

Seventh Sunday of Easter

28th May 2017

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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.

May Devotions Wednesday, 7 p.m. (Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament, 6.30 to 7 p.m.)

Wednesday is the Feast of the Visitation of our Blessed Lady; Thursday, the Memorial of St. Justin; Saturday, the Memorial of St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, the Holy Martyrs of Uganda.

Our heartfelt prayers are with the parents and families of **Eilidh MacLeod** and of **Laura MacIntyre**, and with the whole community of Barra. In the face of extreme evil, all we have is prayer and love: prayer that will never cease and a love that will never be defeated.

This is the message immediately sent from the Vatican on behalf of **Pope Francis**: "His Holiness Pope Francis was deeply saddened to learn of the injury and tragic loss of life caused by the barbaric attack in Manchester, and he expresses his heartfelt solidarity with all those affected by this senseless act of violence. He commends the generous efforts of the emergency and security personnel, and offers the assurance of his prayers for the injured, and for all who have died. Mindful in a particular way of those children and young people who have lost their lives, and of their grieving families, Pope Francis invokes God's blessings of peace, healing and strength upon the nation."

There are baskets at the back of the church for **Monsignor Wynne's presentation** on his retirement. We know that you will be very generous.

We pray for the Faithful departed whose anniversaries are about this time: **Elizabeth (Baba) Laird, John MacLaren, Ian Wynne, Bridget Keenan, Molly (Mary) O'Shea; Moira Jones, George O'Neill, Joan Bremner, May MacDonald, Coila MacKintosh, Anne MacDonald, Linda Hunter and Martin Stokes**. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Our **First Communions** will take place next Sunday. Please keep our youngsters in your prayers.

There will be **church cleaning** after Mass on Thursday morning. Please come along and help out!

The last of our **May Devotions** will be on Wednesday, the Feast of the Visitation of Our Lady. Do come along and take part! There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament beforehand.

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

The following is recorded in the life of Mohammed, peace be upon him: "There was an incident during one of the battles where children of the enemy were killed by mistake. The Prophet, peace be upon him, was observed with tears in his eyes, in pain because of the killing of these innocent children. One of his followers tried to soothe the Prophet by saying, 'They were only the children of Kafirs (unbelievers)'. The Prophet, peace be upon him, turned to the one who spoke, and he was visibly angry, and said, 'Aren't you the child of a Kafir too?'"

The darker the night, the brighter the stars;
the deeper the grief, the closer is God!
(Fyodor Dostoyevsky)

Terrorism is a psychological warfare. Terrorists try to manipulate us and change our behavior by creating fear, uncertainty, and division in society.
(Patrick J. Kennedy)

It is not enough to win a war; it is more important to organize the peace.
(Aristotle 384 to 322 BC)

Each of us is an innkeeper who decides if there is room for Jesus. *(Neal A. Maxwell)*

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else. *(C.S. Lewis)*

Your children are the greatest gift God will give to you, and their souls the heaviest responsibility He will place in your hands. Take time with them, teach them to have faith in God. Be a person in whom they can have faith. When you are old, nothing else you've done will have mattered as much. *(Lisa Wingate)*

May God break my heart so completely that the whole world falls in. *(Mother Teresa)*

Lord, when I feel that what I'm doing is insignificant and unimportant, help me to remember that everything I do is significant and important in your eyes, because you love me and you put me here, and no one else can do what I am doing in exactly the way I do it.
(Fr. Brennan Manning)

If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy. *(St. John Vianney)*

It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do without Holy Mass.
(St. Padre Pio)



The parish garden is now entering its summer bloom. Our thanks to Isabel MacDonald for these photos. And our thanks to the men who give the garden its TLC!