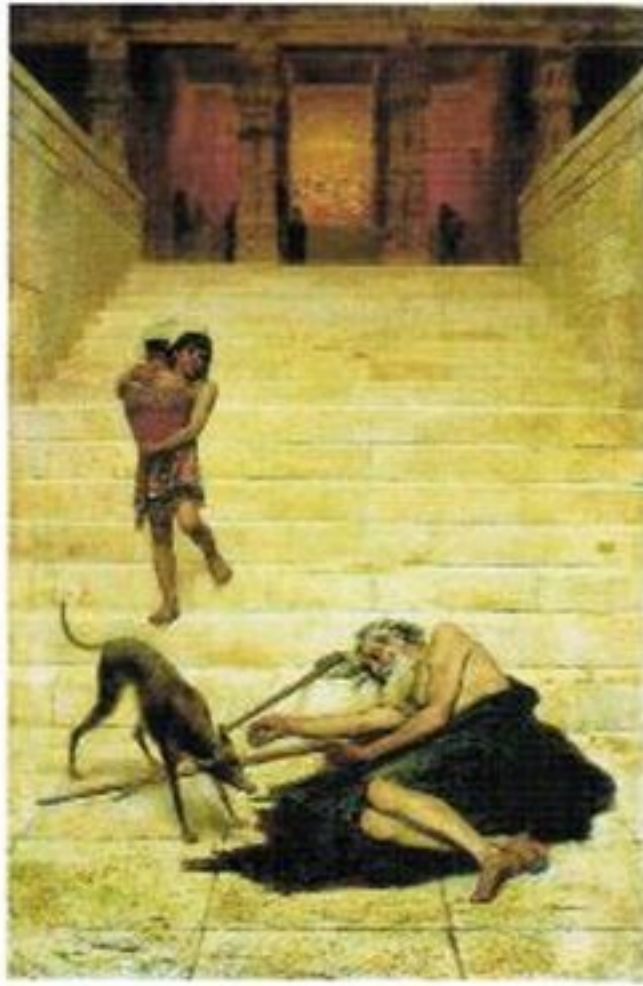


## TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29<sup>th</sup> September 2013

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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.

October Devotions Wednesday, 7 p.m. (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.30 p.m.)

*Monday is the Memorial of St. Jerome; Tuesday, the Memorial of St. Thérèse of Lisieux; Wednesday, the Memorial of the Guardian Angels; Friday, the Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi.*

Our sincere thanks to all who gave so generously to the appeal on behalf of **the refugees of Syria**. Last Sunday's collection came to £677.07.

And a big **"Thank you"** to all who helped at our Famine Lunch this week, and to all who came along in support!

We pray for our Faithful Departed. We remember very specially **Betty Hunter**, who was buried from St. Mary's on Thursday. Betty's life was devoted above all to her children for whom she worked hard and sacrificed much. She enjoyed the company of her many friends. In her own inimitable way she was at the very heart of this town. She met death with extraordinary courage, strengthened by her communions at home. May she now rest in the peace of her Saviour. We extend our sincere prayer and sympathy to all of Betty's family and her faithful friends. We remember also those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Margaret MacDonald, Eddie Campbell, George MacFarlane (Junior), Jessie Fitzsimons, John McAuley, Charlene Maselet and Donald MacDonald**. May they rest in peace.

The new **Gift Aid envelopes** have arrived and will be available next Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> October being the starting date. Our thanks to all who help the parish in this way!

In the near future, there will be a sheet available at the back of the church for those who would like to go to **Deacon Stanislaw's** ordination by bus. He will be taking a break this week.

The innocent victims of **Nairobi and Pakistan** are obviously in our thoughts and prayers. When will the hate-filled men and women of violence stop perverting religion?



The young St. Thérèse

### FROM ST. THÉRÈSE'S PERSONAL JOURNAL

"At this time I chose as friends two little girls of my own age; but how shallow are the hearts of creatures! One of them had to stay at home for some months; while she was away I thought about her very often, and on her return I showed how pleased I was. However, all I got was a glance of indifference— my friendship was not appreciated. I felt this very keenly, and I no longer sought an affection which had proved so inconstant. Nevertheless I still love my little school friend, and continue to pray for her, for God has given me a faithful heart, and when once I love, I love for ever.

The world's thy ship and not thy home.

When one loves, one does not calculate.

"There was a rich man who used to ..  
feast magnificently every day."  
(Cf. Luke 16:19-31)



The Golden Opulence sundae was created for the super rich by the Serendipity Restaurant in New York. It costs £700. The restaurant admits that this is a hefty price, but says that the sundae has "snob appeal."



The white truffle mushroom is very rare indeed, and so only the very wealthy can afford it. The record price paid for a single white truffle was set in 2007, when a casino owner paid £230,000 for a truffle weighing just over three pounds.

If God can work through me, he can work through anyone.  
(Francis of Assisi)

Ignorance of Scripture is Ignorance of Christ. (St. Jerome)

Millions of spiritual creatures walk the earth  
Unseen, both when we wake and when we sleep.  
(John Milton, "Paradise Lost")

Sometimes when we get overwhelmed, we forget how big God is. (A.W. Tozer)

It is a miracle that curiosity survives formal education.  
(Albert Einstein)

Man is the corrupter of religion. What God founded and man destroyed in the Garden of Eden was relationship. Don't look at the failed examples of religion. Look to God. (Mike Eaton)

Quidquid latine dictum sit, altum videtur.  
(Whatever is said in Latin seems profound.)

Diamonds are only chunks of coal that stuck to their jobs.  
(Minnie Smith)

If you smile when no one else is around, you really mean it.  
(Reader's Digest)

The four most important words in any marriage: "I'll do the dishes."

"40 is the new 30," Try telling that to a speed camera!

How did the Vikings send secret messages?  
By Norse code!

Our thanks to the parishioner who handed in this meditation in verse. We hope that it will give some small comfort to those who have lost a child.

#### *To Parents whose Child is Lost*

*I loaned you for a little while,  
A child of mine, he said.  
For you to love the while he lived  
And mourn for when he's dead.  
It may have been six or seven years,  
Or twenty four or three.  
But you took loving care of him,  
Until I called him back to me.*

*He brought his charms to gladden you,  
And though his stay was brief,  
You'll have his memories and  
Solace for your grief.  
I couldn't promise he would stay  
Since all from Earth return.  
But there was a lesson taught down here,  
I wished your child to learn.*

*I looked the wide world over  
In my search for teacher true,  
And from the throngs that crowd lives lane.  
I selected you.  
You gave him all your love.  
Don't think the labour vain,  
Nor hate me now  
I've come to take him back again.*

*I fancy that I heard you say,  
"Dear Lord, Thy will be done.  
For all, Thy will be done."  
We sheltered him with tenderness,  
We loved him every day  
For all the happiness we've known,  
Forever grateful stay.  
But now the angels called him much  
Sooner than we'd planned,  
We'll brave the bitter grief  
And try to understand.*

