

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8th October 2017

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Working in the Vineyard

First Mass of Sunday (Vigil Mass)	Saturday, 6 p.m.
Sunday Morning Mass	10.30 a.m.
Weekday Masses	Monday, 5 p.m. Tuesday 10.15 a.m. THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY Friday and 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.)

Thursday is the Memorial of St. Kenneth (Diocesan Calendar)

Our sincere thanks for your very generous support of the **Comboni Missionary Sisters'** appeal last Sunday. The special collection raised a remarkable £733. God bless you all. The sisters have passed on Fr. MacKinnon's good wishes to a young Eritrean Comboni Sister whom he knew when he was in Campbeltown - Sister Roma. She was being trained in midwifery when she was in Scotland. After many years in Africa, she is now superior of a Comboni nursing home, near Lake Como in Italy, a beautiful place to be. She was delighted to receive the greetings of her friends in Scotland. Perhaps she will brave the Lochaber climate, and visit us one day!

Let us now prepare for **Mission Sunday**, which will be on the 22nd October. We know that you will be as thoughtfully generous as always. This parish has always supported the missions. It's a proud tradition.

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Flora MacManus, Charlene Masclet, Carmen Mages, Colin MacMillan, Maureen MacPherson, Archie MacKay, Geroge Ulph, Sandy Campbell, Sandra Campbell, Ena MacDonald, Allan MacKellaig, Monsignor William MacMaster, Ronnie MacLeod, Thomas Brash and Mona McGovern.** May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Copies of the **Simple Prayer Book**, in Polish with English translation, are available for many of the families of our young candidates for Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Please collect them after Mass and use them in the catechesis of your children. Remember the promise you made when your child was baptised: that you be the first teachers of your children in the Faith. It is a solemn promise. It is so encouraging to see parents and grandparents bring their children to Mass, ensuring that the church become for them a familiar place.

Circumstances are such, that some of our most faithful **readers and Eucharistic ministers** cannot at present be able to carry out their normal ministry. Please help out when asked.

Fr. MacKinnon will be away to visit his old friends in Glasgow this week, from Wednesday to Thursday. There will be no Mass on these days. He will be back for October Devotions on Thursday evening

Deacon Thomas will be back early this week after representing Scotland at an international assembly of the Apostolate of the Sea. It is an experience he will never forget. He has generously taken on another task, but remains a deacon of the parish and the diocese.

The Royal National Mòd takes place in Lochaber from the 13th to the 21st October. The organisers are looking for volunteers to ensure that the event runs smoothly and efficiently. Could you become a volunteer, even for a limited period? If so, please e-mail mod2017stewards@btinternet.com or phone 07795682541.

The **Gaelic Choir of Barra** has been given permission to rehearse in the church on the 18th October, between 5 and 8 p.m. They have let us know that if anyone wishes to attend the rehearsal at any point, they are most welcome.

“You can never cross the ocean unless you have the courage to lose sight of the shore.” —André Gide

“We all live under the same sky, but we don’t all have the same horizon.” —Konrad Adenauer

“Hands that serve are holier than lips that pray.” —Sai Baba

“Too many people overvalue what they are not and undervalue what they are.” —Malcolm Forbes

“It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing. It is not how much we give, but how much love we put in the giving.” —Mother Teresa

“Always remember you’re unique. Just like everyone else.”

“The only normal people are the ones that you don’t know very well.” —Alfred Adler

To know much and taste nothing-of what use is that?”
- St. Bonaventure

“A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love”. - Saint Basil

“The soul would have no rainbow if the eyes had no tears.” —Native American proverb

“To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you.” —Lewis B. Smedes

“If you judge people, you have no time to love them.” —Mother Teresa