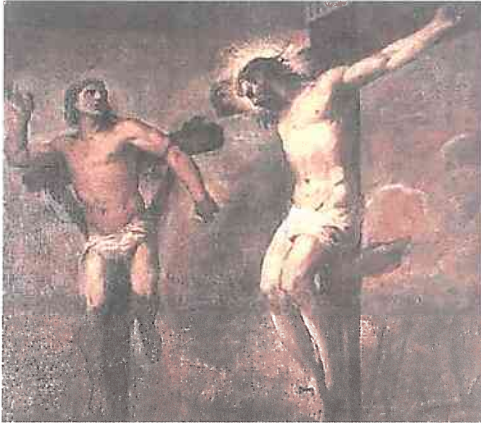


**SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING**  
**24<sup>th</sup> November 2013**  
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"Jesus, remember me."

**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.

*Saturday is the Solemnity of St. Andrew, Patron Saint of Scotland.*

The Church's liturgical year nears its end with the **Solemnity of Christ the King**. Next Sunday we enter yet another Advent. Today we recommit ourselves to the Shepherd-King who laid down his life for his sheep. What is earthly power compared with his love? How many governments reflect the values of his kingdom? Who but he can grant us eternal life?

The new **church radiators** have still to reach the fifty-five degrees promised by the contract. We are not quite there yet, but the necessary adjustments will soon take place.

Next Sunday, the young **Confirmands of the Deanery** will assemble at St. Mary's for a Confirmation Mass at 3 p.m. Please keep these children, their families and their sponsors in your prayers. We thank all those who have been part of their preparation for this important milestone in their lives.

We pray for our Faithful Departed. We remember **Ann Shankley** who has died peacefully in Moss Park. We remember all that Anne did for the parish when she worked as housekeeper in the Chapel House. May she now rest in peace and may the Lord comfort those who loved her best. We pray also for **Calum MacDougall**, brother of Mary, who has died in Oban. May he, too, rest in the peace of his Saviour. We pray for those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Mary Flora MacKay, Molly Cameron, Edward Archibald, Rose Gardetto, Ina MacDonald, William MacPherson, Chris MacLellan, Patrick Curran and David Buchanan**. May they rest in peace. In this month of November we continue to pray for all the Faithful Departed.

Our thanks to those who came along for **the rosary** at the cemetery in Glen Nevis. It was a special time.

**Holy Communion** will be taken to the housebound from Monday to Wednesday of this week.

There is a letter from the **Bishops of Scotland** updating you on the Church's safeguarding procedures. Please study it very carefully.

On Friday at 7 p.m. in **Lochyside School** there will an inspirational film about a severely handicapped child. There will also be a raffle in aid of the Philippines Disaster Fund.



The 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's assassination has been commemorated and has been the subject of many documentaries and newspaper articles. On the same day as his tragic death, C S Lewis also died. Many of you will know of him as the author whose writing gave us the film *Narnia*. He wrote many other books which established him as one of the most influential Christian writers of the 20th century. He was quite simply a great Christian communicator! An unbeliever who converted to the Anglican faith, Lewis was also a close friend of JRR Tolkien, author of *The Lord of the Rings*, himself a devout Catholic. C.S. Lewis has at last been given his memorial in Poets' Corner in Westminster Abbey. Well overdue, some might say.

Almighty Father,  
whose will is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the King of all:  
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,  
and bring the families of the nations,  
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,  
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
(*Anglican Liturgy*)



Some people feel guilty about their anxieties and regard them as a defect of faith but they are afflictions, not sins. Like all afflictions, they are, if we can so take them, our share in the passion of Christ.  
(*C. S. Lewis*)

All heroes are shadows of Christ.  
(*John Piper*)

The greatest cause in the world is joyfully rescuing people from hell, meeting their earthly needs, making them glad in God, and doing it with a kind, serious pleasure that makes Christ look like the Treasure he is.  
(*John Piper*)

In that most burdensome moment of all human history, with blood appearing at every pore and an anguished cry upon His lips, Christ sought Him whom He had always sought—His Father. “Abba,” He cried, “Papa,” or from the lips of a younger child, “Daddy.” This is such a personal moment it almost seems a sacrilege to cite it. A Son in unrelieved pain, a Father His only true source of strength, both of them staying the course, making it through the night—together.  
(*Jeffrey R. Holland*)

I am a fool for Christ...whose fool are you?  
(*Brother Andrew*)

It is to the Cross that the Christian is challenged to follow his Master: no path of redemption can make a detour around it.  
(*Hans Urs von Balthasar*)

Lord, forgive us for the times we have read about Gethsemane with dry eyes.  
(*Frederick S. Leahy*)

If life is a song, and God is the divine conductor, I must consider these trials and troubles as the harmony of my song, for every song needs more than a melody!  
(*Evinda Lepins*)

Jesus is the God whom we can approach without pride and before whom we can humble ourselves without despair.  
(*Blaise Pascal*)

There is something so pure and frank and noble about Him that to doubt His sincerity would be like doubting the brightness of the sun.  
(*Charles Edward Jefferson*)

The Lord ate from a common bowl, and asked the disciples to sit on the grass. He washed their feet, with a towel wrapped around His waist - He, who is the Lord of the universe!  
(*Clement of Alexandria*)

Eighty-six years have I served Him, and he has done me no wrong. How can I blaspheme my King who has saved me?  
(*St. Polycarp, when told to deny Christ*)