

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25th August 2013

St. Mary's, Belford Road, Fort William PH33 6BT Tel. (01397) 702174

www.stmarysfortwilliam.org



“The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language.”

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 Memorial of St. Monica; Wednesday, the Memorial of St. Augustine; Thursday, the Memorial of the Passion of John the Baptist.

This Sunday we have the annual collection for **the retired priests** of the Diocese. We know that you will be as thoughtfully generous as always.

We remember our Faithful Departed. We pray especially for those whose anniversaries are about this time: **James Fairbairn, Carlie Campbell, Eileen MacKinnon, Donnie Lamont, Neil Gillies, Mary MacLean, Theresa Harrison, Nora MacKay, Alistair MacMillan, Hugh MacKinnon, Mary Anne MacKintosh, Irene MacLean, Jim MacLeod and Catherine MacLeod.** May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Holy Communion will be taken to the housebound from Monday to Wednesday of this week.

There will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on Friday of this week from 5 to 6 p.m. Be it a short visit or longer, the Lord rejoices to see us. We come to him with our thankfulness and our praise, with our sorrow, our fears and our hopes. Moreover, the world has immense need your prayer, offered in this time of sacred silence.

This year, the **Mill Hill Missionaries** are making the appeal in our Deanery. Father Gerard Hamill will here on the 14/15 September. Our missionaries are very dependent on such appeals, and your support will be deeply appreciated.

The **second hand book stall** is once again at the back of the church. Any contribution to the stall is most welcome. We leave it to yourselves to choose the amount you donate. Really good quality bric-a-brac – ornaments, for example - might enhance the stall!

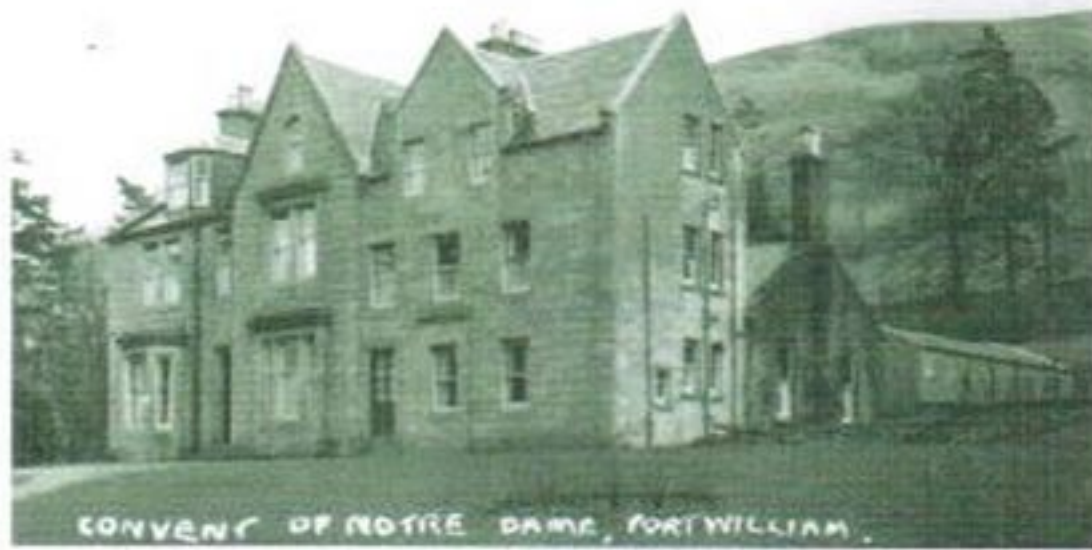
It was nice to receive a postcard from some of the **young French scouts** who recently camped at St. Mary's. They left Scotland with regret, having enjoyed in particular the beauty of the Highlands. They promise to pray for our parish. The postcard was addressed to “The Father of Fort William”, a patriarchal status the editor is not quite ready to assume!



Harris

Many of you will be aware of the **Star for Harris Charity**, founded by the parents of little Harris Ross after his death from a brain tumour. The charity aims at highlighting the importance of early diagnosis of brain tumours and other cancers in children and teenagers. At present, 10,000 youngsters are being treated for cancer in Britain. If you would like to give support, the Highland Harmony Singers will be singing psalms next Saturday in the Kilmallie Free Church, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. All proceeds are in aid of the “Star for Harris”. For other fundraising events, please go from time to time to the “Star for Harris Charity” website.

There was once a convent where the Belford Hospital now stands. It belonged to the Notre Dame Sisters. Many young people from the Isles attended the old Fort William High School, and some of the girls lodged in the convent. These photos may bring back some memories. Some of us will remember our First Communion Breakfast in the dining room.



Viktor Emil Frankl was born of an Austrian Jewish family in 1905. He studied medicine, and eventually would become an eminent psychiatrist. He was also a Holocaust survivor. His experience of the concentration camps helped shape his particular school of psychology. Here are some quotations, most of them from his best-known book, *Man's Search for Meaning*.

"Sunday neurosis" is that kind of depression which afflicts people who become aware of the lack of content in their lives when the rush of the busy week is over and the void within themselves becomes manifest.

An abnormal reaction to an abnormal situation is normal behaviour.

Life is never made unbearable by circumstances, but only by lack of meaning and purpose.

I do not forget any good deed done to me and I do not carry a grudge for a bad one.

If there is meaning in life at all, then there must be meaning in suffering.

No man should judge unless he asks himself in absolute honesty whether in a similar situation he might not have done the same.

Love goes very far beyond the physical person of the beloved. It finds its deepest meaning in its spiritual being, his inner self. Whether or not he is actually present, whether or not he is still alive at all, ceases somehow to be of importance.

A man who becomes conscious of the responsibility he bears toward a human being who affectionately waits for him, or to an unfinished work, will never be able to throw away his life. He knows the "why" for his existence, and will be able to bear almost any "how".

Our generation is realistic, for we have come to know man as he really is. After all, man is that being who invented the gas chambers of Auschwitz; however, he is also that being who entered those gas chambers upright, with the Lord's Prayer or the Shema Yisrael on his lips.

A life of short duration...could be so rich in joy and love that it could contain more meaning than a life lasting eighty years.

Since Auschwitz we know what man is capable of. And since Hiroshima we know what is at stake.

AND ALSO...

I heard a rumour that Cadbury is bringing out an oriental chocolate bar. Could be a Chinese Wispa!
(Comedian Rob Auton. His joke was voted the best of this year's Edinburgh Fringe).

I have to exercise early in the morning before my brain figures out what I'm doing.

Campers: Nature's way of feeding midgies.

To err is human. To moo, bovine.

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.

My drinking team has a bowling problem.

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.