

## TWENTY-SVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 Our Lady of the Rosary*

**Mission Sunday** will soon be upon us, on the 20<sup>th</sup> October to be exact. We know that you will be as generous as always in your prayer and your support.

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Teresa Mannion, Larry Lenkas, Ray Ann MacRae, Flora MacManus, John McAuley, Charlene Maselet, Archie MacKay, and George Ulph.** May they rest in the peace of their Saviour.

The new **Gift Aid envelopes** are available for collection at the back of the church. Our sincere thanks to those who help the parish through their choice of Gift Aid!

A happy **October holiday** to our schools, and also to the many Highlanders who head off to warmer climes at this time of the year!

The latest leaflets from the **Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Service** are available at the back of the church.

**October Devotions** owe their origin to Pope Leo XIII in 1883. He called upon the Faithful to recite the Rosary daily during this month in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. His special concern was that through the intercession of Mary, God would comfort and defend the Church in her sufferings. Need we add more?

On Monday, **Deacon Stanislaw** will leave for a week of pastoral formation



A girl's shoe found in the school playground. Like any other girl, she would have taken a special pride in such a pretty shoe. Did she survive?

The most harrowing TV viewing earlier this week must surely have been a BBC *Panorama* programme. A film crew was accompanying two women doctors who had come from Britain to help refugees in the parts of Syria no longer under the control of the Damascus government. Suddenly the small hospital they were visiting began to fill with teenage victims of an air attack. A napalm-like bomb had been dropped on their school. One had to force oneself to watch the programme to the end. The local hospital could not provide the treatment the children so desperately needed. It was decided to take them to Turkey, the border being nearby. Some youngsters did not survive the journey. Later, we saw some of the survivors in a Turkish hospital. Some had 70% burns to their bodies and will be disfigured for life.

Here are some extracts from a recent interview with Pope Francis:

#### ON FINDING GOD IN EVERYONE

"God is in everyone's life. Even if the life of a person has been a disaster, even if it is destroyed by vices, drugs or anything else, God is in this person's life."

#### ON FAITH AND DOUBT:

"If one has the answers to all the questions, that is the proof that God is not with him. It means that he is a false prophet using religion for himself. The great leaders of the people of God, like Moses, have always left room for doubt. You must leave room for the Lord, not for our certainties; we must be humble."

#### WHAT ABOUT THE ROLE OF WOMEN?

"The feminine genius is needed wherever we make important decisions. The challenge today is this: to think about the specific place of women also in those places where the authority of the church is exercised."

#### ON BEING ARGENTINA'S JESUIT LEADER

"I found myself provincial (the Jesuit leader) when I was still very young. I was only 36 years old. That was crazy. ... It was my authoritarian way of making decisions that created problems."

#### HOW DO YOU LIKE TO PRAY?

"What I really prefer is adoration in the evening, even when I get distracted and think of other things, or even fall asleep praying. In the evening then, between seven and eight o'clock, I stay in front of the Blessed Sacrament for an hour in adoration. But I pray mentally even when I am waiting at the dentist or at other times of the day."



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People speak sometimes about the "bestial" cruelty of man, but that is terribly unjust and offensive to beasts, no animal could ever be so cruel as a man, so artfully, so artistically cruel. (Fyodor Dostoyevsky)

One is loved because one is loved. No reason is needed for loving. (Paulo Coelho)

There are victories of the soul and spirit. Sometimes, even if you lose, you win. (Elie Wiesel)

According to the UN's refugee agency (UNHCR) the number of refugees and internally displaced people throughout the world now stands at 45 million. The numbers increase each day. The United Nations provide assistance and protection for 34 million of them.

Summer ends, and Autumn comes, and he who would have it otherwise would have high tide always and a full moon every night. (Hal Borland)

Quotes from Professor Terry Eagleton a well known lecturer and writer on literature and culture:

In the conflict between Western capitalism and radical Islam, a paucity of belief squares up to an excess of it. The West finds itself faced with a full-blooded metaphysical onslaught at just the historical point that it has, so to speak, philosophically disarmed. As far as belief goes, postmodernism prefers to travel light: it has beliefs, to be sure, but it does not have faith.

I value my Catholic background very much. It taught me not to be afraid of rigorous thought, for one thing.

I attacked Dawkins's book on God because I think he is theologically illiterate.

There is an insuperable problem about introducing immigrants to British values. There are no British values. Nor are there any Serbian or Peruvian values. No nation has a monopoly on fairness and decency, justice and humanity.

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My definition of an intellectual is someone who can listen to the William Tell Overture without thinking of the Lone Ranger. (Billy Connolly)

Men don't care what's on TV. They only care what else is on TV. (Jerry Seinfeld)

God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say 'thank you?' (William Arthur Ward)

Young people need models, not critics. (John Wooden)

Nothing that you have not given away will ever be really yours. (C. S. Lewis)

Let us be grateful to people who make us happy, they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom. (Marcel Proust)

The opposite of love is not hate: it's indifference. (Elie Wiesel)

Sometimes it's a form of love just to talk to somebody that you have nothing in common with and still be fascinated by their presence. (David Byrne)

A Jesuit, a Dominican, and a Trappist were marooned on a desert island. They found a magic lamp, and after some discussion decided to rub it. Lo and behold, a genie appeared and offered them three wishes. They decided it was only fair that they could each have one wish. The Jesuit said he wanted to teach at the world's most famous university, and in a flash he was gone! The Dominican wished to preach in the world's largest church, and instantly he, too, disappeared! "What is your wish?" the genie then asked the Trappist. The monk just smiled and said, "I've already got my wish, thank you."