

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

3rd September 2017

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Noticeboard

First Mass of Sunday (Vigil Mass)	Saturday, 6 p.m.
Sunday Morning Mass	10.30 a.m.
Weekday Masses or Communion Services	Monday, 5 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday 10.15 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturday, 9.45 to 10 a.m. 4 to 4.30 p.m. 6.30 to 6.45 p.m.

Friday is the Feast of the Nativity of our Blessed Lady.

Our sincere thanks to Deacon Emmanuel Alagbaoso for his very interesting talk on the power of the Mass, given in the Lady Chapel on Friday morning. And our thanks to the parishioners who came along and made this young man feel so welcome. We wish Emmanuel every blessing as he returns shortly to the Scots College in Rome. Hopefully, he will be ordained a priest for the Diocese in the coming year.

The annual **Assembly of Priests** takes place in Oban this week. Fr. MacKinnon hopes to attend part of it.

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Jimmy MacKinnon, Patrick McKenna, Peter MacDonald, Anne Clark, Donald Kearney, Peggy MacAskill, Agnes Currie, Bella MacPherson, Colin Clark, Thomas Shaw, Frank Gribben and Cathie Wood.** May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

There will be a Requiem Mass for **Fr. Donald MacKay**, celebrated by Bishop Toal on Friday, 15th September, at 7 p.m. in St. Michael's Church, Woodiesburn (G69 ODL). There will be a light buffet afterwards. Please let your relatives and friends in the Central Belt know about this.

The Harvest Festival Service takes place in St. Andrew's Church this Sunday at 6.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. The traditional lunches take place in St. Andrew's Hall throughout the week, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.. St. Mary's day is on Friday. Please let us know if you can help.

Our warmest congratulations to **Mrs. Mary Toal** as she celebrates her 90th birthday!

The annual collection for the **Ecclesiastical Students' Fund** is due this month. We will have it next Sunday. This parish has always been generous in its support of our seminarians.



The People of the Cross

In February 2015, ISIL abducted 21 Egyptian Christian workers in Libya. They then filmed their execution. For ISIL the term “people of the cross” is one of great contempt. We see it on their video. The painting above is very different. We see Christian martyrs make the ultimate journey behind their Lord. Beyond lies the glory that awaits those who refuse to deny him.