

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
28<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

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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

*Wednesday, the Memorial of St. John Bosco; Friday, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)*

This is **Catholic Education Sunday**. There is a special collection at the end of Mass. Please be as supportive as always.

The annual **Christian Unity Service** will take place this Sunday, at St. John's in Caol, at 6.30 p.m. We are all extended a warm invitation.

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Kenneth MacDonald, Norah MacKinnon, John Tully, Morag Fitzsimons, Norman Campbell, Christina Turner, Joan Thompson, Angus Morrison, Margaret Campbell, Donald Kearney, William Brannigan, Angus MacDougall, Margaret McKeown, and Sandy Kennedy**. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

**Candlemas** is a very special day. Please try to be at Mass on Friday. Hopefully, our special parish candles will be there just in time!

**An Invitation from Father Stanislaw and his Parishioners**

On 25<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm we will hold an Opera Concert at St. Mary's, Arisaig. Several artists (singers, along with a violinist, a cellist, a harpist and an organist) from the Scottish Opera will be performing the Faure Requiem to commemorate all of those who died in the First World War, choosing this date to particularly remember Mary McKinnon, who died on the Hospital Ship, *The Glenart Castle* on February 26th 1918. We want everyone to feel welcome, it is a free concert to which all are welcome. There will be a collection at the end, so that people who wish, can make a contribution toward St Mary's and the Community Council to support the Christmas Lunch for the elderly people of the village. Please spread the word as this is such a rare opportunity to have such famous and renowned artists doing something for our community.

This parish has a great devotion to **St. Joseph**. There are new petition sheets and envelopes at the back of the church.

## Quotations from St. Thomas Aquinas

If the highest aim of a captain were to preserve his ship, he would keep it in port forever.

The things that we love tell us what we are.

Sorrow can be alleviated by good sleep, a bath and a glass of wine.

Friendship is the source of the greatest pleasures, and without friends even the most agreeable pursuits become tedious.

To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them.

Law is nothing other than a certain ordinance of reason for the common good, promulgated by the person who has the care of the community.

Pray thee, spare, thyself at times: for it becomes a wise man sometimes to relax the high pressure of his attention to work.

Because philosophy arises from awe, a philosopher is bound in his way to be a lover of myths and poetic fables. Poets and philosophers are alike in being big with wonder.

How is it they live in such harmony the billions of stars – when most men can barely go a minute without declaring war in their minds about someone they know.

It is requisite for the relaxation of the mind that we make use, from time to time, of playful deeds and jokes.

Love takes up where knowledge leaves off.

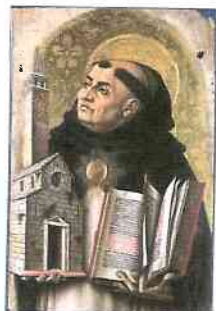
We must love them both, those whose opinions we share and those whose opinions we reject, for both have laboured in the search for truth, and both have helped us in finding it.

Fear is such a powerful emotion for humans that when we allow it to take us over, it drives compassion right out of our hearts.

The soul is like an uninhabited world  
that comes to life only when  
God lays His head  
against us.

Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen.

How can we live in harmony? First we need to know we are all greatly in love with the same God.



**Born 28<sup>th</sup> January, 1225 in Roccasecca, Italy. Died in Fossanova, Italy, in 1274.**