

Weekly Bulletin

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

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Sunday March 18th. 2007



Mother



The Bulletin wishes all the mothers in the parish a very happy day.

As a mother, you are special to your husband and children *every* day of the year, but on *Mothering Sunday* they wish to show their appreciation to the most important person in their lives!

So enjoy all the presents, gifts and praise for one day - for the next day is Monday, and its back to the routine of life once again!

Motherhood is a wonderful gift from God, to share in his creative power, and bring forth a human being into the world who will be a unique person with all his/her own gifts and talents.

It demands great commitment of both parents and a loving home to help the child grow up and gradually unfold like a precious flower. There is no greater reward or satisfaction than to see a child reach the fullness of adulthood with all its potential realised in the gifts given to it by God.

The influence of the Church with its sacraments of baptism, confirmation, reconciliation and the Eucharist, in combination with the child's education at school, contributes immensely to the development of the whole child, soul and body so that its upbringing is well founded on its love of God, its commitment to the teachings of the Church, and its academic achievements.

Being formed and fashioned both spiritually and temporally, this unique human being will bring the fruits of its own gifts and personality to the world



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Notice Board for Lent

Weekday Masses

Roy Bridge: Monday and Friday 10 a.m.

Wednesday 7.30 p.m.

Spean Bridge Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m.

Way of the Cross

Sunday: Spean Bridge 5 p.m. Roy Bridge 6 p.m.

Wednesday 7.30 p.m. before mass

Chrism Mass in Oban

Wednesday March 28th at 7 p.m.

The Chrism mass will take place in St. Columba's Cathedral Oban on Wednesday 28th. A bus will leave Fort William at 5 p.m. to be in good time for the mass at 7 p.m.

This is always a very special mass for the sacred oils are consecrated by the bishop, which are to be used for baptism, confirmation and the sacraments of the sick.

It is also at this mass that the priests renew their ordination vows to serve Christ faithfully and to render their obedience to the bishop.

There will be tea, sandwiches and cakes in the Cathedral Hall after the mass.

Canons Meeting

The Canons' Meeting with the bishop takes place the following day, when the bishop discusses diocesan matters with the canons and asks their views on anything of importance on the agenda.

Anniversaries.

We remember in our prayers at mass this weekend:

Bishop Colin MacPherson, whose anniversary is on Saturday, 24th March. Bishop Colin was 72 when he died.

Mgr John Archie MacNeil, Morar whose anniversary was on March 4th, for whom mass has already been said. He was only 59 when he died.

Also **Major William MacKintosh**, whose anniversary is on Tuesday, for whom mass will be said on Monday.



*Fois shiorruidh thoir dha a Thighearna agus solus nach diobair dearrsadh air
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord*

In Hospital

Betty Porter asks for prayers for her daughter Grace who is in hospital at Basingstoke

Baking Stall to help with cost of catechisms

Saturday 31st. March outside Spar shop Spean Bridge

We hope to have catechism classes underway for the children immediately after Easter. The books, although quite expensive, costing £8 each, are well worth it. There are 30 Catholic children between Roy Bridge and Spean Bridge schools.

Katherine MacDonald and Alison MacKintosh decided that they would like to raise some funds towards the cost of the books, and are having a Baking Stall outside Spar shop a week next Saturday, March 31st.

They will be grateful for help and for gifts of baking from the children's parents, and from parishioners who would like to help. These can be handed in at Katherine's home at **Aonachan Gdns**, the **Farm Shop** or the **Chapel House**. There will be more information about the stall in next week's Bulletin



Don't forget to put your clocks forward next Saturday evening!
Summer time begins at 1a.m. on Sunday morning, March 25th.



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Rota for our churches Weekend of March 24th. -- 25th.

St. Joseph's

Reader: Liz Campbell
Bidding Prayers: Margaret Muncie
Eucharistic Ministers: Betty Porter Almy Leider
Church Cleaning: any volunteers ?

St Margaret's

Readers: Ann MacKintosh Dominic Sargent
Bidding Prayers: Betty Campbell
Eucharistic Ministers: Lorna MacGregor, Linda MacDonald
Church Cleaning: Margaret Watt



Winners for the year

2006

March – Jack Beresford
April—Alisdair MacGregor
May—Fr Tom
June—Elizabeth MacDonald
July—Samantha MacDonald
August—Richard Sidgwick
September—Angus Cameron
October—Betty Campbell
November—Joey Cooper
December — Eilidh Toal, Jack Beresford
(Christmas Draw)

2007

January—Catherine MacManus
February—Mary Toal
March—Paolo Berardelli



Remember, it is never too late to join the 100 club—and help keep us all warm at mass!



Penitential Service in St. Mary's, Tuesday 27th. March at 7 p.m.

There will be a penitential service in St. Mary's, Fort William a week on Tuesday. March 27th. During the service there will be a number of visiting priests present to hear confessions.

The service is composed of readings from scripture, a short homily and prayers to help those who wish to make use of the sacrament of reconciliation.

This is an excellent opportunity to prepare for Easter. Parishioners from all the neighbouring parishes are invited to attend.

For your diary

Palm Sunday—April 1st
Easter Sunday—April 8th
First Communions—April 15th
Pentecost—May 27th
40th anniversary of St. Joseph's—June 3rd
Corpus Christi—June 10th
Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes—Oct 5th –11th

SCIAF collection next Sunday

This collection represents our Lenten almsgiving for the poor of the Third World.

Whatever we may have saved from our Lenten penances can help contribute towards this important collection to help so many who suffer from poverty and starvation. The alms boxes should be kept until the end of Lent and then handed in.

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Pupils from Dalbrae High School, Mabou, Cape Breton, at Cille Choirill after the mass last Sunday

It was a great joy to welcome fifteen pupils and three of teachers from Dalbrae High School, Mabou, Cape Breton to Cille Choirill for mass last Sunday afternoon. The children read the lessons and sang hymns - all in Gaelic! One of the students discovered that her grandparents had gifted the priest's chair at Cille Choirill in memory of Lexie Campbell, Inverlair, so she sat on it with great pride!

I joined them at a ceilidh in Lochaber High School on the previous Friday evening and we had a wonderful night of song, music and dancing. The Mabou children had their violins, bagpipes and accordions with them, so there was a great cultural exchange of music between our own children and themselves which showed that the future heritage of Scottish music is in safe hands—and feet! One of the Dalbrae teachers brought her full highland costume with her, and gave us an exhibition of superb highland dancing.

Our own Deidre MacDonald played an important role during Friday evening, acting as *Fear-an-tighe*, leading the feish orchestra she has created, and produced and played for a group whose dancing can rival the famous Riverdance Irish group!

Some of the students visited Stirling and Inverness on Saturday, and after mass on Sunday, a ceilidh was arranged for them at Glenfinnan House Hotel. On Monday they were guests of Strontian High School, on Tuesday guests of Portree Academy, and on Wednesday they crossed over to South Uist from Uig.

One of the teachers accompanying the children is Marjorie Beaton who left Eriskay 32 years ago to go to teach in Mabou, married there and has a family. So it was very much a home-coming for her when she visited the Isles.

The students fly out from Glasgow at the weekend to return to Cape Breton, and I am sure they will maintain contact with the many friends they made during their trip to Scotland. Will an exchange visit be arranged for Lochaber pupils to visit Mabou some time in the future? I am sure they would receive a great welcome.

What was most impressive about the students visit was that they brought back the same faith, the same Gaelic language and the same culture which they inherited from their forebears who left the Braes several generations ago.