


# ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16<sup>th</sup> June 2013

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	<b>Noticeboard</b>	
	<u>Sunday Masses:</u>	Vigil Mass, Saturday, 6 p.m. Sunday Morning Mass 10.30 a.m.
	<u>Weekday Masses:</u>	10.15 a.m. .
	<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</u>	Saturday : 9.45 to 10 a.m.; 4 to 4.30 p.m.; 5.30 to 5.50 p.m.

*Friday is the Memorial of St. Aloysius Ganzaga.*

Our warmest congratulations to this year's **First Communicants**, as they receive the Lord for the first time at this Sunday's Morning Mass. Our sincere thanks to all who prepared them for this very special day: their parents and families and the teachers and staff of our school. We entrust these children and their future to your heartfelt prayers:

<b>Jac Currie</b>	<b>Marlena Lopatniuk</b>	<b>Aine O'Rua</b>	<b>Craig MacDonald</b>
<b>Chloe Timbrell</b>	<b>Nikola Dolowa</b>	<b>Alice Ann MacPherson</b>	<b>Ben Farr</b>
<b>Gavin Goncalves</b>	<b>Klaudia Solińska</b>	<b>Leah MacLennan</b>	<b>Josh Farr</b>
<b>Oliwia Palicka</b>	<b>Julia Kaczor</b>	<b>Emma Wallace</b>	<b>Dobrochna Czapla</b>
<b>Sandra Gasperowicz</b>	<b>Olek Matuszczak</b>	<b>Travis Steadwood</b>	~~~~~

Last Sunday's Mass in celebration of **St. Columba** in the cathedral in Oban was indeed a very special event. Few will forget that they took part. We commend our people all the more to the prayer and the love of Columba and to all the saints of our Diocese, unique and blessed in its origins and subsequent history.

We pray for our Faithful Departed. We remember very especially **Susan Toal**, who has died peacefully in the Belford Hospital. Susan was a good and faithful servant of our Diocese, serving for many years as housekeeper in Arisaig. We pray that a lifetime of faith and loyalty to Christ may now have its reward in eternal peace. We extend our sincere sympathy and prayer to all her family, including her nephew, Bishop Toal. We pray also for those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Joseph Tully, Canon John Morrison, Catherine MacKinnon, John McConnell, Cardinal Thomas Winning, Jimmy Keenan, William O'Hare, Barrie MacKinnon, Mary Clabby, Charles Kerr, Richard Reilly, Nellie Burns, Maisie Grant, Anne MacLaren and Flora Currie.** May they rest in the peace of their Saviour.

**Jamie Manson** made his ascent of Ben Nevis this Saturday, along with many others who are supporting Celtic Charity. We thank those who have already handed in their donations as sponsors of Jamie and invite the others to do so as soon as possible.

Please note that **Fr Christopher** will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy in our Lady Chapel on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> July and Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> October. Please let your Orthodox friends know.



The Harley-Davidson motor bike celebrates its 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Some days ago, 1400 of them were assembled in St. Peter's Square for a special blessing from Pope Francis. Here we see him receive a biker's jacket as a thank-you gift. He also received two bikes and a fine painting of this classical machine, once the favourite of Hell's Angels. Priests are used to blessing cars from time to time, but it takes a Pope to bless that number of bikes! We are accustomed to many bikers in and around Fort William at this time of the year. As yet, none have come for a blessing! We do not expect to see Pope Francis travelling through Rome on a bike and wearing his leather jacket. He will probably donate most of these gifts to help raise funds for a charity.

**A HAPPY FATHERS' DAY TO ALL THE FATHERS OF THE PARISH!**

**Here are answers to the quiz that was in the bulletin some weeks ago:**

To whom was the Acts of the Apostles dedicated?

A man named "Theophilus", which means "beloved of God". (AA 1:1) Luke's Gospel is dedicated to the same person. (Luke 1:1)

Who replaced Judas as one of the Apostles? Matthias. (AA 1:15-26)

What phenomena accompanied the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost? "What sounded like a mighty wind from heaven" and "what seemed like tongues of fire." (AA 2:1-4) Please note the wording!

Who preached on Pentecost Day? St. Peter. (AA 2:14 ff)

Which synagogue members debated with St. Stephen?

Those who belonged to the "Synagogue of Freedmen." (AA 6:9) It is thought that they were descended from Jews taken away as slaves in the first century BC. Once slaves were given their freedom, they were called "Freedmen".

Where did St Barnabas come from? Cyprus. (AA 4:36)

Where were the followers of Jesus first called "Christians"? Antioch in Syria. (AA 11:26)

Who met whom on the road to Gaza? Philip, one of the seven proto-deacons, met an Ethiopian eunuch returning home after his pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Philip converted and baptised this man, a high official of his court - and the first African convert. (AA 8:26-40)

What was St. Paul's native city? Tarsus, now in modern Turkey.

What was his Jewish name? Saul.

How did Paul travel to Damascus? We do not know. Christian art often depicts him falling from a horse, but there is no evidence in scripture of this. We are told that after being blinded, he was led into Damascus, "by the hand." (AA 9:9) Would this not indicate that Paul actually walked on this journey?

