

Weekly Bulletin

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

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Sunday October 28th. 2007



Feast of All Saints, Thursday November 1st

Holyday of Obligation

Invergarry: Vigil Mass Wednesday 7.30 p.m.

Roy Bridge 10 a.m. Spean Bridge 7.30 p.m.

All Souls—Friday, November 2nd.

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All Saints Day



When we use the word *saint*, we automatically think of someone who is very holy and who has been declared a saint by the Church. Many of the saints, like the apostles, gave their lives out of loyalty to God, and are martyrs; others had an intense love of God and a simplicity of life which influenced many people, like St. Francis of Assisi.

There are also men and women who died only recently, and while they were alive, they were looked on as living saints, not only by Catholics, but by the whole world—*Mother Teresa* of Calcutta and *Pope John Paul II*. are just two examples.

So saints are not just from centuries past, but are living with us in the world, offering their lives each day in a service of love to God and to their neighbour, according to their vocation.

It is not that long ago since our late Holy Father beatified a *husband and wife* because of the exemplary way in which they lived their married life and brought up their children. He also beatified an *Italian mother*, who was also a doctor, and was expecting her third child, when she was discovered to have a cancerous tumour. She refused chemotherapy, knowing from her medical knowledge, that it would kill her unborn child. The child was born safely, but she died sometime later. She considered the life of her unborn child more important than her own.

The means to holiness

The means to holiness is offered to all of us by mass, holy communion, the Blessed Sacrament and the sacrament of reconciliation. Some good people make time to pray each day, and try to live out their lives in the presence of God. If they have a free moment, and live near a church, they will visit our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The rosary is also a part of their daily prayer life, for there is no quicker way to Jesus than through Mary, our mother.

True holiness is not beyond any of us, and on the feast of *All Saints*, the Church honours the countless men and women and youths who lived their lives simply and humbly in this world by serving God faithfully and showing a great love and compassion for their neighbour.

The way to holiness

It was *St. Therese of Lisieux* who showed us how simply holiness is within the grasp of everyone. She did the ordinary things of life, extraordinary well *out love for God*.

Mother Teresa herself told us that she did nothing extraordinary in her prayer life: she would spend some time in private prayer each morning before mass, then throughout the day she went about her great work

of charity. She would stop at mid-day to find some moments of peace to be alone with God. After a hard day's work with the poor, she would say her rosary and then her night prayers before retiring. This was sufficient to give her the strength for her exemplary life in which she offered all her work for the poor to Almighty God, *and by doing this she inspired the world*.

For mothers, daily life is a **routine of bringing up their children**. This demands a lot of love, sacrifice and patience: attending to the baby and children, the housework to be done, cooking, washing up, cleaning, but when this offered in a service of love to God, it is the beautiful fulfilment of one's marriage vocation. It is the most pleasing prayer that a mother can offer to God.

Likewise with a father, who has to provide for his family, and this means using his talents and professionalism in the service of others, which also gain him an income for his home and family. In many homes, both parents have to work to meet the cost of their mortgage and the needs of the family, and many manage to do this successfully

Holiness for our youth

Young people have so much to offer to God - the freshness of their youth, their enthusiasm, their talents and their time, which we will see once again when the World Youth Rally meets in Sydney. Pope Benedict will welcome almost a million youths from all over the world.

When young people allow Jesus to live in and through them, what an effect this can have on themselves and on others. *The vocation of each person is to be holy*, and this can only be achieved by co-operating with the generous grace that God offers to us all.

At some future feast of *All Saints*, by then may we be counted worthy to be among the unknown saints in heaven whom the Church honours on this feast, because we have lived our lives simply and humbly in a service of love for God and for our neighbour, and fulfilled our vocation in life as best we could.

*O, Master, grant that I may ever seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Mass on Wednesday at 10 a.m. No evening mass because of Vigil Mass at Invergarry.

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A Warning for Christmas!

The Royal Mail and Trading Standards Office are making people aware of the following scam:



A card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 0906 6611911 (a premium rate number). DO NOT call this number, as this is a mail scam originating from Belize.

