

## TWENTY- FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**"You cannot be the slave of both God and money."**

### 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 Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio);  
Friday, the Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul.*

This Sunday, we have the opportunity to help **the refugees of Syria**. There are collection baskets at the back of the church for those who would like to donate.

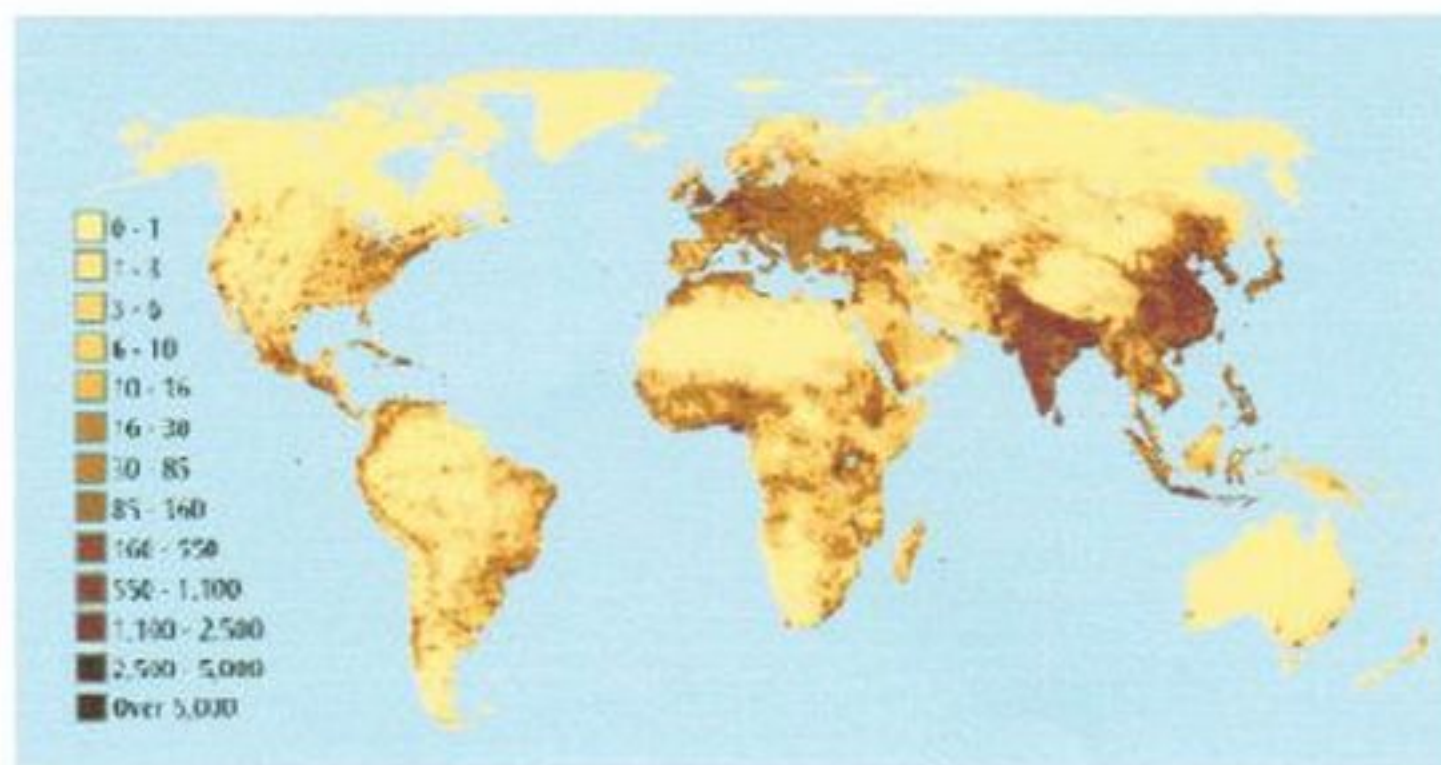
We pray for our Faithful Departed. We remember especially **Nellie Hayes**, who has died peacefully in the Lynn of Lorne Care Home, in her 99<sup>th</sup> year. Nellie was a lady of great faith and integrity. We are all ambassadors of the parish, and Nellie personified our community of faith in a very special way. She was a good and faithful friend to so many of us. May she now rest in the peace and joy of her Saviour, and may God comfort her relations and dearest friends. We pray also for those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Helen Strain, Rosemary Haggerty, John MacLellan, Joe McHugh, Bridie MacDonald, Sandy MacFarlane, Margaret Cameron and Sarah Sidgwick**. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Sincere thanks for your very generous response to Father Gerard Hamill's **missionary appeal** last Sunday. The amount raised was £777.51. Please keep Father Hamill in your prayers, especially as regards his health.

