

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13th October 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.)

Tuesday, Memorial of St. Teresa of Avila; Thursday, Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch; Friday, Memorial of St. Luke; Saturday, Optional Memorial of St. Jean de Brébeuf and Companions, the missionary Martyrs of North America.

Next Sunday is the **World Day of Prayer for the Missions**. This parish has a long tradition of generous support of the Church's missions, and we are confident that you will all be faithful to that tradition. Many of you will have the opportunity to renew membership of Missio Scotland. If you pay Income Tax, please take advantage of the Gift Aid envelopes at the back of the church.

We remember our Faithful Departed. We pray especially for **Ian MacDonald**, a resident of Victoria Court and formerly of Linnhe Road. We give thanks for Ian's quiet faithfulness to his Lord and for all that he did for others. Those who knew Ian held him in great respect. May he now rest in peace with Dot and all those he loved. We extend our sincere sympathy and prayer to all the family. Fr. MacKinnon has warm memories of house Masses with Ian and Roddy MacDonald, offered in Advent and Lent. Ian's Requiem Mass will be on Friday at 10.15. We pray also for those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Colin MacMillan, Maureen (O'Reilly) MacPherson, Sandy Campbell, Sandra Campbell, Ena MacDonald, Allan MacKellaig, Monsignor William MacMaster, Ronnie MacLeod, Mona McGovern, Alistair Weir, Hamish Mathieson, Ellen McGinley, Robert Francis Boyd, James MacKintosh, Cathie MacDonald, Connie Swift and Katie MacLean**. May they rest in peace.

A bus has been booked for Deacon Stanislaw's ordination to the priesthood on Thursday, 5th December. There is a sheet at the back of the church for those who would like to take advantage of this. Fifty one places are available. Please fill in the sheet as soon as possible.

The **Offering Envelopes** for the coming year are available. Please collect them as soon as possible. Our sincere thanks to all who support the parish through Gift Aid. The maintenance of the church and Chapel House depends overwhelmingly on the constant generosity of all of all those who attend Sunday Mass in our church.

Don't forget our Exposition and October Devotions on Wednesday! A booklet of **Rosary intentions** has been produced for those who say the Rosary before Mass, be it aloud or in silence. If you think that these intentions may be of help, please take a copy.

What action, if any, will be taken against **gender based abortions** in this country? Because of such "gender-specific abortions", there are parts of India where 126 boys are born for every 100 girls. China has a worrying imbalance of male and female births.

The title "**Doctor of the Church**" could cause some confusion among our young people. They should perhaps be told the original meaning of the word "doctor". It comes from the Latin *docere*, meaning "to teach". St. Teresa of Avila is among the great spiritual teachers of the Church.

The more I travelled the more I realized that fear makes strangers of people who should be friends. *(Shirley MacLaine)*

Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgement that something else is more important than fear. *(Meg Cabot)*

Promises are only as strong as the person who gives them. *(Stephen Richards)*

The soul's huge reservoir of memories can shelter much that is unhealed. Until this is recognised and dealt with, we will project on to others attributes that are simply not theirs. In this way we make scapegoats of fellow human beings, often to their confusion and even distress. *(William Lewis)*

Life is a dream for the wise, a game for the fool, a comedy for the rich, a tragedy for the poor. *(Sholom Aleichem)*

The wisest mind has something yet to learn. *(George Santayana)*

AND ALSO...

To attract men, I wear a perfume called New Car Interior. *(Rita Rudner)*

If you can't have a midnight snack why do we have a light in the fridge *(Tia Elise Shauna Wray)*

When someone rings the doorbell, why do dogs always assume it's for them?

I'm not arguing, I'm just explaining why I'm right.

A man who correctly guesses a woman's age may be smart, but he's not very bright. *(Lucille Ball)*

Love is the wanting, and the having, and the choosing, and the becoming. Love is the desire to see the person we love be and become all he or she is capable of being and becoming. Love is a willingness to lay down our own personal plans, desires, and agenda for the good of the relationship. Love is delayed gratification, pleasure, and pain. Love is being able to live and thrive apart, but choosing to be together. *(Matthew Kelly)*

If everyone is thinking alike, then no one is thinking. *(Benjamin Franklin)*

Do not fall prey to the false belief that mastery and domination are synonymous with manliness. *(Kent Nerburn)*

Love's greatest gift is its ability to make everything it touches sacred. *(Barbara de Angelis)*

The more anger towards the past you carry in your heart, the less capable you are of loving in the present. *(Barbara de Angelis)*

You will not be punished for your anger: you will be punished by your anger. *(The Buddha)*

I've often stood silent at a party for hours listening to my movie idols turn into dull and little people. *(Marilyn Monroe)*

You can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time. *(Abraham Lincoln)*

Sometimes you can't explain what you see in a person. It's just the way they take you to a place where no one else can. *(David Byrne)*

The Great Teresa



There was something of the "warrior princess" in the very young Teresa. Aged only five, she persuaded her older brother that they should leave Avila and seek martyrdom at the hands of the Moors! An uncle spotted the children some miles from the city and brought them home. The young Teresa shared her mother's love of books about daring and romantic knights, books they hid from her stern father. It is interesting to note that he was descended from Jewish converts, as were many people in Spain. She described herself as a vain and flirtatious teenager, but her mother's death when Teresa was aged only 14 affected her deeply. It did, however, deepen her devotion to Our Lady, who would henceforth be her Mother. Sent to the Carmelite Convent of the Incarnation aged only 16, Teresa adapted to life there. But she became more and more aware of the laxity in that convent and so began her great life's work: a return to true Carmelite poverty and spirituality. She founded a reformed community in the Convent of St. Joseph and over the years established similar foundations throughout Spain, often in the face of opposition. She also emerged as one of Catholicism's greatest spiritual writers, especially as regards contemplative prayer. She was a fascinating combination of down-to-earth realism and the most sublime experience of God: but the dark night of the soul – the feeling of the absence of God – had to precede the gift of ecstasy. Bernini's statue of that ecstasy, which can be seen in Rome, is very different from the more authentic portrait of Teresa we see above it. Such is the nature of sacred art. She died in 1582, and was canonised forty years later. In 1970, Pope Paul VI declared her a Doctor of the Church, along with St. Catherine of Siena: the first women to be so honoured.



The Walls of Avila