

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

12<sup>th</sup> May 2013

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**The Arrest of St. Stephen**  
Fra Angelico

### Noticeboard

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

Weekday Masses: 10.15 a.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 Friday, 7 p.m.

*Tuesday is the Feast of the Apostle, St. Matthias.*

This is **Catholic Communications Sunday**. There will be the annual collection for the Church's apostolate through the media, nationally and internationally. We could say that we live in the "Age of Communication" and it is vital that the Church's voice be heard.

The priests of Lochaber will be on retreat in Pluscarden Abbey this week. **Canon William Fraser**, Parish Priest of Taynult, has very kindly offered to cover in our absence, and will be here at St. Mary's from Monday to Friday.

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Craig Marshall, Mary Brown, Angus MacDonald, Peter Doherty, Jack Borrill, Ewen Morrison, Peter Kennedy, Helen MacDonald, John MacLellan** and **John Law**. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. The annual **Pentecost Walk**, involving most of the local churches, will take place, starting at St. Mary's at 6.30 p.m. Please come along and be one in the Spirit with our brothers and sisters.

Our thanks to those who have put their names down as sponsors for **Jamie Manson's** ascent of Ben Nevis on behalf of Celtic Charity! If you have agreed to help further through Gift Aid, please ensure that your Post Code is on the list at the back of the church. The Inland Revenue now insists on that regarding all Gift Aid..

Please note that our **May Devotions** are on *Friday* of this week, at 7 p.m.

Please continue to enter the names of your Faithful Departed in the new **Anniversary Book** at the back of the church.

### A Thought for May



Guardini's concept of the Rosary is unique; for him the Rosary is a place. When a person utters the sacred words of the "Hail Mary," he moves into a room, where the figures of Mary, in unity with her Son, "appear as the immediate content of the prayer" — the two together, for Mary is "the woman for whom Jesus Christ, the Son of God and our Redeemer, became the main purpose of life." To enter the Rosary, Guardini writes, is to enter "a world filled with tranquil life, a world in which we would meet, serene and benevolent, the holy images of faith." The world he speaks of is Mary's heart, the images all those things she saw and experienced and pondered so "carefully in her heart."

(From a review of Romano Guardini's book, *The Rosary of Our Lady*)



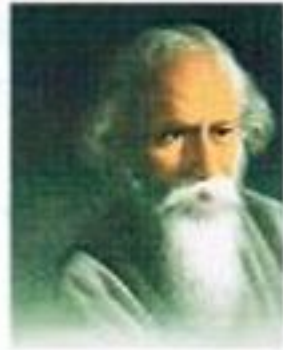
Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.  
(Mother Teresa)



Oh, how quickly the glory of the world passes away!  
(Thomas à Kempis)



Do not lose courage when considering your own imperfections.  
(St. Francis de Sales)



The butterfly counts not months but moments, and has time enough.  
(Rabindranath Tagore)



If God can work through me, he can work through anyone.  
(St. Francis of Assisi)



Every moment and every event of every man's life on earth plants something in his soul.  
(Thomas Merton)



Men are like wine - some turn to vinegar, but the best improve with age.  
(Pope John XXIII)



To be blind is bad, but worse is to have eyes and not see.  
(Helen Keller)



For beautiful eyes, look for the good in others; for beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness; and for poise, walk with the knowledge that you are never alone.  
(Audrey Hepburn)



Humility is nothing but truth, and pride is nothing but lying.  
( St. Vincent de Paul)



The teacher who is indeed wise does not bid you to enter the house of his wisdom but rather leads you to the threshold of your mind.  
(Khalil Gibran)



Love has reasons which reason cannot understand.  
(Blaise Pascal)



The Church is a perpetually defeated thing that always outlives her conquerors.  
(Hilaire Belloc)



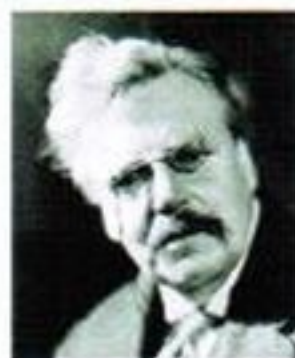
The splendour of the rose and the whiteness of the lily do not rob the little violet of its scent nor the daisy of its simple charm. If every tiny flower wanted to be a rose, spring would lose its loveliness.  
(St. Thérèse of Lisieux)



The saddest aspect of life right now is that science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom.  
(Isaac Asimov)



Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.  
( St. Catherine of Siena)



When we were children we were grateful to those who filled our stockings at Christmas time. Why are we not grateful to God for filling our stockings with legs?  
(Gilbert K. Chesterton)



A man who fears suffering is already suffering from what he fears.  
(Michel de Montaigne)



Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less. (C. S. Lewis)



If my parents were still alive, they would be very proud. They gave me a good start in life, the values that have driven me, and the confidence to believe in myself.  
(Sir Alex Ferguson)