

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30th July 2017

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Noticeboard

Sunday Masses

First Mass of Sunday (Vigil), 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.

Monday is the Memorial of St. Ignatius Loyola; Tuesday, the Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori; Friday, the Memorial of St. John Mary Vianney

Tuesday, 8th August, is the Feast of **St. Mary MacKillop**. You are invited to Mass on that day at 10 a.m. in St. John's in Caol. There will be a barbecue afterwards, organised by Sister Diane, weather permitting, of course!

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **John Frederick Lindsay, Mary Gillies, Muriel Armstrong, Finlay MacDonald, Joan MacDonald, Donald MacDonald, Angus MacDonald, Ann MacDonald, Mary (Billie) Stuart, Lawrence Tumilty, Flora Nicholson, and Hugh Fitzsimons**. We pray also for the repose of the soul of **Ewan MacMaster**, the brother of Fr. Iain, who has died recently. May the Lord grant them all eternal peace.

The French have an expression: "douches écossaises", meaning sudden, heavy and unexpected rain. We have certainly had these in recent weeks, and many a scout from abroad has arrived at St. Mary's soaked to the skin! We try to make them welcome, and the tumble-dryer has been busy!

Please keep a very special place in your prayers for the beloved parishioners who are in hospital in Fort William, Inverness and Aberdeen.

Holy Communion will be taken to the housebound this week.

We appeal once again to parents to have their children enrolled for Confirmation, First Confession and First Holy Communion in the coming months. So far, Victoria, Olivia, Julia and Amelia have been enrolled. Fr. MacKinnon will have to find suitable workbooks for the children, and it once he has a final number, this will make things all the easier.



St. Ignatius Loyola



St. John Vianney



St. Alphonsus

ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

May the perfect grace and eternal love of Christ our Lord be our never-failing protection and help.

O my God, teach me to be generous
to serve you as you deserve to be served
to give without counting the cost
to fight without fear of being wounded
to work without seeking rest
and to spend myself without expecting any reward
but the knowledge that I am doing your holy will.
Amen

He who carries God in his heart bears Heaven with him wherever he goes.

If our church is not marked by caring for the poor, the oppressed, the hungry, we are guilty of heresy

ST. JOHN VIANNEY

Do not try to please everybody. Try to please God, the angels, and the saints - they are your public

There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us.

The sign of the cross is the most terrible weapon against the devil. Thus the Church wishes not only that we have it continually in front of our minds to recall to us just what our souls are worth and what they cost Jesus Christ, but also that we should make it at every juncture ourselves: when we go to bed, when we awaken during the night, when we get up, when we begin any action, and, above all, when we are tempted.

The Lord is more anxious to forgive our sins than a woman is to carry her baby out of a burning building.

ST. ALPHONSUS

The past is no longer yours; the future is not yet in your power. You have only the present wherein to do good.

Let us thank God for having called us to His holy Faith. It is a great gift, and the number of those who thank God for it is small.

Since His delights are to be with you, let yours be found in Him.

When we see a beautiful object, a beautiful garden, or a beautiful flower, let us think that there we behold a ray of the infinite beauty of God, who has given existence to that object.



*"Never see a need
without trying
to do something
about it"*

Mary Mackillop