

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30<sup>th</sup> June 2013

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**'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'**

### 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.

*Wednesday is the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle.*

Please offer a special prayer for **Tony Wood** who will be ordained to the priesthood in Oban on Tuesday, the Mass of Ordination beginning at 7 p.m. We wish Tony many happy and fruitful years as a good and faithful servant of the people of our Diocese.

**Fr Kasule** has arrived safely and is now settling down to the care of the parish. He will be with us until the 5<sup>th</sup> August. We wish him many blessings during his time in Fort William.

Prayerfully, we remember those who have died, especially **Ronnie MacDougall**, who was laid to rest on Friday. Holy Mass has been offered for his eternal peace and for the comfort of his family and friends. We pray also for those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Mary Ann MacDonald** (Babsie), **Ellen Jane O'Hare**, **Christina MacDonald**, **Ellen Kennedy**, **Angus Kennedy**, **Daniel Dougan**, **Margaret MacMaster**, **Louis Boni**, **Charles McKeown**, **John O'Hare**, **Morag Donoghue**, **Michael Deeny**, **Alexander MacDonald**, **Christine Smith** and **Michael Morrison**. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

On Wednesday evening, **Sister Audrey** and **Sister Thérèse** left a goodbye message for their many friends in St. Mary's. They thank you with all their hearts for your friendship, your support and all the good things they have received and enjoyed through you. They leave you with love and with regret. We now extend a warm welcome to Sister June Hickland, from New Zealand, and Sister Diane Moore, from Australia. We are sure that their time among us will be as much a mutual blessing as that of Audrey and Therese.

This Sunday we have the annual collection for **Bishop's Fund**. Please help our Bishop in the service of our Diocese! And please note that Gift Aid can increase the amount given. Just use the special envelopes at the back of your booklet.

We wish the staff and pupils of our Catholic School a very enjoyable **summer holiday!**

The deadline for those who so kindly supported **Jamie Manson** is very near indeed. Please hand in your donation as soon as possible, and our thanks to those who have already done so.

**When parking** in the Chapel House grounds outwith Mass times, it is best to park your car either facing the kitchen at the back of the house or beside the hospital wall. When setting off in his car, Fr. MacKinnon reverses round the corner of the house, and any car parked near that corner may be at risk of an unwelcome bump!

We need **more readers** for our Vigil and Sunday morning Masses! Please let us know if you would like to help. This is a very important service in the life of the parish, and we are most grateful for all our readers, past and present.



## Potpourri

Faithless is he that says farewell when the road dark  
(J.R.R. Tolkien in "The Fellowship of the Ring")

Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known  
God. (Corrie ten Boom)

I know now, Lord, why you utter no answer. You are  
yourself the answer. Before your face questions die  
away. What other answer would suffice? (C.S. Lewis)

Some things have to be believed to be seen.  
(Madeleine L'Engle)

Reason is our soul's left hand, Faith her right.  
(John Donne)

When man is with God in awe and love, then he is  
praying. (Fr. Karl Rahner)

Everything smaller than heaven bores us, because  
only heaven is bigger than our hearts. (Peter Kreeft)

Catholic monks taught metallurgy, introduced new  
crops, copied ancient texts, preserved literacy,  
pioneered in technology, invented champagne,  
improved the European landscape, provided  
for wanderers of every stripe, and looked after the  
lost and shipwrecked. (Thomas E. Woods Jr.)

Ever since her conversion, Barbara had met sophisticated  
women who, on the subject of Catholicism, sneered like  
French village atheists, and expected to be excused from  
normal good manners, let alone intelligence, on this one  
subject. (Muriel Spark, in "The Mandelbaum Gate")

Hold firmly that our faith is identical with that of the  
ancients. Deny this, and you dissolve the unity of the  
Church. (St. Thomas Aquinas)

It's ironic that in our culture everyone's biggest complaint  
is about not having enough time; yet nothing terrifies us  
more than the thought of eternity. (Dennis Miller)

Science and religion are not at odds. Science is simply too  
young to understand.  
(Dan Brown, in "Angels & Demons")

A truth that's told with bad intent  
beats all the lies you can invent.  
(William Blake, in "Auguries of Innocence")

Photons have mass? I didn't even know they were  
Catholic. (Woody Allen)

Truly great friends are hard to find, difficult to leave, and  
impossible to forget. (Anon)

Veni, vidi, visa. - I came, I saw, I did a little shopping.  
(With apologies to Julius Caesar)

What comes into our minds when we think about God is  
the most important thing about us. (A.W. Tozer)

can't teach an old dogma new tricks.  
(Dorothy Parker)

Men take care not to make women weep, for God counts  
their tears. (Thomas S. Monson)

