

Weekly Bulletin

St. Margaret's, St. Joseph's & St. Finnan's

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Sunday December 16th. 2007



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve—Monday December 24th

Carols service begins at 11.30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to join in the singing of the carols. Sheets will be provided

Christmas Day Masses

Invergarry 9 a.m.

Spean Bridge 10.15 a.m.

Roy Bridge 11.30 a.m.



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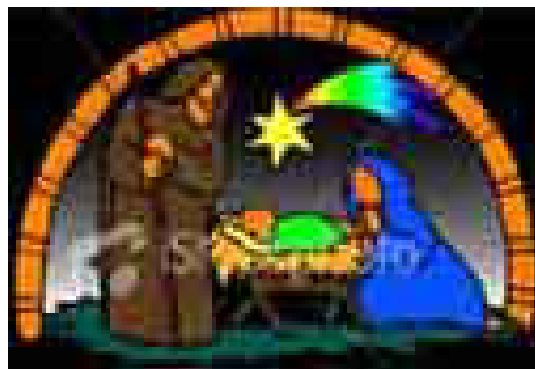
Confessions next Sunday, December 23rd

Fr. Tom will hear confessions next Sunday at the following times:
Spean Bridge: 2p.m— 2.30 p.m. Roy Bridge 3p.m. –3.45 p.m.

Children's nativity play and Blessing of the Crib

In St. Margaret's this Thursday,
December 20th, at 2 p.m.

Roy Bridge primary school will perform their Christmas nativity play in St. Margaret's on Thursday at 2 p.m.. Everyone is invited to come along and support the children. At the end of the play, the crib will be blessed.



Gaudete Sunday—Rejoicing Sunday



In former days, when Advent was kept more fervently, the third Sunday of Advent was known as *Gaudete*, or *Rejoicing Sunday*, and the pink candle on the Advent wreath was lit. The Church reminded the faithful with these words:

“During these last two weeks of Advent, you have been saying extra prayers, doing acts of penance and imposing self-discipline on yourself, so relax this Sunday, and enjoy yourself. This will encourage you to persevere for the next two weeks of Advent to increase your spiritual preparations for the coming of our Saviour at Christmas”.

This may make us feel a little guilty, for we may have done nothing special during these last two weeks to prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas, although our other Christmas preparations have all gone ahead. There remains **nine** days to Christmas, and this can still give us time to make a special effort to make sure that we are truly aware of the wonderful graces that the infant Christ offers us on our birthday. May our hearts and souls be open with love to receive him.

Church Rota December 21st –22nd.

St. Joseph's

Reader: David MacFarlane,

Prayers: Margaret Muncie

Euch. Mins. Liz Campbell Moira Coutts

Church cleaning: private rota

St. Margaret's

Readers: Rory MacDonald Deirdre MacDonald

Prayers: Betty Campbell

Euch. Mins: Richard Sidgwick Catrina MacDonald

Church Cleaning: Ann MacKintosh

Any volunteers for cleaning the church?

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Bereavements

Mary MacLeod RIP

It was with a sense of shock and great sadness that we heard of Mary's death last Friday, December 7th. The surgery she had some years previously seemed to be successful, and she carried on with her day to day life in peace and calm.

She had the support of a very loving and caring family, and she was often at Roy Bridge with Catrina and Donald and their family, and came to the 11.30 a.m. Sunday mass.

Mary was with us last February 2006 in Salamanca, and enjoyed herself immensely, taking part in all the trips and outings. Mary and Fr Tom shared the same corridor, close to the kitchen, where they met very often for a cup of tea.

Sadly, the tests she had some time ago showed the illness had spread and had become terminal. She was such a brave woman and accepted the diagnosis so courageously, and

placed her life humbly in God's hands. She did not allow this to alter her life, and she continued as usual with her daily routine as long as she was able, and remained close to God by her prayers and the sacraments.

Her health deteriorated very rapidly, and she had the consolation of all the sacraments, both at home and in hospital, which brought her great peace and comfort. She was an example to us all how placidly she accepted her illness and its ultimate end. From the sacramental presence of Christ, which she received so often in Holy Communion, Our Lord called her gently into his presence in heaven. We offer our sincere sympathy to her family: Donald, Duncan, Ronald, Catrina, Betty and Marianne, and all the grandchildren, and her great grandson, Jack.

May she rest in peace

Mrs Dolly Quigley RIP

Parishioners were sorry to hear of Dolly Quigley's death this week at the age of 93, and we offer her sons Peter, and Brian and his family, our deepest sympathy at the loss of such a devoted and loving mother. We also send our sympathy to her sister, Margaret, in England, and her nieces and nephews.

Dolly was the sister of the late Chrissie Kennedy, Cathie and Dinah, and she was caring and loyal to them, and came up many times during the year from Gorebridge, outside of Edinburgh, to visit them, despite the fact that she herself was getting on in years.

Dolly was one of the most brilliant pupils in Kilmonivaig primary school and Fort William High School, and by the encouragement of her head master, she entered and won a bursary to Glasgow University where she gained an honours degree in Classics—Greek and Latin. One of her fellow students at university was the late Canon Sydney MacEwan.

She and her late husband were very successful dairy farmers, and they increased their farm by the acquisition of another two farms, one which is leased, and the other two are now run by her son Peter. Dolly was also brilliant with figures and looked after all the accounts for the farms.

She was very generous to this parish, and sent a handsome donation each year for Cille Choirill. She was also a member of our 100 Club for the church heating. She was laid to rest on Saturday, and the vigil mass was said for her in Spean Bridge.

She was a devout, good woman, with a deep faith, and kind to everyone. I am sure God will now reward her in heaven for all her love, goodness and for her deep concern for others.

May she rest in peace

Anniversaries

We remember in our prayers this weekend;

Pat MacLean, wife of John MacLean, whose anniversary is on Tuesday, and for whom mass will be said in St. Joseph's

Lachlan Wynne, Fr Tom's father, whose anniversary was on Thursday.

Canon John MacLean, former parish priest of Fort William, who died at Daliburgh, South Uist.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Schools Christmas holidays

The schools break up for the Christmas holidays on Thursday afternoon, and we wish the staff and children a very happy and blessed Christmas, and we hope Santa Claus is good to them all.



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You MUST visit Alasdair and Alison's wonderful New Farm Shop and Restaurant at Aonoch Mor

The brand new custom-built premises opened last week, and it is **must** to visit. There is a superb restaurant with the latest Italian coffee-making machine, that produces the best coffee I have ever tasted, and a mouth-watering selection of home baking - cakes, scones and eye-popping meringues. The shelves in the adjoining new shop are filled with the most attractive organic items—fruit, vegetables, jams, kitchen delicacies, home-made bread, local mutton beef and venison, and lots of other exciting things. Orders are being taken for free range turkeys and Christmas fare. If you want a lovely morning coffee, or afternoon tea, all supplied with delicious baking, then you are only minutes down the road to the Rural Complex and the New Farm Shop and Restaurant.

Give it a try. You won't be disappointed!



Alison and Alasdair



The shop



Alison and the latest Italian coffee machine



The colourful new restaurant



A group of visitors enjoying a morning coffee



Slicing a delicious cream cake in the ultra modern kitchen