

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

22nd October 2017

(World Mission Sunday)

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and give generously



Noticeboard

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. 6.30 to 6.45
October Devotions	THURSDAY, 7 P.M. (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 6.30 to 7 p.m.)

Saturday is the Feast of St. Simon and St. Jude

This is **World Mission Sunday**. We pray for the Church's missions through the world. We know that you will be as generous as ever in the special collection for Missio Scotland. If you are a taxpayer who would like to augment your donation through Gift Aid, please take one of the envelopes at the back of the church. Fill in the details in capital letters. There is no need to put your donation in the envelope. Put it in the collection basket, but write what you have given on the envelope. We will keep this collection separate from Missio Membership. Renewal forms for membership will be available next week.

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Kathleen Timbrell, Simon MacKinnon, Kenny Cairns, Ray Dryden, Angus Campbell, Sally MacPherson, Rose Gardetto, Molly Cameron, John Delaney, George MacFarlane (Senior), Angus MacPherson and Anne Harrison**. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

It was a sheer delight to hear the **Gaelic Choir of Barra** rehearse in our church last Wednesday evening.

We thank **Fr. Jamie MacNeil** for leading us in our worship last Sunday. He said afterwards that he felt the great warmth of that celebration. We congratulate him on his part in the Gaelic ecumenical service on Sunday afternoon. He certainly put a lot of work into his preparation.

Please remember the **October Devotions** on Thursday evening!

Once again, we appeal to the families of our **young candidates** for Confirmation, Confession and First Holy Communion to make the church a familiar place for the children that God entrusted to them on the day of their baptism. The children need an example of faithfulness, and now is the time for that example to be given. I ask families to take this very seriously indeed.

IMAGES FOR MISSION SUNDAY



EXTRACTS FROM POPE FRANCIS'S MESSAGE FOR THIS MISSION SUNDAY

The service of the Pontifical Mission Societies

The Pontifical Mission Societies are a precious means of awakening in every Christian community a desire to reach beyond its own confines and security in order to proclaim the Gospel to all. In them, thanks to a profound missionary spirituality, nurtured daily, and a constant commitment to raising missionary awareness and enthusiasm, young people, adults, families, priests, bishops and men and women religious work to develop a missionary heart in everyone. World Mission Day, promoted by the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, is a good opportunity for enabling the missionary heart of Christian communities to join in prayer, testimony of life and communion of goods, in responding to the vast and pressing needs of evangelisation.

Carrying out our mission with Mary, Mother of Evangelisation

Dear brothers and sisters, in carrying out our mission, let us draw inspiration from Mary, Mother of Evangelisation. Moved by the Spirit, she welcomed the Word of life in the depths of her humble faith. May the Virgin Mother help us to say our own 'yes,' conscious of the urgent need to make the Good News of Jesus resound in our time. May she obtain for us renewed zeal in bringing to everyone the Good News of the life that is victorious over death. May she intercede for us so that we can acquire the holy audacity needed to discover new ways to bring the gift of salvation to every man and woman.