Who baptised Paul? A Christian called Ananias, not without some trepidation when told by God to do so. (AA 9:10-19)

Who were the first pagans to be baptised, and by whom?

The Roman centurion Cornelius and his household were baptised by St. Peter. (AA 10:1-48)

Who was the first of the Apostles to be martyred?

James, the brother of John. (AA 12:2)

What became of the guards after Peter's miraculous escape from prison in Jerusalem?

They were executed by order of King Herod Agrippa. (AA 12:19)

Who was Rhoda? After St. Peter was miraculously freed from prison in Jerusalem, he went to the house of Mary, mother of John Mark. A young servant called Rhoda answered the door or gate. On hearing Peter's voice, she was so overcome with joy that she ran back inside the house without opening to let him in! (AA 12: 12-14).

Can you name the mother of one of the four evangelists?

Mary, the mother of John Mark, that is, St. Mark (AA 12:12)

Who tried to offer sacrifice to Paul and Barnabas?

The pagan people of Lystra in Lycaonia, a region now part of modern Turkey. They identified Paul with Hermes, messenger of the gods, and Barnabas with Zeus. Barnabas must have been a fine figure of a man, as Zeus was the greatest of the Greek gods! (AA 14:8-18)

Why did Paul and Barnabas fall out?

John Mark was the cousin of Barnabas. He had accompanied him and Paul on their first missionary journey, but, for reasons we do not know, had left them and returned home to Jerusalem. Barnabas wanted John Mark to be with them on their second missionary journey, but Paul would have none of it! Hence a tremendous quarrel after which Paul and Barnabas went their separate ways. (AA 15:36-40) Later, Paul would be reconciled with John Mark. (cf. Colossians 4:10) and no doubt with Barnabas, too. St. Paul had to learn to live the Gospel like the rest of us!

Can you name one of Paul's missionary companions other than Barnabas? Silas, Timothy, John Mark (briefly!) and most likely St. Luke himself. Paul's letters tell us that Titus was also a companion, but he is not mentioned in the Acts.

What was St. Paul's trade? He was a tent-maker. (AA 18:3)

Who was St. Paul's first convert in Europe?

A woman called Lydia. (AA 16:14-15)

How did the magistrates of Philippi break the law?

They had Paul flogged. It was strictly forbidden to do this to a Roman citizen, and Paul was such. They were panic-stricken when they found out.

(AA 16:22,35-40))

What do Philippi and a German city have in common?

The German city is Cologne, derived from the Latin word "colonia". Originally this was a Roman military settlement in conquered territory, but later came to mean a town founded or rebuilt for retired legionaries. Philippi was such a town.

(AA 16:12)

"Does this parrot know what he is talking about?" Who said this and about whom? Some philosophers in Athens, and it was Paul they were talking about. (AA 17:18)

Which Roman Emperor expelled the Jews from Rome?

Claudius, the "I Claudius" of TV fame. (AA 18:2)

Which Roman official in Greece refused to be involved in a case brought against Paul? Gallio, the Roman proconsul in Corinth.

He was the younger brother of the Roman philosopher Seneca. The English poet and author Kipling wrote a poem based on this incident, entitled "Gallio's Song." (Cf. AA 18:12-17)

In what great city did Paul cause a riot? Ephesus. The silversmiths of that city made their living by selling images of the goddess Diana, whose temple attracted many worshippers. They thought that Paul was taking trade away from them by converting people to Christ. Shouting, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians," they soon had the whole city in uproar. Eventually, the town clerk calmed everybody down. (AA 19:23-41)

Who saved Paul from a lynching in Jerusalem? The officer in charge of the Roman garrison whose fortress overlooked the Temple. (AA 21:27-40; 23:10)

Why was Paul sent under escort from Jerusalem to Caesarea?

It had been discovered that there was a plot against Paul's life, hence his removal under heavy guard. Paul's nephew had warned him. Caesarea was on the coast. (AA 23:12-34)

Why did the governor Felix keep Paul in captivity longer than the legal limit? He was hoping for a bribe! (AA 24:26)

What privilege did St. Paul finally invoke in Caesarea?

His right as a Roman citizen to have his case judged by the Emperor in Rome. (AA 25:11-12)

On what island was Paul shipwrecked? Malta. (AA 27:39-28:1)

How do we know that St. Luke accompanied St. Paul?

The text of the Acts occasionally changes from the third person to the first person. Many see this as evidence that Luke was a companion of Paul on some of his journeys. These passages are called the "we passages", which can cause some phonetic confusion in Scotland! Cf. AA Ch. 27, for example. Incidentally, St. Luke seems to have known his nautical terms, as this chapter demonstrates!

Who met Paul at the Three Taverns, south of Rome?

Christians from Rome, who came to meet Paul as he drew near the city. (AA 28:15)

Did St. Paul found the Christian church in Rome?

No. We do not know who first brought Christianity to the city.

Who was the "beloved physician"?

St. Luke. Paul describes him as such in Colossians 4:14.