

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4th August 2013

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**"Watch, and be on your guard against
avarice of any kind."**

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.

Tuesday is the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord; Thursday, the Memorial of St. Dominic; (Also the Feast of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop); Friday, Feast of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein); Saturday, Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

Our sincere thanks to **Fr Joseph Kasule** for his great care of the parish during the month of July, allowing Fr. MacKinnon to have his annual summer holiday and Deacon Stanislaw to have a short break on South Uist. We thank our parishioners for making Fr. Kasule welcome as always and we wish him every blessing in the year ahead back in Kampala. He will be leaving for home on Monday. There will be a special collection *next Sunday* to help Fr. Joseph meet the expenses of his journey and to assist him in his pastoral care in his own diocese. We are sure that you will be as generous as always.

We pray for our Faithful Departed. We remember very specially **May Gillies** who has died in hospital in Oban, following a car accident. Our heartfelt sympathy and prayer go out to Theresa, Ann, Angela, Robert, Ewan and all the family. May God be close to them all. May was a person of gentle character and great faith, and may that faith now find its fulfilment with her beloved Lord in heaven. We remember also **Tommy Archibald**, buried from St. Mary's earlier this month. Tommy endured his long illness with great courage and dignity. During our lives there are many paths to God, and death is the final pathway into the arms of a merciful and all-loving Father, for such is our faith and our hope for each other. We pray that Tommy be welcomed into eternal peace and joy and that God comfort his loved ones. We pray also for those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Angus MacDonald, Ann MacDonald, Flora Nicholson, Lawrence Tumilty, Alex MacLean, Ethel King, John MacKay, Margaret Mulrooney, Duncan MacDonald, Muriel Armstrong, Mathias Slattery, Jimmy Donaldson, Christina Cullen, Christopher O'Reilly and Michael Faryma.** May they rest in peace.

Fr. MacKinnon is most grateful to **Fr. Roddy Johnston** for welcoming him on his first visit to Stornoway. Conversations soon reached their usual level of surrealism. Fr. Roddy is doing great work in Lewis and Harris and is very much part of the wider community. We wish him continued blessings in the years ahead.

Traditionally, July is the month of the Precious Blood of Christ. Although we are now into August, we will have **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on Friday, between 5 and 6 p.m. The time of silent prayer will end with the Litany of the Precious Blood and then Benediction.

Sister June and **Sister Diane** invite the parishioners of St. Mary's to join them in celebrating the Feast of St. Mary MacKillop at the 10 a.m. Mass in St. John's, Caol, on Thursday. This will be followed by lunch in the convent.

Be they on Highland roads, or at Santiago de Compostela in Spain, or near Avellino in Italy, **news of tragic accidents** touches us all. We pray for the dead, the injured and the bereaved. And we remember, too, the trauma endured by those who survive.

Potpourri

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken. *(James Dent)*

A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows. *(St. Francis of Assisi)*

Then followed that beautiful season... Summer...
Filled was the air with a dreamy and magical light; and the landscape
Lay as if new created in all the freshness of childhood. *(Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)*

If you spend your whole life waiting for the storm, you'll never enjoy the sunshine. *(Morris West)*

Men go abroad to wonder at the heights of mountains, at the huge waves of the sea, at the long courses of the rivers, at the vast compass of the ocean, at the circular motions of the stars, and they pass by themselves without wondering. *(Saint Augustine)*

You know you're getting old when you stoop to tie your shoelaces and wonder what else you could do while you're down there. *(George Burns)*

Worship is transcendent wonder. *(Thomas Carlyle)*

Philosophy is the product of wonder. *(A.N. Whitehead)*

The Blood of Jesus washes away our past and the Name of Jesus opens up our future. *(Jesse Duplantis)*

Blessed be childhood, which brings down something of heaven into the midst of our rough earthliness. *(Henri Frederic Amiel)*

Children find everything in nothing; men find nothing in everything. *(Giacomo Leopardi)*

The only way out of the labyrinth of suffering is to forgive. *(John Green)*

Life's under no obligation to give us what we expect. *(Margaret Mitchell)*

You realize that our mistrust of the future makes it hard to give up the past. *(Chuck Palahniuk)*

The Church exists for the sake of those outside it. *(William Temple)*

Silence is when the wholeness of God embraces the wholeness of man. *(Father Peter Ball)*

Arab children,
corn ears of the future,
you will break our chains,
kill the opium in our heads,
kill the illusions.
Arab children,
don't read about our suffocated generation,
we are a hopeless case.
We are as worthless as a water-melon rind.
Don't read about us,
Don't ape us,
Don't accept us,
Don't accept our ideas,
we are a nation of crooks and jugglers.
Arab children,
spring rain,
corn ears of the future,
you are the generation
that will overcome defeat.
(Nizar Qabbani, Syrian-born Arab poet)

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.
Life is beauty, admire it.
Life is a dream, realize it.
Life is a challenge, meet it.
Life is a duty, complete it.
Life is a game, play it.
Life is a promise, fulfill it.
Life is sorrow, overcome it.
Life is a song, sing it.
Life is a struggle, accept it.
Life is a tragedy, confront it.
Life is an adventure, dare it.
Life is luck, make it.
Life is too precious, do not destroy it.
Life is life, fight for it.
(Mother Teresa of Calcutta)

I like flaws. I think they make things interesting. *(Sarah Dessen)*

Since many of you do not belong to the Catholic Church and others are non-believers, from the bottom of my heart I give this silent blessing to each and every one of you, respecting the conscience of each one of you but knowing that each one of you is a child of God. *(Pope Francis)*

I believe that this is a time of mercy, a change of epoch. *(Pope Francis)*

A two-year-old is kind of like having a blender, but you don't have a top for it. *(Jerry Seinfeld)*