

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

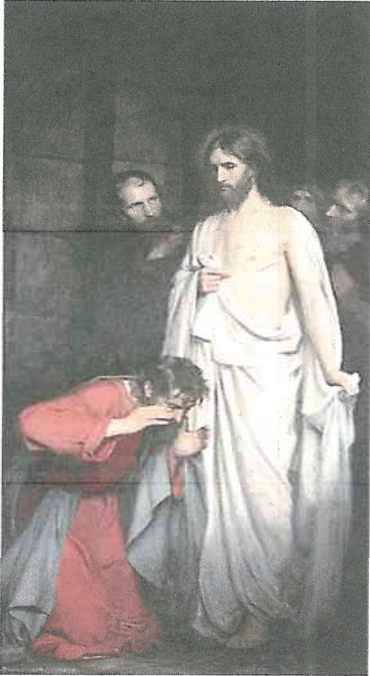
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Noticeboard

Sunday Masses

First Mass of Sunday (Vigil) Saturday, 6 p.m.
Sunday Morning Mass 10.30 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday, Mass at 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 5.45 p.m.

Monday is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord; Wednesday is the Memorial of St. Stanislaus. We wish Father Stan a happy Saint's Day!

This Sunday evening, St. Mary's is the host for the annual **Easter tide Service** shared with our brothers and sisters from other churches in Lochaber. It begins at 6.30 p.m. Please try to take part.

Our sincere thanks to those who prepared the beautiful flower arrangements that contribute so much to our Easter celebration!

We pray for our Faithful Departed. We remember those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Karen Haggerty, Alasdair MacKintosh, Una Tully, Natalie Smith, Donald MacDonald, Ian MacNaughton, Cathy Timbrell, Alistair MacDougall, Isobel O'Hare, Barney Delaney, George Dryden, Dave Williamson, John Paul Steele, Donald Angus Campbell, Annie MacPherson, Willie Howieson, Mary Gillies, Charles MacDonald and Kate Lucas.** May they all rest in peace. We remember also **Jadwiga Ballaun**, who has died recently in Poland. May the Risen Lord welcome her home. We extend our sincere prayer and sympathy to her loved ones, in Poland and here in Scotland. May Christ be their comfort.

Our thanks to those who have already handed in their **SCIAF boxes**. If you have still to do so, please get them to us as soon as possible.

The Rosary and others prayers will be offered on the 29th April along the whole coastline of Britain. This will include our church in Fort William. We will give your more details in the coming weeks. That Sunday is also the date for the Confirmation of young parishioners. Bishop McGee will be with at the Sunday morning Mass.

There are now two vacancies for the **pilgrimage to Poland**. If you would like a last minute booking, please phone Father Stan at 01687 462201.

Please remember the parish heating **Bottle!** Our thanks to all who have thoughtfully contributed to it!



This is Divine Mercy Sunday

O my Jesus, You have tested me so many times in this short life of mine! I have come to **understand** so many things, and even such that now amaze me. Oh, how good it is to abandon oneself totally to God and to give Him full freedom to act in one's soul!
(From the diary of Sister Faustina)

When I see that the burden is beyond my strength, I do not consider or analyze it or probe into it, but I run like a child to the Heart of Jesus and say only one word to Him: "You can do all things." And then I keep silent, because I know that Jesus Himself will intervene in the matter, and as for me, instead of tormenting myself, I use that time to love Him.
(Sister Faustina)

In faith there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows to blind those who don't.
(Blaise Pascal)

We can believe what we choose. We are answerable for what we choose to believe.
(Cardinal Newman)

For many of us the great danger is not that we will renounce our faith. It is that we will become so distracted and rushed and preoccupied that we will settle for a mediocre version of it.
(John Ortberg)

God always answers in the deeps, never in the shallows of our soul.
(Anon)

Cynicism and scepticism are the crudest form of quasi-intellectualism... Let the cynic become cynical of his cynicism and the sceptic sceptical of his scepticism and join the battle.
(R.C. Srout)