

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

26th November 2017

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Noticeboard

Sunday Masses: 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.
5.30 to 5.50 p.m.

Thursday is the Solemnity of St. Andrew, the Principal Patron Saint of Scotland.

Bishop McGee seems to have enjoyed his day in St. Mary's, especially his meeting with parishioners in the Lady Chapel and his visits to some of the housebound. We thank Deacon Thomas and Sheena for their hospitality and for providing the Bishop with transport. However, the Bishop did ask Fr. MacKinnon to make sure that the Sunday Morning Mass began on time. It is obvious that various parishioners had ensured representation to the Bishop on this matter. We should remember that some people have to come a distance to be at our Sunday Mass, and in winter it will not always be easy. But, at the end of the day, Fr. MacKinnon is held responsible for this situation. Let's us all make that effort to arrive at our Sunday Mass a few minutes earlier. It makes all the difference, and it allows us that few moments of sacred silence before Mass begins. This is something we simply cannot forgo.

The new **offering envelopes** are now available at the back of the church. Please collect yours as soon as possible. Our thanks to all those who use these envelopes as a means to Gift Aid on behalf of the parish. It means so much to our funds.

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **William MacPherson, Chris MacLellan, Ina MacDonald, Calum MacDougall, Patrick Curran, John Brady, Willine McAllister, David Buchanan, Peter Ryan, John Kerr, Margaret Barron and Penny Kennedy.** May their souls and the souls of the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

You are invited to help **clean the church** on Thursday, after the Morning Mass. Please help us out!

Our thanks to all who have supported the parish Of Ballachulish and Kinlochleven by buying its raffle tickets. May you be lucky in the draw!

Fr. MacKinnon had hoped to have **the Confirmations** at the end of January or the very beginning of February. However, the Bishop will be representing SCIAF in Africa, but has promised to give us a date later in February. The First Confession and First Communion workbooks have arrived from the United States, and will be available for collection next Sunday. Meanwhile, we urge all parents and grandparents to make the church a familiar place for our youngsters. May they come to know St. Mary's as their spiritual home!

One of our parishioners, Carol Kelso, has recently published a book titled “No Ordinary Life” – The Exciting and Challenging Reality of Being a Twenty -First Century Christian.

After walking away from her Catholic faith, Carol Kelso tells the story of her journey back to God; how He took her from a business career into the care sector, and a ministry of Christian writing and radio presenting. She shares openly and honestly about learning to practice and share her faith - journeying from a place of brokenness to healing, transformation and joy.

In a warm and conversational style, Carol shares the challenges she faces in a world often hostile towards believers, and how she faces these challenges. An inspirational and encouraging read that celebrates the *Truth* to be found in Jesus Christ, and how the greatness He brings can enable each of us to lead *no ordinary life*.

Carol lives in Fort William and is a regular here at St. Mary's. She is also the presenter of the Sunday Morning Breakfast Show on Nevis Radio.

Her book is getting some good reviews and it is available on Amazon.co.uk on paperback for £5.99 and for Kindle across all platforms for £2.99.

It would make good Advent reading!

