

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

29th April 2018

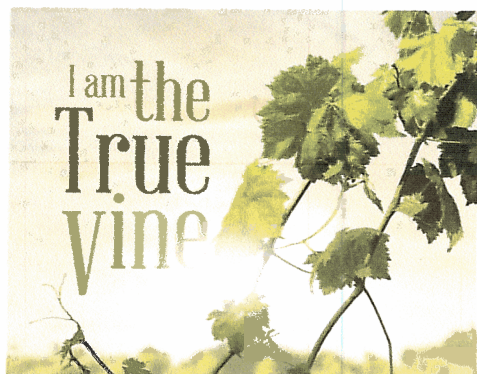
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## Noticeboard



### 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.

### May Devotions:

Wednesday, 7 p.m. (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 6.30 p.m.)

*Wednesday is the Memorial of St. Athanasius; Thursday, the Feast of St. Philip and St. James.*

This Sunday morning, **Bishop McGee** will be with us for the Confirmation of young parishioners. Please keep these children in your prayers: Amelia, David, Olivia, Julia, Leon, Paige, Victoria, Julia and Jamie. We thank all those who prepared them for this day.

There is a special collection this Sunday for the **Diocesan Ecclesiastical Students' Fund**. Please support the young men preparing to serve our people. You will have read Bishop McGee's letter last Sunday. We know that you will be generous in your response.

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Ted Timbrell, Peter MacDonald, Angus MacDougall, Monsignor Neil McGrory, Marie MacLean, Helen MacDonald and Theresa MacDonald**. May they all rest in the peace of their Risen Lord.

**We thank you** for your continued and generous support of SCIAF. The Wee Box collection came to £950.51.

**The Rosary on the Coast** of the British Isles takes place this Sunday afternoon. It will be offered in our Lady Chapel. It is for Life, Faith and Peace. It begins at 2.45 p.m. with the Invocation of the Holy Spirit, with prayers for protection, and prayer in reparation for abortion. Then there will be some scripture readings and the Rosary at 3 p.m. This will conclude with a Litany for Scotland.

**We welcome home** the pilgrims to the sacred sites of Poland. By all accounts, it was an extraordinary experience with a very special bonding of faith and humanity, as is the case in every good pilgrimage. We are sure that the blessings will be there for a long time to come.

**Please note** the parish's new e-mail address, as required by the Diocese: [fortwilliam@rcdai.org.uk](mailto:fortwilliam@rcdai.org.uk)  
Fr. MacKinnon's personal address remains the same.

**Holy Communion** will be taken to the housebound in the course of this week.

The Bishops of Scotland have sent us leaflets regarding **Safekeeping**. Please take one home and read it thoughtfully.

You cannot put straight in others what is warped in yourself. *(St. Athanasius)*

Let us remember the poor, and not forget kindness to strangers; above all, let us love God with all our soul, and might, and strength, and our neighbour as ourselves. *(St. Athanasius)*

The Holy and Inspired Scriptures are sufficient of themselves for the preaching of the Truth. *(St. Athanasius)*

For of what use is existence to the creature if it cannot know its Maker? *(St. Athanasius)*

How friendly all men would be one with another, if no regard were paid to honour and money! I believe it would be a remedy for everything. *(St. Teresa of Avila)*

In the twilight of life, God will not judge us on our earthly possessions and human success, but rather on how much we have loved. *(St. John of the Cross)*

Never give up prayer, and should you find dryness and difficulty, persevere in it for this very reason. God often desires to see what love your soul has, and love is not tried by ease and satisfaction. *(St. John of the Cross)*

May the perfect grace and eternal love of Christ our Lord be our never-failing protection and help. *(St Ignatius of Loyola)*

Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God. *(Pope Francis)*

It is very important for a priest, in every parish, to see how people trust in him and to experience, in addition to their trust, their generosity in pardoning his weaknesses. *(Pope Benedict XVI)*

**Next Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, at 2 p.m.**

**in St. Mary's Church**

**Scottish operatic tenor**

**MARTIN AELRED**

**will perform the Arias of Italy and the Neapolitan Coast**

**Entry is free: donations only and most of them for charity**

***In previous years, you have heard Martin sing beautifully in this church.***

***Let your friends know, and come along with them.***