

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5th May 2013

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Noticeboard

Sunday Masses: Vigil Mass, Saturday, 6 p.m.
Sunday Morning Mass 10.30 a.m.

Weekday Masses: 10.15 a.m.

THURSDAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION AND A HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION. MASSES WILL BE AT 10.15 AM, 1.15 P.M. AND 7 P.M.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday : 9.45 to 10 a.m.
4 to 4.30 p.m.
5.30 to 5.50 p.m.

May Devotions Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Apart from Thursday there are no Feasts or Memorials this week.

Please note that **Ascension Thursday** is a major Feast and a Holiday of Obligation. We rejoice in the Son of God as he returns to his Father, having fulfilled all that was asked of him. We rejoice that Christ, as truly man as he is God, "the first-born among the dead", has opened for us the gates of heaven. Where he has gone, we strive to follow.

We remember our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **George Hayes, Rose Hamilton, Maimie Trybis, Sarah Teresa Hayes, Kate Ann and Murdoch MacNeil, Annie and Dugald MacDonald.** May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Perhaps we should be more aware of the charity work done by Scottish football teams. The Celtic Club has its own registered charity, "**Celtic Charity**". It helps communities and individuals people in need, both at home and abroad. **Jamie Manson**, Mike McFall's assistant, is raising money for this charity by climbing Ben Nevis. If you would like to sponsor Jamie, there is a form to be filled at the back of the church. If you are a tax payer, you can augment your donation by ticking the Gift Aid column. We thank you in advance for your support!

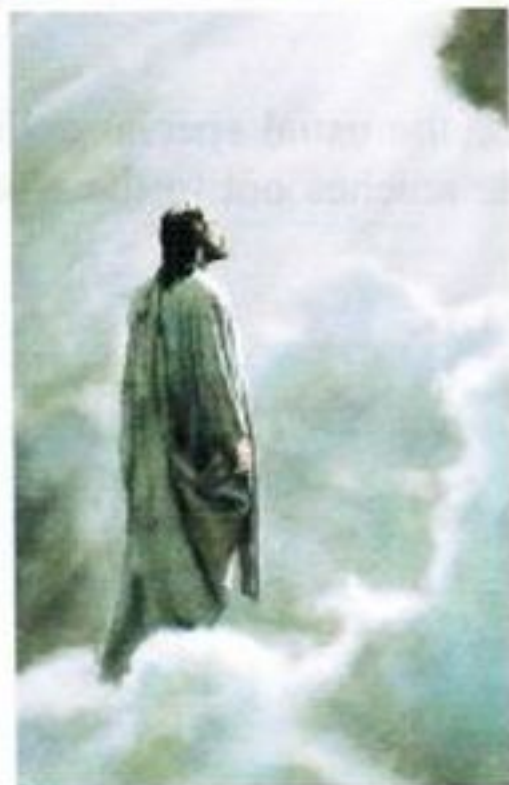
Please remember our **May Devotions** on Wednesday. These are followed by Adoration and Benediction. The following week, from the 12th to the 17th May, the priests of Lochaber will be on retreat at Pluscarden Abbey, near Elgin. Devotions will be on Friday, 17th May, at 7 p.m. The month of May invites us not only to devotion but also to reflection, and even meditation on Mary. She is part of us, and in a time of stillness and silence, she can be found, and something of the grace and beauty of her soul can leave its imprint upon us.

Please remember in your prayers the **young people** who presently are sitting very important exams in the High School. In these difficult times, we pray all the more for their future.

Next Sunday is **Catholic Communications Sunday**. There will be the usual special collection for the Catholic media, national and international. Please support the Church as she reaches out to the world, using every means of communication available to us in the present time.

THE ASCENSION IN ART

Depicting the Ascension of Our Lord can be no easy task. Here are some examples, taken from Christian art:



Potpourri

The Danish philosopher Søren Kierkegaard was born 200 years ago this Sunday. Here are some "snippets" from his writings:

Once you label me you negate me.

Life has its own hidden forces which you can only discover by living.

A man prayed, and at first he thought that prayer was talking. But he became more and more quiet until in the end he realized that prayer was listening.

When one has once fully entered the realm of love, the world — no matter how imperfect — becomes rich and beautiful: it consists solely of opportunities for love.

Don't forget to love yourself.

Faith is the highest passion in a human being. Many in every generation may not come that far, but none comes further

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Don't use words too big for the subject. Don't say 'infinitely' when you mean 'very'; otherwise you'll have no word left when you want to talk about something really infinite. (C.S. Lewis)

When I was young, I said to God, "God, tell me the mystery of the universe." But God answered, "That knowledge is reserved for me alone." So I said, "God, tell me the mystery of the peanut." Then God said, "Well George, that's more nearly your size." And he told me. (George Washington Carver)

Partnership - Yes! Subservience - No! (William Lewis)

A sex symbol becomes a thing. I hate being a thing. (Marilyn Monroe)

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

Far better it is for you to say: "I am a sinner," than to say: "I have no need of religion." The empty can be filled, but the self-intoxicated have no room for God. (Bishop Fulton J. Sheen)

The moment God is figured out with nice neat lines and definitions, we are no longer dealing with God. (Rob Bell)

The Christian of the future will be a mystic or he will not exist at all. (Fr. Karl Rahner S.J.)

Drinking beer is easy. Trashing your hotel room is easy. But being a Christian, that's a tough call. That's rebellion. (Alice Cooper, rock singer and born-again Christian)

A plane hit a patch of severe turbulence and the passengers were holding on tight as it rocked and reeled through the night. A lady turned to a priest who was sitting behind her and said, "You're a man of God. Can't you do something about this?" He replied, "Sorry, Ma'am, I can't. I'm in sales, not management."