

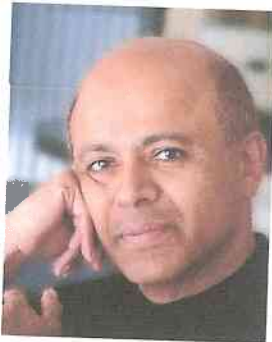
The Liturgy of Anointing

In silence, the priest lays his hands on the head of the person receiving the sacrament. He then anoints the person with the blessed oil. First, he anoints the forehead with these words:

Through this holy anointing, may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit.

*He then anoints the hands with these words: **May the Lord free you from sin, save you and raise you up.***

This is followed with the Sign of Peace.



Abraham Berghese was born in Ethiopia in 1955, the son of an Indian Christian family from Kerala. The family had to leave that country during its period of revolution. Back in India, he worked as an orderly in hospital- an invaluable formative experience- before studying for medicine in Madras. The family emigrated to the United States, and Abraham would eventually become a professor in Stanford University Medical School. In his acclaimed writings, he asserted that the patient in the bed is often ignored in favour of the patient data in the computer. He is renowned at Stanford for his weekly bedside rounds, where he insists on examining patients without knowledge of their diagnosis to demonstrate the wealth of information available from the physical examination.

Some quotations from Dr. Abraham Berghese:

My desire to be a physician had a lot to do with that sense of medicine as a ministry of healing, not just a science. And not even just a science and an art, but also a calling, also a ministry.

By visiting patients in their home, by helping them come to terms with their illness, I could heal when I could not cure.

I think America is really in denial about the degree to which residents, particularly foreign medical graduates, man the county hospitals of this country, and but for their services, I'm not sure how exactly we could manage.

Though I am fascinated by knowledge, I am even more fascinated by wisdom.

I was taking care of people my age who were dying. The constant feeling, hearing from them, was that life is transient and can end very quickly, so don't postpone your dreams.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11th February 2018

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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.
Tuesday, 12 noon (Funeral Mass of Ewen Cameron RIP)
Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Masses will be at 10.15 a.m. 1.15 p.m. and 7 p.m.
ASH WEDNESDAY IS A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE
Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Mass at 10.15 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 9.45 to 10 a.m.
4 to 4.30 p.m. 5 to 5.45 p.m.

Saturday is the Feast of St. Finan, a Diocesan Saint

For some years now, we have celebrated to **Anointing of the Sick** on the Sunday nearest the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. This year's Sunday Mass coincides with that Feast. It is in fact the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. May the healing love of Christ be with us all!

We pray for our Faithful Departed. We remember especially **Ewen Cameron**, originally from Inverlochy, who has died in Manchester. We give thanks for all that was blessing and comforting in his life and we extend our sympathy and prayer to Lily, Donald, Andrew, Mary, David, to his brother Robert, to all the family and to those who gave him love. May the Good Shepherd now lead Ewen to his heavenly home. His Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday at 12 noon.

We pray also for those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Ewan MacDonald, Margaret Barr, Willie Kennedy, Cyril Buchanan, Farquhar McKinney, Neil Campbell, Peggy Campbell, Margaret MacDougall, Muriel MacLennan, Gordon Turner, Jessie Shields and Charlotte MacDonald**. May they all rest in the peace of their Saviour.

Our sincere thanks to the parishioners who attended the preparatory meeting for the World Day of Prayer, and to all who volunteered to help out at the Service in St. Mary's on the 2nd March.

This year's **SCIAF Boxes** are available for collection at the back of the church. These are to be returned at Easter or shortly afterwards. They are not part of the Lenten special collection for SCIAF, which will take place on the 11th March, the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

Fr. MacKinnon will contact the Bishop on his return from Rome next week. He hopes to have our Confirmations shortly after Easter. Meanwhile, more user friendly worksheets are being prepared. Let us now concentrate on preparing for **First Confession**. The booklets and extra sheets are there to be collected. We ask parents to help prepare the children.