

## 30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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“Two men went up to the Temple to pray...”

### Noticeboard

Sunday Masses: Vigil Mass, Saturday, 6 p.m.  
Sunday Morning Mass 10.30 a.m.

Weekday Masses: 10.15

THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS ON FRIDAY IS A HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION. MASSES ARE AT 10.15 A.M., 1.15 P.M. AND 7 P.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 Sts. Simon and Jude; Friday is the Solemnity of All Saints; Saturday, the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed.*

Thank you all for your very generous response to the **Mission Sunday appeal**, which came to £620.61. Missio Membership is distinct from this collection. Would those who would like to renew their membership please try to hand in their donations as soon as possible.

We pray for our Faithful Departed. We pray especially for the eternal peace of **John Delaney**, who has died peacefully in Moss Park. May the Good Shepherd lead him home. We extend our prayer and sympathy to all the family. We remember especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Angus MacPherson, Anne Morrison, Mary MacNeil, Michael Haggerty, Kenny Cairns, Henry MacLaren, Susan Keenan, Patrick Quinn, Rose Mary Moore, William MacPherson, Chris MacLellan, Patrick Curran, Roy Stirling, John Kerr and Margaret Reeve**. May they rest in the peace of their Saviour.

The **November Lists**, along with envelopes, are available in the porch of the church.

There will be no October Devotions this week. Our thanks to those who came along for much of October! We will have **Exposition and a Service of Remembrance and Prayer** at some point in November. Weather permitting, we will also have the rosary at the cemeteries in Kilmallie and Glen Nevis.

**Holy Communion** will be taken by Fr. MacKinnon to the housebound in the course of this week. **Deacon Stanislaw** will be away for his pre-ordination retreat from Monday to Friday.

The **traditional poppies** are available at the back of the church, should you wish to support the British Legion in all that they do for those who have served their country and are now in need of help or care.

Our thanks to all who came to the Tuesday evening Mass, when Bishop Toal conferred the ministry of acolyte on **Thomas Wynne**. In a quiet and prayerful way, it was a very moving Mass. Continue to keep Thomas in your prayers as he enters the final stages of his preparation for the permanent diaconate.

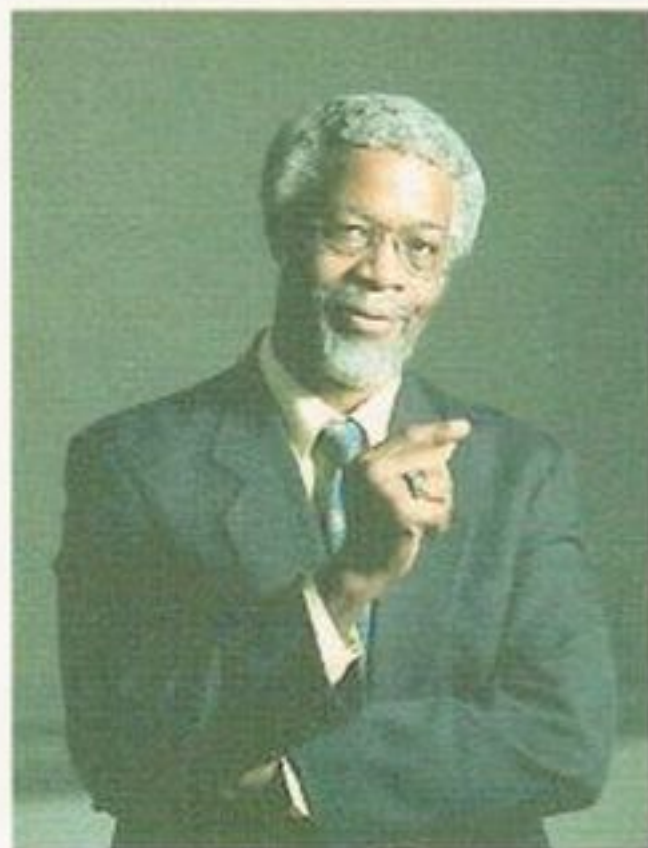
Our parish website has a new function! If you have a Debit or Credit Card or you would like to set up a Direct Debit in favour of the parish, you can make a donation using the special button “Donate” on our website. The parish has a PayPal account which can be used for such donations. You do NOT need to have a PayPal account yourself! You can just use your card as you do when you shop online. Donations can be made from almost all the countries in the world, so if you have a relative or a friend abroad who would like to help us, he/she can also make use of “Donate” button on our Parish Website, [www.stmarysfortwilliam.org](http://www.stmarysfortwilliam.org) Every penny counts, and is deeply appreciated!

