

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Isaiah in the Temple

### 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 5.45 p.m.

*Tuesday is the Memorial of St. Agnes; Friday, the Memorial of St. Francis de Sales; Saturday, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.*

We have now entered the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. The special Service of Unity takes place at St. Mary's, this Sunday evening at 6.30 p.m. Do come along and share scripture, prayer and song with our brothers and sisters from other churches and fellowships!

We remember our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Jessie MacFarlane, Bob Trybis, Danny Ryan, Coll MacDonald, Michael McEleney, Cathie Kennedy, John MacDonald, Ann Gall, Iain MacLean, Eilidh MacIntyre, Jan Stage, Lizzie MacBeth and Frank Timbrell**. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Our thoughts and heartfelt prayers are with those most grieved by the death of little **Mikael Kular**.

**Mr Sedgwick** will be greatly missed in the Belford Hospital. We wish him every blessing in the future. Whatever lies ahead, he will always be a man who will care deeply for others and seek to serve them as best he can.

Please do not switch off the **new church heaters** at the sockets below. It can cause complications!

**Holy Communion** will be brought to the housebound next week.

A **short bulletin** this week. The photocopier awaits a new waste tray.

Between Malachi and Mathew you've got four hundred years of blackness without any prophetic light. Four hundred years of stillness without any prophetic voice. And then suddenly, dramatically, unexpectedly this strange man, John the Baptist, came streaking across a sky that was totally black. The Word says he was a "burning and a shining light." Jesus, the greatest character in history, says, "There was no man comparable to John Baptist." Not Isaiah not Jeremiah not any of those towering saints. He is a very, very remarkable character. (*Leonard Ravenhill*)

Even if a unity of faith is not possible, a unity of love is. (*Hans Urs von Balthasar*)

A whole stack of memories never equal one little hope. (*Charles M. Schulz, author of "Peanuts"*)

There's a difference between a philosophy and a bumper sticker. (*Charles M. Schulz*)

J.R.R. Tolkien tells a story of a man who was better at painting leaves than trees. In fact, the leaves he painted were painstaking and exquisite. He continued to feel a pull to make his talent part of something bigger, but the time he would devote to a full masterpiece he selflessly gave to neighbours and friends in need. When he got to Heaven, he was wonderstruck to see the whole tree of which his vision of perfect leaves had been a part.

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. (*Leo Buscaglia*)

In my tradition, one must wait until one has learned a lot of Bible and Talmud and the Prophets to handle mysticism. This isn't instant coffee. There is no instant mysticism. (*Elie Wiesel*)