Please remember the **book and bric-a-brac stall** at the back of the church!

**Our thanks** to those who are volunteering to help out with the Friday Famine Lunch. There is a sheet at the back of the church. The venue is St. Andrew's Church Hall, lunches being served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., from Monday to Friday of this week. Please come along! *The Harvest Service is this Sunday, at St. John's, Caol, at 6.30 p.m.*

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



Population per square kilometre

Sir David Attenborough has recently raised the issue of the world's population. His is a pessimistic viewpoint, especially as regards the Horn of Africa. Here is a map that shows the variation in the world's population density. Deserts and equatorial forests aside, there are inhabited parts of Africa with a much lower population density than Britain for example. There are regions in that continent that could produce even more food, given the necessary social, cultural and political changes and the introduction of the latest advances in food technology. Much of Africa has huge potential. We should perhaps note that British householders alone waste over £10 billion worth of food each year.

Some aphorisms from Mignon McLaughlin, American writer and editor:

- Most sermons sound to me like commercials - but I can't make out whether God is the Sponsor or the Product.
- Every society honors its live conformists and its dead troublemakers.
- Every group feels strong once it has found a scapegoat.
- Love is the silent saying and saying of a single name.

The dove loves when it quarrels; the wolf hates when it flatters.  
(*St. Augustine*)

He who sings prays twice. (*Qui cantat, bis orat*)  
(*St. Augustine*)

Our souls may lose their peace and even disturb other people's, if we are always criticizing trivial actions - which often are not real defects at all, but we construe them wrongly through our ignorance of their motives. (*Saint Teresa of Avila*)

There is nothing noble about being superior to some other man. The true nobility is in being superior to your previous self.  
(*Hindu Proverb*)

We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty.  
(*Maya Angelou*)



In last week's map of sites dedicated to St. Ninian, the only parts of our Diocese associated with the saint were the islands of Bute and Sanda. Here is a photo of Sanda, which is near the Mull of Kintyre. Sanda contains the ruins of a very early chapel said to have been built by Ninian, as well Celtic crosses and a holy well. Some even claimed that Ninian was buried on this island. While this may be doubtful, this island was evidently a very sacred place connected in some way with Scotland's first known missionary. Until the Reformation, it was under the ownership of the Priory of Whithorn, the site of Ninian's original foundation. Sanda is presently owned by a Swiss millionaire.

On the Island of Bute you will find St. Ninian's Bay and the traces of a very old church, perhaps dating back to the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Your visions will become clear only when you can look into your own heart. Who looks outside, dreams; who looks inside, awakes. (*Carl Jung*)

A smiling face can mask the greatest malice, and a frown the deepest love. (*William Lewis*)

When you are called from your prayers or the Eucharistic celebration to serve the poor, you lose nothing, since to serve the poor is to go to God. You must see God in the faces of the poor.  
(*St Vincent de Paul*)

Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer. (*Padre Pio*)

Loving yourself...does not mean being self-absorbed or narcissistic, or disregarding others. Rather it means welcoming yourself as the most honoured guest in your own heart, a guest worthy of respect, a lovable companion. (*Margo Anand*)

Each time a woman stands up for herself, without knowing it possibly, without claiming it, she stands up for all women.  
(*Maya Angelou*)

Cruelty is, perhaps, the worst kind of sin. Intellectual cruelty is certainly the worst kind of cruelty. (*Gilbert K. Chesterton*)

If every tiny flower wanted to be a rose, spring would lose its loveliness. (*St. Thérèse of Lisieux*)

#### AND ALSO...

The scientific theory I like best is that the rings of Saturn are composed entirely of lost airline luggage. (*Mark Russell*)

Why do men get married? So they don't have to hold in their stomachs any more.

Why do elephants have Big Ears? Because Noddy won't pay the ransom.

Never trust an atom. They make up everything.

I've sold my homing pigeon eight times on eBay.

The way some people find fault, you'd think there was some kind of reward.

A procrastinator's work is never done.

If nothing sticks to Teflon, how do they stick Teflon on the pan?

The difference between men and boys is the price of their toys.

It was a brave man who ate the first oyster.

Computers are not intelligent. They only think they are.

Electricity is actually made up of extremely tiny particles called electrons that you cannot see with the naked eye, unless you have been drinking. (*Dave Barry*)

Which cheese is made backwards? Edam.

Aesop was famous for his foibles.

There were eleven people holding on to a rope that hung from a helicopter. Ten were men and one a woman. They all decided that one person should let go: otherwise the rope would break and everyone would die. No one could decide who should go. Finally the woman gave a really touching speech on how she would give up her life to save the others, because women were used to giving up things for their husbands and children and giving in to men. All of the men started clapping.