## Faith and Science

Founded by the Augustinians in 1842, Villanova University is one of the most important Catholic seats of learning in the United States. Each year it awards the Mendel Medal to scientists who "have demonstrated, by their lives and their standing before the world as scientists, that there is no intrinsic conflict between science and religion." This year the medal has been awarded to Doctor Sylvester James "Jim" Gates. This is in recognition of Dr. Gates' groundbreaking work in supersymmetry, supergravity and string theory, as well as his campaign for more science education in schools everywhere. Earlier this year, Dr. Gates received the National Medal of Science, America's highest award in science.

The Villanova Medal honors the 19th century Augustinian monk and scientist Gregor Johann Mendel, abbot of the Monastery of Brunn, now Brno in the Czech Republic. Mendel is acknowledged by many as "the father of modern genetics" because his discovery of the laws of heredity that bear his name.

The university describes Professor Gates as a scientist who "believes that faith enables science – as it allows us to contemplate our relationship with each other and with the Creator – while acknowledging that science is essential for the survival of our species in a world beset with climate change." On the 15<sup>th</sup> November, Dr. Gates will deliver a lecture at Villanova on "The Uncertainty of Disbelief." Perhaps Professor Richard Dawkins might attend!



Professor Jim Gates



Gregor Johann Mendel

## Potpourri

So many people are shut up tight inside themselves like boxes, yet they would open up, unfolding quite wonderfully, if only you were interested in them. *(Sylvia Plath)*

A word of encouragement during a failure is worth more than an hour of praise after success. *(Nishan Pamwar)*

Friends are the flowers in the garden of life, beginning with a seed of trust, nurtured with laughter and tears, growing into loyalty and love. *(Nishan Pamwar)*

The soul would have no rainbow if the eyes had no tears. *(Native American proverb)*

Be patient with yourself. Self-growth is tender; it's holy ground. There is no greater investment. *(Stephen Covey)*

The greatest weariness comes from work not done. *(Eric Hoffer)*

With Christians, a poetical view of things is a duty. We are bid to colour all things with hues of faith, to see a divine meaning in every event. *(Blessed John Henry Newman)*

Let us listen to what all the Faithful say, because in every one of them the Spirit of God breathes. *(St. Paulinus of Nola)*

Christianity is God's marriage proposal to the soul. *(Peter Kreeft)*

There is no good trying to be more spiritual than God. God never meant man to be a purely spiritual creature. That is why He uses material things like bread and wine to put the new life into us. We may think this rather crude and unspiritual. God does not: He invented eating. He likes matter. He invented it. *(C.S. Lewis)*

Scientists have found the gene for shyness. They would have found it years ago, but it was hiding behind a couple of other genes. *(Jonathan Katz)*

Above the clouds the sky is always blue. *(St. Therese of Lisieux)*

A teacher asked her class to draw pictures of their favourite Bible stories. She was puzzled by one child's picture, which showed four people on an airplane, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent. "The flight to Egypt," he said.

"I see ... And that must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus," the teacher asked, "But who's the fourth person?"

"Oh, that's Pontius -- the Pilot!"

A mother tells the following story. "For our daughter's eighth birthday we bought her a fish. We couldn't help laughing when she announced, 'The fish's name is Sparingly.' 'How do you know?' I asked. 'Look,' she responded, 'it says, 'feed sparingly three times daily'."

What do you get if you cross an elephant and a kangaroo?  
Big holes all over Australia!

Scientists have just discovered something that can do the work of five men – one woman!