

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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. 5.30 to 5.45 p.m.

Tuesday is a diocesan Feast Day, that of St. Donan and his Companions. Born in Ireland, Donan sailed to Scotland with St. Columba, and later founded what became an important monastery on the Island of Eigg. He and his fifty-three fellow monks were slaughtered after celebrating Easter Mass, either in 617 or 618 A.D.

Our thanks to all those who took part in last Sunday's **Easter Service**. As always, it was a very peaceful and prayerful gathering. The collection was for the Friends of the Belford Hospital and came to a very generous £200.08.

Many people from Lochaber will be setting off **on pilgrimage to Poland** this week. We wish them every blessing!

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Charlie MacDonald, Father Graham Turner, Betsy MacLean Wilkie, Archie MacDonald, Thomas MacKinnon, Krystyna Wilk, Dr. Charles Connochie, Mary Kate Phillips, John Lindsay, Elizabeth Gribben, John MacMaster and Brian Kearney**. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed rest in peace.

Rosary on the Coast is a planned day of prayer on the 29th April. The whole coastline of Scotland will be sanctified as people gather to share the rosary and other prayers. Our gathering will be in the Lady Chapel beginning with a reading at 2.45 p.m.

Deacon Thomas away is away and will be back among us on the 3rd May. We thank him for all the preparatory work he has done for the Confirmations at the Morning Sunday Mass on the 29th April.

There will be a rehearsal for our young Confirmands next Sunday, after Mass. It is important that all the children be there!

47 is a prime number. It cannot be divided by any other number. Biblical numerology is a fascinating study, but the number 47 has no mystical or theological interpretation. However, we should note that 47 of Our Lord's miracles are recorded in the Gospels. Why this sudden preoccupation with the number 47? On the 15th April, **Fr. MacKinnon** was ordained 47 years ago. "Time flies" – or "Tempus fugit" as the ancient Romans used to say!

"He is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's."

Compassion will cure more sins than condemnation.

Henry Ward Beecher

And you know, when you've experienced grace and you feel like you've been forgiven, you're a lot more forgiving of other people. You're a lot more gracious to others.

Rick Warren

Forgive, forget. Bear with the faults of others as you would have them bear with yours. Be patient and understanding. Life is too short to be vengeful or malicious.

Phillips Brooks

To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.

C.S. Lewis

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

Martin Luther King

Sweet mercy is nobility's true badge.

William Shakespeare

Blessed are those who give without remembering. And blessed are those who take without forgetting.

Bernard Meltzer

Jesus no longer belongs to the past but lives in the present and is projected toward the future; Jesus is the everlasting "today" of God. This is how the newness of God appears to the women, the disciples, and all of us: as victory over sin, evil, and death - over everything that crushes life and makes it seem less human. And this is a message meant for me and for you, dear sister, you, dear brother. How often does Love have to tell us, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" Our daily problems and worries can wrap us up in ourselves, in sadness and bitterness...and that is where death is. That is not the place to look for the One who is alive!

Pope Francis

Whatever you are doing that which makes you feel the most alive...that is where God is.

St. Ignatius of Loyola

It's not about the bunny - it's about the Lamb.

Anon

Small gestures of love, of tenderness, of care, make people feel that the Lord is with us. This is how the door of mercy opens.

Pope Francis

Holiness is a disposition of the heart that makes us humble and little in the arms of God, aware of our weakness, and confident -- in the most audacious way -- in His Fatherly goodness.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux

When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now,

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Bigotry and ignorance: the one feeds of the other.

William Lewis

Earth laughs in flowers.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.

Robert Louis Stevenson