

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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The Return of the Prodigal Son
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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.

Monday is the Feast of St. Ninian; Friday, the Memorial of St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon and Companions, the Martyrs of Korea; Saturday, the Feast of St. Matthew.



This Sunday we welcome **Fr. Gerard Hamill**. He will make the annual missionary appeal on behalf of the St. Joseph Missionary Society, better known to us as the Mill Hill missionaries. This parish has always been very generous in its support of the Church's missionary priests, brothers and sisters. We know that you will be faithful to this honourable tradition in the welcome and the support that you will give Father Hamill.



We pray for our Faithful Departed. We remember very especially **Hector MacKinnon**, brother of Charlie MacKinnon, who has died recently in New Zealand. We extend our prayer and sincere sympathy to all the family as they carry an especially heavy cross of bereavement. Hector was always loyal to the faith of his fathers and we pray that all that was faith, kindness and goodness in his life will now become his eternal blessing. We pray also for those whose anniversaries are about this time. **Allan Currie, Neil MacDonald, Margaret Chisholm, Janet MacDonald, Sheena McCulloch, David Donaldson, Alice McAuley, Frances Connochie, Brian Wynne, Alistair MacDonald, Sandy Morrison, John Shields, Carmela Boni, Joey MacMillan, Dorothy Campbell and Ronan MacLeod.** May they rest in the peace and joy of Christ.

A date has been finally fixed for **the priestly ordination** of Deacon Stanislaw. It is Tuesday, 5th December, and the sacrament will be celebrated at the Cathedral in Oban. We will provide you with further details in the near future.

The Bishop has also decided on the date of the **Confirmations** in Lochaber. The sacrament will be celebrated on Sunday, 1st December, at 3 p.m. Because of the many demands of his administration of the Diocese of Motherwell, the Bishop has asked that all the Confirmands of the Deanery receive the sacrament at the same time, and this in St. Mary's.

In response to the Bishops' appeal on behalf of **the refugees of Syria**, collection baskets will be placed at the back of the church next Sunday. Gift Aid envelopes are available for those who would like to increase their donation. As winter approaches we become all the more sensitive to the plight of these innocent victims of the cruelty of man.

The annual **Famine Lunches** will soon be upon us, from Monday 23rd September to Friday, 27th. St. Mary's allotted day is the Friday. The venue will be St. Andrew's Church Hall, lunches being served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. We appeal for volunteers to help us out!

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

Any **books, DVDs** or good quality **bric-a-brac** donated to the little stall at the back of the church are most welcome!

The highest evidence that love exists is its readiness to overlook and pardon faults. *(Reuven Thomas)*

The best of a book is not the thought which it contains, but the thought which it suggests; just as the charm of music dwells not in the tones but in the echoes of our hearts.
(John Greenleaf Whittier)

Hero-worship is strongest where there is least regard for human freedom. *(Herbert Spencer)*

Everyone should be respected as an individual, but no one idolized. *(Albert Einstein)*

Every sensitive person carries in himself old cities enclosed by ancient walls. *(Robert Walser)*

Some people are far more cognizant than others but sensitivity has its own cross to bear and ample insight, in many cases, can bring on disquietude. *(Donna Lynn Hope)*

Don't find fault, find a remedy. *(Henry Ford)*

It's hard to lead a cavalry charge if you think you look funny on a horse. *(Adlai E. Stevenson II)*

I don't like the bullying, do-one-over style of comedy. It's so cheap. *(Olivia Colman)*

The highest love of all finds its fulfilment not in what it keeps but in what it gives. *(Fr. Andrew SDC)*

He who is filled with love is filled with God himself.
(St. Augustine)

Love seeketh not to please,
Nor for itself hath any care,
But for another gives its ease
And builds a Heaven in Hell's despair. *(William Blake)*

Paul's description in 1 Corinthians 13 and 14:3 is a portrait, for which Christ Himself has sat. *(C.H. Dodd)*

Love is the child of freedom, never that of domination.
(Erich Fromm)

Man's inhumanity to man
makes countless thousands mourn. *(Robert Burns)*

Mystics always hope that one day science will overtake them.
(Booth Tarkington)

Nature has some perfections to show that she is the image of God, and some defects to show that she is *only* His image.
(Blaise Pascal)

O God, my God, the night has values that the day never dreamed of. *(Thomas Merton)*

All of us are pilgrims on this earth. I have even heard it said that the earth itself is a pilgrim in the heavens. *(Maxim Gorky)*

Many of the insights of the saint stem from his experience as a sinner. *(Eric Hoffer)*

Christianity is a statement which, if false, is of NO importance, and, if true, of INFINITE importance. The one thing it cannot be is *moderately* important. *(C.S. Lewis)*

God passes through the thicket of the world, and wherever his glance falls he turns all things to beauty. *(St. John of the Cross)*

The cry of the human for a life beyond the grave comes from what is noblest in the soul of man. *(Henry Van Dyke)*

We cannot treat the human embryo as cheap and worthless without passing judgement on all human life, including our own. *(Monica Furlong)*

God is the friend of silence. Trees, flowers, grass grow in silence. See the stars, moon and sun, how they move in silence.
(Mother Teresa of Calcutta)

AND ALSO...

- Time is what keeps things from happening all at once.
- No one is listening until you make a mistake.
- Always remember that you are unique; just like everyone else.
- A clean desk is a sign of a cluttered desk drawer.
- The only substitute for good manners is fast reflexes.

Q: What did the confused bee say?

A: To bee or not to bee!

Q: What are the cleverest bees?

A: Spelling bees!

Q: What's a bee's favourite novel?

A: The Great Gats-bee!

