

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17th November 2013

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'The time will come when not a single stone will be left on another.'

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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.
<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</u>	Saturday: 9.45 to 10 a.m. 4 to 4.30 p.m. 5.30 to 5.50 p.m.

Thursday is the Memorial of the Presentation of Our Lady; Friday, the Memorial of St. Cecilia.

In the course of the week, a questionnaire will be left at the back of the church. Those who wish to take part in the worldwide consultation that Pope Francis desires to have before next year's **Synod on the family** are invited to take the questionnaire home with them. If you think that a particular question is too complicated, please feel free to say so. Other questions may be more easily understood. Write what you truly think about some contemporary issues and describe the reality of things. The Bishop will be here for Confirmations on the 1st December, so please return your completed questionnaire before his arrival.

As we missed the **Ecclesiastical Students' Fund** collection in September, baskets have been left at the back of the church for any donations you may kindly wish to make. Thank you for your generous support of the **Pastoral Fund**. last Sunday's collection came to £340.23.

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Donald MacPherson, Frances Hayes, Jean MacDonald, Monique Masclet, Danny Haggerty, Annie Tully, Annie MacDonald, Mark Donoghue** and **Annie Morrison**, We remember also **Lizzie Cameron**, whose funeral service took place in the Duncansburgh Church of Scotland on Friday. May she rest in the peace and joy of her Saviour. We extend our prayer and sympathy to Cindy and all the family. In this month of November we offer a very special prayer for all our Faithful Departed.

Our sincere thanks to those who volunteered to put insulation in the loft of the nave of the church! The Hydro Electric will not be able to put a meter in until the 25th November, so we are depending on a hired generator in the meantime.

The gathering at **Kilmallie Cemetery** last Sunday was very special, and our thanks to all who came along. We were blessed by sunshine, but cannot guarantee the same at Glen Nevis this Sunday. But we'll go for it! The rosary will begin at 3 p.m.

The Carmelite Sisters' **Christmas cards** have arrived and are on display at the back of the church. Please remember that this is the Sisters' principal source of income and they do appreciate our support, and they keep us all in their prayers! There are also calendars for sale. Our cards let our friends know that Christ is very much at the heart of our Christmas.

We will have our **Christmas Night Mass** at 10 p.m. on Christmas Eve, as in recent years. Many appeals are presently being made on behalf of the suffering people of the Philippines. If you would like to send of a personal or family donation, there is information that may be of help on the other side of this bulletin. We will have a parish special collection for SCIAF's aid to the victims of the cyclone at our Christmas Masses. It is going to take a long time to rebuild the lives of the tens of thousands affected, and SCIAF, in partnership with its sister Catholic charities in the Philippines, will ensure that what you give will help make this possible.



“This is a major disaster which will require a huge humanitarian response over a prolonged period. Work is already underway to get emergency supplies to the survivors of this devastating storm. SCIAF is working through our sister agencies on the ground to get aid to people as quickly as we can. There is an urgent need for clean water, food, temporary shelters, hygiene kits and medicines. I would urge everyone to give whatever they can to support the people in the Philippines as they try to survive over the coming days and recover in the longer term.” *(Lorraine Currie, SCIAF)*

You can send a cheque made payable to ‘SCIAF’ to: SCIAF, 19 Park Circus, Glasgow, G3 6BE. You can also make a donation over the phone by calling 0141 354 5555 or online at sciaf.org.uk

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If you wish to help through the **Red Cross**, please send a cheque made payable to British Red Cross to: British Red Cross, Typhoon Haiyan Appeal, 44 Moorfields, London EC2Y 9AL. Or go to www.redcross.org.uk and donate as instructed.

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The **Disasters Emergency Committee** is an umbrella group comprising fourteen UK charities. (These include Christian charities, but SCIAF is not among them.)

You can pay into any bank or building society, except Nationwide or Britannia. Simply ask to pay into the '**DEC Philippines Typhoon Appeal**' account. Most banks will accept the money you have collected for a DEC Appeal for a month or two after the Appeal is launched. Banks like you to sort your coins into separate plastic bags, which they will provide, before you hand in your money. The same can be done at many Post Offices. Or go to www.dec.org.uk

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UNICEF (United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund) is dependent on donations from the public. It receives no funds from the United Nations, which helps in other ways. If you would like to help through UNICEF, then please go to www.unicef.org.uk for further information.

It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving. *(Mother Teresa)*

No one has ever become poor by giving. *(Anne Frank)*

The simplest acts of kindness are by far more powerful than a thousand heads bowing in prayer. *(Mahatma Gandhi)*

Doing nothing for others is the undoing of ourselves. *(Horace Mann)*

Sometimes those who give the most are the ones with the least to spare. *(Mike McIntyre)*

‘I was hungry and you gave me to eat; I was cold and you clothed me; come, possess the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’ He who is the King of the poor and of kings will say this at His great judgment. *(St. Francis de Sales)*

I shall pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it for I shall not pass this way again. *(Etienne de Grellet)*

Riches, power and fame last only for a few years! Why do people cling so desperately to these transitory things? Why can't people who have more than they need for themselves give that surplus to their fellow citizens? Why should some people have such a hard time during their few years on this earth? *(Anne Frank)*

A baby enters the world with hands clenched, as if to say, "The world is mine; I shall grab it." A man leaves with hands open, as if to say, "I can take nothing with me." *(Jewish Wisdom)*

When the end of the world comes, I want to be in Cincinnati. It is always ten years behind the times. *(Mark Twain)*

The child must know that he is a miracle, that since the beginning of the world there hasn't been, and until the end of the world there will not be, another child like him. *(Pablo Casals)*

Intolerance lies at the core of evil.
Not the intolerance that results
from any threat or danger.
But intolerance of another being who dares to exist.
Intolerance without cause.
It is so deep within us,
because every human being secretly desires
the entire universe to himself.
Our only way out is to learn
compassion without cause.
To care for each other
simple because that ‘other’ exists.
(Rabbi Menachem Mendle)

Jerusalem is a festival and a lamentation. Its song is a sigh across the ages, a delicate, robust, mournful psalm at the great junction of spiritual cultures. *(David K. Shipler)*