

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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First Mass of Sunday (Vigil Mass)  
Sunday Morning Mass

Saturday, 6 p.m.  
10.30 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday, 5 p.m.  
Tuesday 10.15 a.m.  
Wednesday, 5 p.m.  
Thursday 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

October Devotions

THURSDAY, 7 P.M. (Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament, 6.30 to 7 p.m.)

*Wednesday is the Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi; Saturday, the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary.*

This Sunday, we have the annual Missionary appeal, made this year on behalf of the **Comboni Missionary Sisters**. We know that you will be as welcoming, attentive and generous as always!

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Margaret MacDonald, Eddie Campbell, George MacFarlane, Jessie Fitzsimons, Mary McCarthy, Janet McCaffrey, Rachel Morrison, Archie MacLeod, John McAuley, Donald MacDonald and Teresa Mannion**. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Deacon Thomas has had to stand in for another representative of the **Apostolate of the Sea**, and is now at an international conference. He will be back home with us in a week and a few days.

Please note this week's timetable, especially the change of Mass on Wednesday. This year, we will aim at **October Devotions** on Thursdays, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for half an hour before.

The **Confirmation workbooks** have arrived. We ask parents to collect them from Fr. MacKinnon. They are a little more advanced than he had anticipated. Let us do the best with what we have got! Parents and grandparents are there to help the children. If our young candidates need any help as they work their way through these books, please do not hesitate to contact Fr. MacKinnon, Deacon Thomas or Anne.



**Our Lady of the Rosary**

## IMAGES OF ST FRANCIS



**Francis preaches to the birds**



**Francis receives the stigmata**



**Francis embraces his crucified Lord**



**The tomb of St. Francis in Assisi**

## PRAYERS OF ST. FRANCIS

Blessed is he who loves and does not therefore desire to be loved;  
Blessed is he who fears and does not therefore desire to be feared;  
Blessed is he who serves and does not therefore desire to be served;  
Blessed is he who behaves well toward others and does not desire that  
others behave well toward him;  
And because these are great things, the foolish do not rise to them.

Glorious God,  
enlighten the darkness of my heart  
and give me  
true faith,  
certain hope,  
and perfect charity,  
sense and knowledge,  
Lord, that I may carry out  
Your holy and true command.