

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

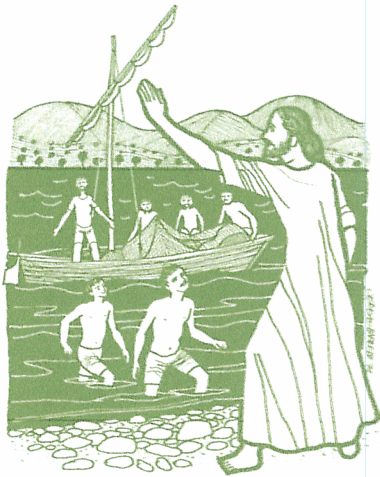
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Noticeboard

Sunday Masses

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

Saturday 6 p.m.

Sunday Morning Mass

10.30 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday, 5 p.m.

Other Weekday, 10.15 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday

- 9.45 to 10 a.m.

- 4 to 4.30 p.m.

- 5.30 to 5.45 p.m.

Wednesday is the Memorial of St. Francis de Sales; Thursday, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul; Friday, the Memorial of St. Timothy and St. Titus.

We have now entered **Christian Unity Week**. There will be an Ecumenical Service in St. John's in Caol, next Sunday, at 6.30 p.m. There is a retiring collection for Moss Park.

Catholic Education Week is also upon us. The annual collection for the work of the Scottish Catholic Commission will be *next Sunday*. We know that you will be as generous as always.

We pray for our Faithful Departed. We remember those anniversaries are about this time: **James MacDougall, Elizabeth MacDougall, John MacDonald, Ann Gall, Luigi De Santis, Iain MacLean, Eilidh MacIntyre, Jan Stage, Flora MacPhee, Mary Graham, Lizzie MacBeth, Frank Timbrell, Patrick Ryan, Margaret Doyle, Margaret MacIntyre, Kathleen Gibson, and Frances White.** May they all rest in the peace of their Saviour.

We remember also **Betty Delaney** who will be buried, on Monday, from her home parish, the Duncansburgh Church of Scotland. May the Good Shepherd lead her safely home and give enduring comfort to Corine, Michael, Bernadine, John and all her loved ones.

Our special **Candlemas parish candles** are now on their way. And we should have them in good time for that beautiful Feast, the Presentation of the Lord, a festival of light in the darkness of winter.



During his visit to Peru this week, Pope Francis had insisted that he visit the native peoples of that country's Amazon region

In his address to the many who travelled far to be with him, the Pope warned the world that the Amazon and its population are under dire threat and that many outsiders wanted to get their hands on their gold and natural resources .He made the stark warning in a speech to thousands of tribal members on the edge of the rainforest.

He said the Amazon and its peoples bore 'deep wounds' and had 'never been so threatened'.

He lamented 'the pressure being exerted by great business interests that want to lay hands on its petroleum, gas, lumber, gold and forms of agro-industrial monocultivation'. He described the Amazon as "holy ground", to be cherished and preserved.

Amazonian indigenous leaders in Peru urged Pope Francis to help them protect the world's largest rainforest from an onslaught of new threats that are dramatically changing the balance of its environment and the culture and ethos of its peoples.

One of the leaders, Hector Sueyo, told the Pope that native peoples are deeply distressed about the Amazon as its trees disappear, fish die and rivers become contaminated. Sueyo said that 'the sky is angry and is crying because we are destroying the planet.'

Indigenous leaders had hoped the Pope would deliver a forceful message, encouraging the Peruvian government to recognise their land rights and clean up rivers contaminated by illegal mining. That message the Pope did, with great passion, deliver.

