

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### Noticeboard

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| <u>Sunday Masses:</u>               | Vigil Mass, Saturday,   | 6 p.m.   |
|                                     | Sunday Morning Mass   | 10.30 a.m.   |
| <u>Weekday Masses:</u>              | 10.15 a.m. (Except on Thursday when Mass will be at 12 noon, being the Funeral Mass of Sandra MacPherson RIP) |  |
| <u>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</u> | Saturday:   | 9.45 to 10 a.m.<br>4 to 4.30 p.m.<br>5.30 to 5.50 p.m. |

*Monday is the Memorial of St. Martin of Tours; Tuesday, the Memorial of St. Josaphat; Saturday, the Feast of St. Margaret of Scotland.*

For us, remembrance must be **prayerful remembrance**, offered especially at Mass. We commend to the God of eternal peace all who have died in the conflicts of the past century, from the fields of Flanders to the perilous roads of Afghanistan.

Please pray for the eternal rest of **Sandra MacPherson** who has died very suddenly. May the Good Shepherd now lead her home. We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to all her loved ones, above all to Hamish who is at present in the Belford Hospital. We pray also for those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Jack Doyle, Esther Judge, Murdo MacLeod, Thomas MacLean, Kathleen Mitchell, Edward Walsh, Johnnie Neill, Dick Cameron, Donald Macdonald, Jessie MacKinnon, Patricia O'Reilly, Hugh MacDonald and Dorothy (Dot) MacDonald**. May they rest in peace. In this month of November all the Faithful Departed have a very special place in our prayers.

Whatever you give towards the **Diocesan Pastoral Fund** this Sunday is indeed appreciated and of great help. In September, we had two collections: one for the refugees of Syria and the other for the work of the Mill Hill Missionaries. Fr. MacKinnon forgot about **the ESF collection** that was due in that month. We had better have it before the end of the Diocesan financial year on the 31<sup>st</sup> November. We will place baskets at the back of the church next weekend, so that you have the opportunity to contribute to the fund that makes possible the education of seminarians.

We will have the rosary for our Faithful Departed at **Kilmallie cemetery** this Sunday at 3 p.m.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims of **Typhoon Haiyan** in the Philippines and beyond.

The replacement of **the church heating** continues, but we depend on coordination from the Hydro Electric for completion. Obviously the church will need a thorough clean when everything is installed and in action. We need volunteers! There is a sheet at the back of the church if any of you would like to help us out.

**Christmas cards** are on sale at the back of the church. Let's keep the Christ in Christmas!

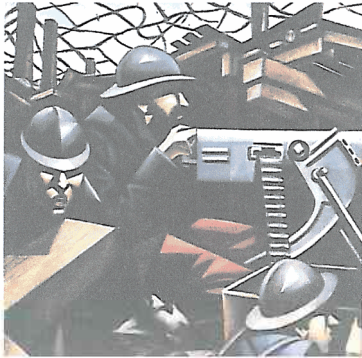
### The Artist and War

Exhibitions of the art and photography of the Great War are already underway. In this Remembrance Sunday bulletin, we look at three artists. C.R.W. Nevison was in the Quaker-inspired ambulance service of the Western Front. His two paintings are very different in style. In one we see the human cost of war; in the other we see man become almost machine-like in the service of conflict. The Frenchman Georges Rouault was the most Catholic of the Expressionist artists. His mother and child is part of his great series of prints, "Miserere et Guerre" ("Miserere and War", "Miserere" being the opening word of Psalm 50). The heavy lines and the luminosity of his work recall the young Rouault's apprenticeship in stained glass. The German artist Otto Dix served in the Western Front and was at the Battle of the Somme. Few artists have represented so powerfully the horror and devastation of war. Much of his work is too distressing for reproduction in a bulletin such as this; yet everything he depicts is what he actually encountered and could never forget.

## THE ART OF WAR



**“Paths of Glory”**  
C.R.W. Nevinson



**“La Mitrailleuse” (The Machine Gun)**  
C.R.W. Nevinson



**“Bella matribus detestata” (Wars, hated by mothers)**  
Georges Rouault



**Weary German soldiers retreating at the Somme**  
Otto Dix

For nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famine and earthquakes here and there. All this is only the beginning of the birthpangs.  
*(Matthew 24:7-8)*

The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him.  
*(G.K. Chesterton, writer, poet and critic)*

War is what happens when language fails.  
*(Margaret Atwood, Canadian writer, poet and conservationist)*

For the dead and the living, we must bear witness.  
*(Elie Wiesel, Holocaust survivor and writer)*

War doesn't negate decency. It demands it, even more than in times of peace.  
*(Khaled Hosseini, Afghan author of “The Kite Runner”)*

But now, for the first time, I see you are a man like me. I thought of your hand-grenades, of your bayonet, of your rifle; now I see your wife and your face and our fellowship. Forgive me, comrade. We always see it too late. Why do they never tell us that you are poor devils like us, that your mothers are just as anxious as ours, and that we have the same fear of death, and the same dying and the same agony--Forgive me, comrade; how could you be my enemy?  
*(Erich Maria Remarque, German WWI veteran and author of “All Quiet on the Western Front”. This book was banned by the Nazis and Remarque forced into exile.)*

In war: resolution,  
In defeat: defiance,  
In victory: magnanimity  
In peace: good will.  
*(Winston Churchill)*

No one is so foolish as to prefer war to peace, in which, instead of sons burying their fathers, fathers bury their sons.  
*(Herodotus, c.484-425 BC, Greek author of “The Histories”)*

I have seen enough of one war never to wish to see another.  
*(Thomas Jefferson, American Founding Father and President)*

It is not tolerable, it is not possible, that from so much death, so much sacrifice and ruin, so much heroism, a greater and better humanity shall not emerge. *(General Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Free French in WWII. President of France 1959-1969)*

The only thing that makes battle psychologically tolerable is the brotherhood among soldiers. You need each other to get by.  
*(Sebastian Junger, American journalist and author)*

Soldiers are dreamers; when the guns begin they think of firelit homes, clean beds, and wives.  
*(Siegfried Sassoon, WWI officer, author and poet)*

The soldier, above all other people, prays for peace, for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war.  
*(Douglas MacArthur, American WWII General)*

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. *(Isaiah 2:4)*