

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5th November 2017

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"The greatest among you must be your servant."

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

Wednesday is the Memorial of Blessed John Duns Scotus; Thursday, the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica; Friday, the Memorial of St. Leo the Great; Saturday, the Memorial of St. Martin of Tours

Thank you for your very generous response to the Mission Sunday collection. It came to £737.80! Well done, St. Mary's!

Please renew your **Missio membership** as soon as possible! Our thanks to those who have already done so.

We remember our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Mary MacDonald, Adam MacLean, Alice Findlay, Elizabeth Cameron, Charlotte Turner, Mary Ellen Timbrell, Una Brown, Mary Mulrooney, Jack Doyle, Esther Judge, Kathleen Mitchell, Edward Walsh, and James MacAllister.** May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Sometimes it is not easy to keep up with all the special collections throughout the year. The Day for Life was missed and the Pastoral Fund is due before the end of this month, the end of the Diocese's financial year. **There is a basket at the back of the church for both.**

Extra copies of the **Confirmation workbook** have arrived, and can be collected from the sanctuary communion rail. Workbooks for First Confession and First Holy Communion have been ordered and should be with us soon. We continue to appeal to families to make the church a familiar place for their children.

Job opportunity - Diocesan Secretary (£18,000 P/A).

The RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles is seeking to recruit a Diocesan Secretary, based in the Diocesan Offices in Oban. This is an important full-time post (35 hours), which will provide full secretarial support to the Bishop as well as admin and secretarial support to the Diocesan and Curia Offices. Please see Church the notice board, H1Jobs or visit the Diocese website at www.rcdai.org.uk for further information. The closing date for applications is at 5pm on Friday 24 November 2017.



Blessed John Duns Scotus, one of the greatest minds of the medieval Church. Our parish owes him a debt, for he was a great advocate of the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Lady.



The tomb of Blessed John Duns Scotus in Cologne, in Germany. On it we see the words, "Scotia me genuit. Anglia me suscepit. Gallia me docuit. Colonia me tenet". ("Scotland gave me birth. England sustained me. France taught me. Cologne holds me.")



Scotland has not always honoured the man who should be one of her most famous sons. His name was used for the infamous "Dunce's Cap", a means of humiliating slow learners or restless children in the past.



It is not often that we see a Pope appear in an opera. Pope Leo the Great does so in Verdi's "Attila". It is not the best known nor successful of his operas, but it does recall the famous meeting between Leo and the ferocious king of the Huns as he advanced on Rome. Somehow, Leo persuaded him to desist and spare his people. There is a legend that Attila had a vision of Saints Peter and Paul behind the Pope, holding swords in their hands, daring him to go no further.



A young Roman officer, preparing for baptism, shares his cloak with a poor beggar by the roadside. Today we honour him as St. Martin of Tours. The first church ever built in Scotland was dedicated to him.