

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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“And he set himself to teach them at some length.” (Mark 6:24)

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 Feast of St. Bridget of Sweden, one of the Patrons of Europe; Wednesday, the Feast of the Apostle, St. James; Thursday the Memorial of St. Joachim and St. Anne.

Our warmest congratulations to **John Joseph and Katie MacInnes** who last Monday celebrated their Golden Wedding. May God continue to bless them in each other, in their family and dearest friends.

The **Parish Bottle** raised £696.00 towards our winter heating. Our thanks to all who so thoughtfully donated.

Our thanks to **Peter McGrail** for the beautiful job he made of restoring the Memorial Bench at the front of the church.

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **William Donaldson, John MacPhee, Mary Clabby, Bill Muir, Duncan MacMaster, Margaret MacDonald, John Gillies, Roderick MacDonald, Liam Haggerty, John MacDonald, Michelle Archibald, Stephen Fitzgerald, Duncan and Netta MacKellar, William MacDonald, Johanna Morrison and Michael Morrison.** May they all rest in the peace of Our Saviour.

The carpet and linoleum in **the sacristy** has been replaced. Much of this will be made possible by this year's Gift Aid donations. Our thanks to all those who help the parish in this way.

Looking ahead. This year's mission appeal will be made by the Comboni Missionary Fathers. It will take place on the 18/19 August. We are sure that you will be as welcoming and generous as always.



St. Bridget of Sweden

The God of the incarnation is more domestic than monastic. (Fr. Ronald Rolheiser)

Nobody escapes being wounded. We are all wounded people, whether physically, emotionally, mentally, or spiritually. The main question is not, 'How can we hide our wounds?' so we don't have to be embarrassed, but 'How can we put our woundedness in the service of others?' When our wounds cease to be a source of shame, and become a source of healing, we have become wounded healers. (Fr. Henri Nouwen)

We do not think ourselves into new ways of living, we live ourselves into new ways of thinking. (Fr. Richard Rohr)

God's first language is Silence. Everything else is a translation. (Fr. Thomas Keating)

In human relationships, as mutual love deepens, there comes a time when two friends convey their exchanges without words. They can sit in silence sharing an experience or simply enjoying each other's presence without saying anything. (Fr. Thomas Keating)

If we don't educate our children someone else will.
(Father Ronald Knox)

Consider God's love for you. Now double it. Now multiply that by 900 trillion. You're still not even close.
(Mark Hart)

The cross is steady while the world is turning. (Saint Bruno)

We make our friends; we make our enemies; but God makes our next-door neighbour. (G.K. Chesterton)

We may ignore, but we can nowhere evade, the presence of God. The world is crowded with Him. He walks everywhere incognito. (C.S. Lewis)

Do not wait for leaders. (Blessed Mother Teresa)

Please waste time just playing with your children! (Pope Francis)

There was once a couple whose house had a very large window. It overlooked their neighbour's garden. The husband commented often about the stains on the washing she hung on her line. "Perhaps she is using the wrong detergent", he suggested. Then one day he looked out and saw that the neighbour's washing was spotless. "She's got the right detergent at last!" he said. "No, dear" said his wife, "I gave our window a wash."