Faith is assent and adherence to divinely revealed truth.  
(Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes.  
(Jim Carrey)

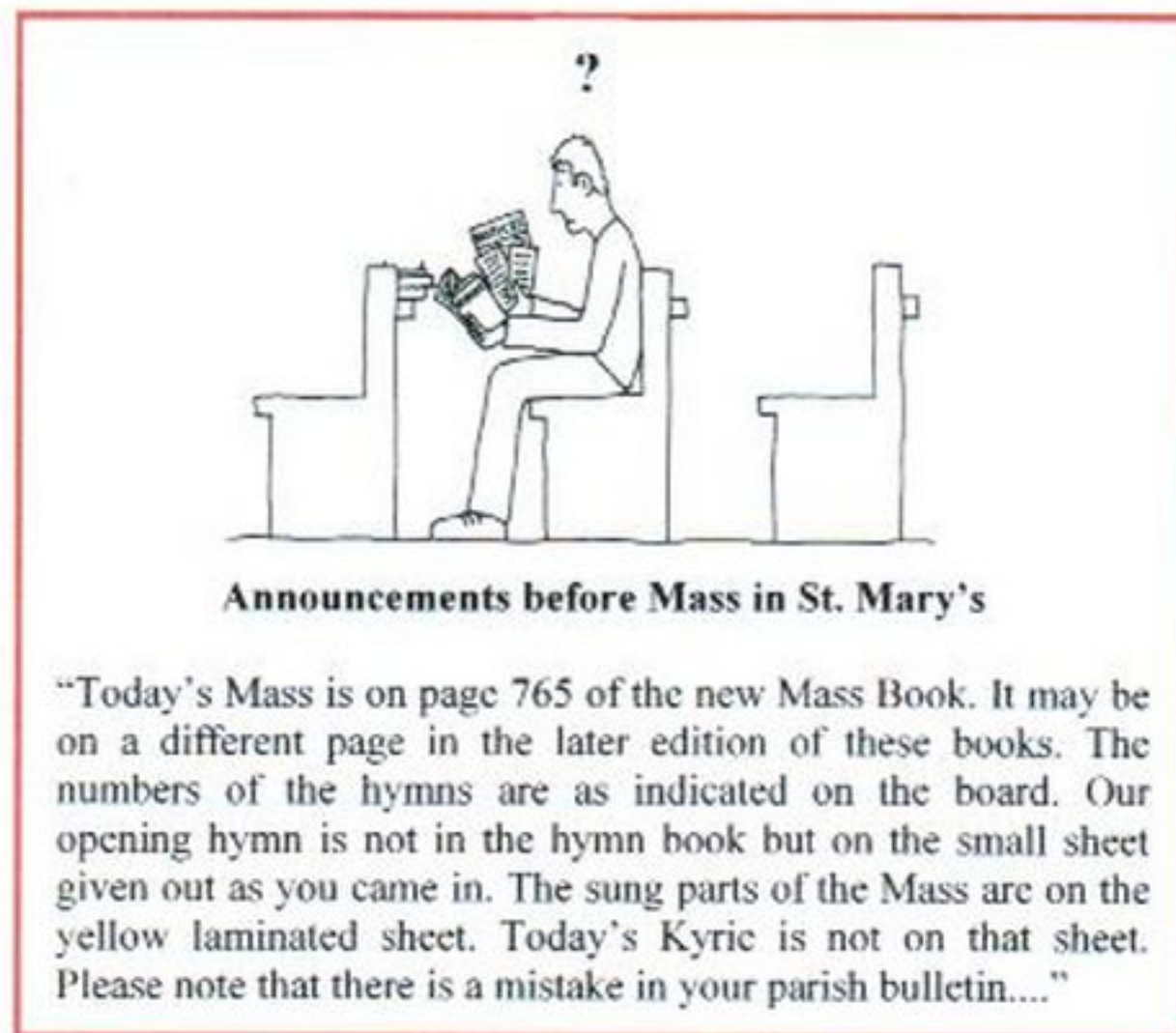
A pessimist is a person who has had to listen to too many  
optimists. (Don Marquis)

I have not lost faith in God. I have moments of anger and  
protest. Sometimes I've been closer to him for that reason.  
(Elie Wiesel, Jewish Holocaust survivor)

Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human  
spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has  
placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth – in a  
word, to know himself – so that, by knowing and loving  
God, men and women may also come to the fullness of  
truth about themselves. (Pope John Paul II)

I gave in, and admitted that God was God.  
(C. S. Lewis, on his conversion to Christian faith)

Belief in a cruel God makes a cruel man. (Thomas Paine)



**The editor will be away in July**