

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

(Laetare Sunday)

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## Noticeboard

<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>Way of the Cross</u>	Wednesday, 7 p.m.	(Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 6.30 to 7 p.m.)
<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</u>	Saturday:	
		9.45 to 10 a.m.
		4 to 4.30 p.m.
		5.30 to 5.45 p.m.

This Sunday, we have our Lenten special collection for the **Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund**. We know that you will be as generous as always. Gift Aid envelopes are available, should you wish to increase your donation. A recent survey had revealed that Catholics in different countries have increased their donations to those in need, this in response to Pope Francis's words and example.

**Bishop Toal** enjoyed his visitation to the parish last weekend, and was especially relaxed at the Sunday Morning Mass. Please keep **Thomas Wynne** in your prayers as he looks forward to his ordination to the diaconate in June.

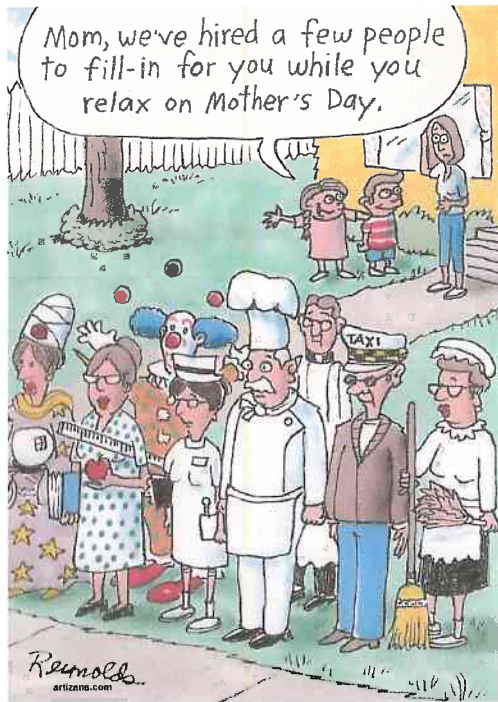
We pray for our Faithful Departed. We remember those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Frank Keenan, Winnie MacLellan, Ian Kerr, James Campbell, Donald Alistair MacDonald, Rosemary Clark, Ann MacBeth, Duncan MacBeth, Mary Walker, Lyndsey McMonagle, Donald John MacNeil, John Deakin, Una Tully, Natalie Smith, Donald MacDonald and Mary Walker**. May they rest in the peace of their Saviour. We pray also for **Margaret McHugh**, mother of Alice Allan, who has died recently. May the Lord welcome her home and comfort Alice and all the family.

At the meeting in our Catholic school earlier this week, we are asked to look ahead to the **transfer of the English medium schoolchildren**, first to Lochside and then to the new school in Caol. Assurances were made that the relocation to Lochside would be conducted in a gradual and sensitive way. Also, we were promised that free bus journeys will be provided for children throughout Fort William. The time will come when Catholic parents will have to make an important decision. *The solemn promise they made at the baptism of their child must be at the heart of that decision.* When discussion takes place as regards our schools, some people use the term "faith schools". This expression can be used very negatively by secularists. Let's be content with our "Catholic school"!

It was encouraging to see so many **rosaries** ordered last week. This is the last call for such orders. Please use the sheets at the back of the church.

The newly elected **Muslim mayor of Nazareth**, Ali Salam, wants the Feast of the Annunciation to become a civic holiday in the town. He said, "Since the Qur'an speaks a lot of the Virgin Mary and as this feast has become a national holiday in Lebanon, why not declare it as a holiday for the city of Nazareth, where the Annunciation happened?" Amidst all the reports of conflict, oppression and acts of terror, it is comforting to hear about men and women of peace, Muslim and Christian alike.





My mother's menu consisted of two choices: Take it or leave it. *(Buddy Hackett)*

I am sure that if the mothers of various nations could meet, there would be no more wars. *(E. M. Forster)*

Most mothers are instinctive philosophers. *(Harriet Beecher Stowe)*

I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life. *(Abraham Lincoln)*

I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them. *(Phyllis Diller)*

Losing my sight had nothing to do with my focus on music. My passion for music was already there, so it would be a mistake to give too much significance to my blindness. *(Andrea Bocelli)*

Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see. *(Mark Twain)*

The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision. *(Helen Keller)*

A mother understands what a child does not say. *(Anon)*

Any mother could perform the jobs of several air traffic controllers with ease. *(Lisa Alther)*

Some mothers are kissing mothers and some are scolding mothers, but it is love just the same, and most mothers kiss and scold together. *(Pearl S. Buck)*

There is no way to be a perfect mother, and a million ways to be a good one. *(Jill Churchill)*

My mother had a slender, small body, but a large heart - a heart so large that everybody's joys found welcome in it, and hospitable accommodation. *(Mark Twain)*



**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Holy Thursday**  
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper  
7 p.m.

**Good Friday**  
The Passion of the Lord  
3 p.m.  
Way of the Cross  
7 p.m.

**THE EASTER VIGIL**  
9 p.m.

**MASS OF EASTER MORNING**  
10.30 a.m.

