

# THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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(Remembrance Sunday)

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## 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

*Thursday is the Feast of St. Margaret of Scotland; Friday, the Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary.*



**"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
we will remember them."**



We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time. **Kathleen Mitchell, Murdo MacLeod, Thomas MacLean, Edward Walsh, Johnnie Neil, Dick Cameron, Donald Macdonald, Jessie MacKinnon, Patricia O'Reilly, Ellen Gallagher, Claire Ryan, Monique Masclet, Francis Hayes, Jean MacDonald Hugh MacDonald, Dorothy MacDonald, Peter Mitchell, and Donald MacPherson.** In this month of November we remember all the Holy Souls who await their welcome into the company of the saint and angels in heaven. Our love, memories and prayers are part of their final journey into eternal peace and joy.

**Christmas cards and calendars** have been ordered: some in support of the Carmelites Sisters and others in support of the parish. They should be with us soon. We have to keep up with the supermarkets! Meanwhile, we remember that Advent comes before Christmas, which begins at the Mass of Christmas Night.

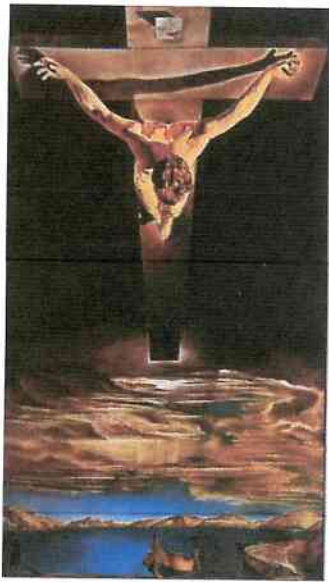
Workbooks for **First Confession** and **First Holy Communion** have been ordered. These have to be sent from the United States, and this may take several weeks.

As yet, the date of **Confirmation** has still to be settled. Fr. MacKinnon is going to ask for a Sunday at the very end of January or the beginning of February, The date for First Holy Communion remains as it has been for several years: the first Sunday of June.

On Wednesday of this week, at his weekly audience, **Pope Francis** rebuked those who use their cell-phones to take pictures during Mass. These are some of his words: "The priest says 'lift up your hearts'. He does not say, 'Lift up your cell phones to take pictures.'" He added, "It makes me very sad when I celebrate Mass here in the piazza or in the basilica and I see so many cell phones held up, not only by the faithful but also by some priests and even bishops. The Mass is not a show... So remember, no cell phones!" He was applauded by the crowds at this audience. Well spoken, Holy Father!

If you have to renew your membership of **Missio Scotland**, please do it now. Also, there are baskets at the back of the church for the final collections of the Diocese's financial year. These are for the Day for Life and for the Pastoral Fund of the Diocese. Please help with these collections. In the present circumstances, we can only do our best. Furthermore, the church heating is now on for the winter. An extra pound or two in the collection will help. It is not quite time for the Bottle, but will be soon! Church heating is always the greatest expense in the parish.

## Potpourri



A new reproduction of Salvador Dalí's "Christ of St. John of the Cross" now hangs in the church porch. Why is it so called? Its inspiration comes from the Carmelite friar, poet and mystic, St John of the Cross. (1542-1591) He was praying, looking down on the sanctuary of the Convent of the Incarnation in Avila. Suddenly, he has a vision of the crucified Lord below him. Later, he did a sketch of what he had beheld. It is still preserved in the Convent of the Incarnation.



**The sketch made by St. John of the Cross**

*From of John of the Cross:*

Creation forgotten,  
Creator only known,  
attention turned inward  
in love with the Beloved alone.

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Silence is God's first language.

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God leads every soul by a separate path.

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He who avoids prayer is avoiding everything  
that is good.

But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. (*Abraham Lincoln, at Gettysburg*)

What could make me love my fellow Christian better than to see that God loves us all as were all one soul? (*Julian of Norwich*)

The world tells us to seek success, power and money; God tells us to seek humility, service and love. (*Pope Francis*)

The past is no longer yours; the future is not yet in your power. You have only the present therein to do good. (*St. Alphonsus Liguori*)

Live life when you have it. Life is a splendid gift. There is nothing small about it. (*Florence Nightingale*)

Love doesn't mean doing extraordinary or heroic things. It means knowing how to do ordinary things with tenderness. (*Jean Vanier*)

That best portion of a man's life: his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love. (*William Wordsworth*)

The ones who have a voice must speak for those who are voiceless. (*Archbishop Oscar Romero, murdered at the altar of God*)

It is not the finest wood that feeds the fire of Divine love, but the wood of the Cross. (*St. Ignatius of Loyola*)

If alms are lacking, our life does not yet converge fully towards God. (*Pope John Paul II*)

Humility is not thing less of yourself; it's thinking of yourself less. (*C.S. Lewis*)

For Jesus, there are no countries to be conquered, no ideologies to be imposed, no people to be dominated. There are only children, women and men to be loved. (*Henri Nouwen*)

It is not enough to win a war; it is more important to organize the peace. (*Aristotle, 384-322 BC*)

The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him. (*G.K. Chesterton*)