If you call the number and you start to hear a recorded message you will already have been billed £15 for the phone call !!

If you do receive a card with these details, then contact Royal Mail Fraud on 02072396655

Clocks go back an hour this weekend

For those at the Saturday Vigil Mass, this is a reminder, if you need to be reminded, to put your clocks back an hour. For those at the morning masses, I am sure you all enjoyed the extra hour in bed especially our Invergarry parishioners whose mass is always early at 9.15 .m each Sunday.



In Memoriam



We remember in our prayers this weekend, those whose anniversaries are at this time: **Mary MacKillop**, Keppoch Terrace, whose anniversary was on Friday, and for whom mass was said on Friday morning.

Donnie MacIntosh, Stronaba, for whom the Vigil Mass will be said on Saturday. It is Donnie's 10th anniversary.

Cathie Rennie, for whom mass will be said on Monday,

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

November List for the Dead.

Envelopes and lists are available at the back of the church for those who wish their loved ones remembered in the masses said throughout the month of November. I would be grateful to have the lists as soon as possible. These will be placed on a table in front of altar, with a lighted candle, to remind us of the Communion of Saints and their living presence in heaven.

Blythwood Shoe Box Gifts for children in Romania and Bosnia.

The school children at both Roy Bridge and Spean Bridge Primary Schools are filling shoe boxes with gifts for the children in Bosnia and Romania, who will probably receive nothing at Christmas because of the poverty of their regions. These boxes, delivered by the Blythwood Appeal bring them immense joy and happiness—and sometimes a great surprise!



The children put all sorts of things into their boxes—toys, dolls, games, sweets, toothpaste, soap, gloves, scarves etc. If anyone would like to join the children's efforts, they can fill a box with presents for the poor children, or make a donation, and hand it in at the schools by **Friday, November 2nd**.

Mass at Cille Choirill Next Sunday, November 4th. at 3 p.m.

Mass will be offered next Sunday for all the Holy Souls, and especially for those of our loved ones at rest in Cille Choirill.

Church Rota: Nov. 3rd– 4th

St. Joseph's

Reader: Lindsay Simpson

Prayers: Margaret Muncie

Euch. Mins: Betty Porter Moira Coutts

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Readers: Richard Sidgwick Rory MacDonald

Prayers: Deirdre MacDonald

Euch. Mins: Catrina MacDonald Nilda Hawke

Cleaning: Margaret Watt

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We wish George and Marion every blessing and happiness on their Golden Jubilee which they celebrated on Thursday with mass in St. Joseph's.

We had a special tea in their home in the afternoon where they cut their anniversary cake brought specially from Inverness by their daughter Nanette, and her little daughter, Katie. They was a special anniversary meal in the evening.

May God bless them with happiness and health in the years ahead. I know they are so grateful to God for the gift of their lovely family and grandchildren, and for all the happiness these have brought them over the years.

Congratulations to Roddy & Betty Campbell on their Ruby Wedding Anniversary October 28, 1967.

Roddy and Betty celebrate their Ruby Wedding this Sunday, October 28th, and the 11.30 mass will be offered that God may continue to bless them with health and happiness for many long years. We join with their family and many friends in wishing them every blessing on their 40th anniversary.

Like the homes that Roddy builds, their marriage has been built on solid foundations of love and commitment to each other. They have the joy of their three grandchildren, and last year they flew out to Tokyo for the wedding of their son Hodi to Emi. We were delighted to welcomed the new bride and groom at a special reception last December when they returned home for a visit. We will always remember the beautiful Kimonos worn by the bride and bridesmaids. They also have the joy of looking forward to their daughter Lindsay's marriage to Angus Rae, Kentallen, on Candlemas Day, 2008

(I took this photograph at a Fun Day organised by Paolo and Elspeth Berardelli to raise money to thank Yorkhill Children's Hospital for all they did for little Georgio. Hence, the salubrious background is the barn at Auchendaul!)

