

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

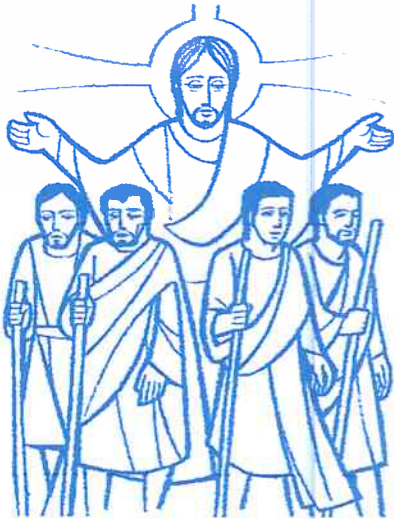
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Noticeboard

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.

There are no Feasts or Memorials this week.

Our thanks to all who gave such generous support to the **Apostolate of the Sea** last Sunday. £450 was raised!

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Christine Phillpot, Donald Gillies, William Donaldson, Katie MacLean, Neil Cameron, Margaret MacDonald, Nicholas Smith and Francis John Timbrell.** May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

We are doing our best to find a book suitable for **First Communion preparation**. There is one that might meet our needs. It is the Redemptorist Publication's "I Belong". There is a copy on the communion rail for parents to look at. It is as much for them as for them as it is the children. Please have a look and let Fr. MacKinnon know what you think.

Fr. MacKinnon takes very seriously the memory of our **Faithful Departed**. We all have different styles of handwriting, and sometimes he finds it very difficult to decipher a particular name. It might be better if we used capitals when recording the names of our loved ones. And please do use the Memorial Book at the back of the church.

I like to listen. I have learned a great deal from listening carefully. Most people never listen.
(*Ernest Hemingway*)

We must have charity towards ourselves. We must prove our love by fidelity to prayer. (*Edel Quinn*)

Love God, serve God; everything is in that. (*St. Clare of Assisi*)

We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God.
(*Pope Benedict XVI*)

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. (*Blessed John Henry Newman*)

The rich fop Francis of Assisi was bored all his life—until he fell in love with Christ and gave all his stuff away and became the troubadour of Lady Poverty. (*Peter Kreeft*)

Let us thank God that He makes us live among the present problems. It is no longer permitted to anyone to be mediocre. (*Pope Pius XI*)

The university system, a gift of Western civilization to the world, was developed by the Catholic Church.
(*Thomas E. Woods*).

For Tolkien, Catholicism was not an opinion to which one subscribed but a reality to which one submitted. Quite simply, pseudo-psychology aside, Tolkien remained a Catholic for the simple if disarming reason that he believed Catholicism was true. (*Joseph Pearce*)

The world of atheism was cracking apart for me, just as once the world of Catholic faith had cracked apart. I was losing my faith in the nonexistence of God. (*Anne Rice*)

Narcissism makes people incapable of looking beyond themselves, beyond their own desires and needs.
(*Pope Francis*)

Catholicism is not merely a religion, or a sect, or a set of rules. When small minds and smaller spirits try to capture the essence of Catholicism, this is often what they tend to conclude. But Catholicism is more than a religion. It is more than just another movement. The essence of Catholicism is not sin, punishment, duty, or obligation, and it is more than a set of lifeless rules and regulations. Catholicism is more. It is more than most people think and more than most Catholics ever experience...The essence of Catholicism is dynamic transformation. You cannot become more like Jesus Christ and at the same time stay as you are. (*Matthew Kelly*)

The problem with the world is that we draw the circle of our family too small. (*Mother Teresa*)

The Church is always God hung between two thieves. Thus, no one should be surprised or shocked at how badly the church has betrayed the gospel and how much it continues to do so today. It had never done very well. Conversely, however, nobody should deny the good the church has done either. It has carried grace, produced saints, morally challenged the planet, and made, however imperfectly, a house for God to dwell in on this earth.

To be connected with the church is to be associated with scoundrels, warmongers, fakes, child molesters, murderers, adulterers, and hypocrites of every description. It also, at the same time, identifies you with the saints and the finest persons of heroic soul within every time, country, race, and gender. To be a member of the church is to carry the mantle of both the worst sin and the finest heroism of soul...because the church always looks exactly as it looked at the original crucifixion, God hung among thieves. (*Fr. Ronald Rolheiser*)