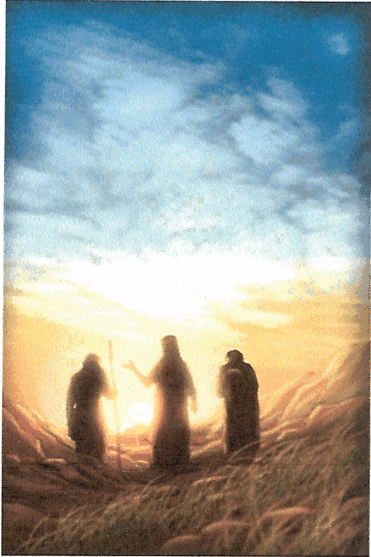
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### Noticeboard

<u>Sunday Masses:</u>	Vigil Mass, Saturday	6 p.m.
	Sunday Morning Mass	10.30 a.m.
<u>Weekday Masses:</u>	Monday, 5 p.m.	
	Other weekdays, 10.15 a.m.	
<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</u>	Saturday:	
	9.45 to 10 a.m.	
	4 to 4.30 p.m.	
	5.30 to 5.45 p.m.	
<u>May Devotions</u>	Wednesday, 7 p.m. ( <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 6.30 to 7 p.m.</i> )	
<i>Tuesday is the Memorial of St. Athanasius; Wednesday, the Feast of St. Philip and St. James</i>		

**Thank you** to all who took part in our Ecumenical Eastertide Service last Sunday.

We remember our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Margaret Graham, Alexina MacEachan, Peter MacDonald, John MacDonald, Richard Davies, Angus MacDougall, Jim Grace, Marie MacLean, Helen MacDonald, Theresa MacDonald, George Hayes and Rose Hamilton.** May they rest in the peace of their risen Lord.

Please note that our **May Devotions** begin on Wednesday. Also, **Holy Communion** will be taken to the housebound this week.

### INVITATIONS

#### Green Isle Mass

Mass will be celebrated on the Green Isle on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2017. The boat will depart from Glenfinnan Pier at 1pm sharp and will return at approximately 6.30 p.m.- giving people about one hour on the Island. To secure a place on the boat, please contact Mairi Weir on 01397 772368 or [mairiweir@aol.com](mailto:mairiweir@aol.com). The cost is £25 per person to be paid in advance. Cheques should be made out to Lochsheil Cruises or cash to be paid by 29<sup>th</sup> May. Please send payment to Mairi Weir, Camus Na Ha, Fort William, PH33 7NN. Twenty-five people maximum will be allowed on the boat. Please bring a packed lunch with you and waterproof clothing in case of inclement weather. The approach up to the island is a bit steep. Walking sticks are recommended. Teas and coffee are available on the boat.

#### Women's Interfaith Dialogue Event

Interfaith Scotland is a Scottish charity that aims to foster good relations between people of different faiths and cultures in Scotland. We organise regular dialogue events for women in locations across Scotland and we would like to invite women from all faiths and none to our next dialogue event which will take place at the Alexandra Hotel, The Parade, Fort William on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May from 2.30 - 4.30pm. Tea and cakes will be provided and the event is free. The theme for the dialogue is 'Health and Wellbeing for body and soul'. As spaces are limited, we would ask that any women who are interested in attending contact Frances Hume by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at [frances@interfaithscotland.org](mailto:frances@interfaithscotland.org) or on 0141 558 0778.



In the last two days, Pope Francis has made a Pastoral Visitation to Egypt. We see him with the Coptic Pope Tawadros. Coptic Christians form 10% of Egypt's population, St. Mark being their founding saint. Francis and Tawadros honoured the Copts killed by extremists in recent times, hailing them as Christian martyrs. Later, the two leaders committed themselves to settling a long-standing dispute between their two churches concerning baptism.

Francis also spoke to civic and religious leaders at Cairo's Al-Azhar Mosque, one of the great centres of Islamic scholarship. We see a photo of him with the Grand Imam of that mosque during a visit to the Vatican last year. There was great warmth between the two men. This meeting obviously prepared for Francis's visit. He came as a messenger of peace, and left that message for many to ponder.

"Peace is a gift of God, but also the work of man. It is a good that must be built up and protected, respecting the principle that upholds the force of law and not the law of force. Peace for this beloved country! Peace for this whole region, and particularly for Palestine and Israel, for Syria, for Libya, Yemen, for Iraq, for South Sudan. Peace to all people of good will!"

*(Pope Francis in Cairo)*