



The Church of the Visitation, Taynuilt

Newsletter for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

25th August 2024

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday Mass:
Sunday at 4 pm

Weekdays:
Mass on Wednesday at
10:30 am

Confessions
Sunday 3:20 pm
before Mass

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The Visitation RC Church, Tay

Welcome our Visitors: A warm welcome to all our visitors to The Church of the Visitation. We are glad you worship with us, may almighty God bless you. Please, join us after Mass on Wednesdays for Tea/Coffee. Our gratitude goes to our parishioners who made this possible, God bless you!

Thank you so much for the Second collection last Sunday for our sick and retired priests we raised £111.00

St. Margaret's Parish Garden: This Saturday 31st of August, Bishop Brian will be blessing St. Margaret's Parish Garden: Marian Grotto, Station of the Cross, and the fountain (Jesus, the Water of Life) It would be a great delight for us, to welcome parishioners of the Visitation Parish to this event. Bishop will celebrate Mass at 10:30 am in honour of our Blessed Virgin Mary and Blessing and dedication at 11 am. There will be refreshments (BBQ) afterwards.

Led By the Spirit: Phase 3 Resources and other materials to help us prepare for our parish meetings are available on the website, www.ledbythespirit.rcdai.org.uk/p/hase-3/ visit it, take time to read and digest all the material to be found there, and most importantly pray for the grace to recognise you are called to holiness, asking to be open to whatever is required to answer this call.

The Rag Bag Donations: The new Rag Bag bin is ready to receive further donations of clothes, shoes and handbags. There is a box in the porch where items can be left. They must be in a securely tied plastic bag and of good quality and clean. Only the following are accepted Men's, Ladies, Children's clothing, belts, bags and paired shoes (tied together).

Collections for last Sunday

Standing Orders **£160**
Offertory **£49.32**
Building Fund **£10.00**
Sick and Retired priests **£111.00**

Season of Creation Conference 2024

The Care of Creation Office of the Bishops' Conference has organised a National Conference for this year's Season of Creation which runs from 1st September – 4th October 2024. The Conference will take place on Saturday 7th September 2024, from 10am – 3pm in St. Margaret's Parish Hall, Raploch, Stirling. The guest speaker is Ben Wilson, Director of Public Engagement for SCIAF. If interested in attending, please complete a booking form here www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah and more details about this free day will follow.

2024 National Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair

Sunday 22 September 2024 at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh.

12.30–1.30pm Goods and Candles for Sale, Tea & Coffee; 1.30–2.30pm Holy Hour (Exposition, Rosary, Benediction, Confessions); 2.45–3.15pm Individual Priestly Blessings at the Shrine of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair; 3.30–4.15pm Reflection on the Venerable Margaret Sinclair, Novena

REFLECTIONS

Do we stand for God?

A group of Christians gathered for a secret prayer meeting in Russia, at the height of the persecution of all Christian churches. Suddenly the door was broken by the boot of a soldier. He entered the room and faced the people with a gun in his hand. They all feared the worst. He spoke. "If there's anyone who doesn't really believe in Jesus, then, get out now while you have a chance." There was a rush to the door. A small group remained – those who had committed themselves to Jesus, and who were prepared never to run from Him. The soldier closed the door after the others, and once again, he stood in front of those who remained, gun poised. Finally, a smile appeared on his face, as he turned to leave the room, and he whispered, "Actually, I believe in Jesus, too, and you're much better off without those others!" [*Jack McArdle in And That's the Gospel Truth: Reflections on the Sunday Gospels Year B (December 1999).*]

"I'm Jesus! Don't you choose Me?"

There is the story that during the Second World War, certain Nazis shot down a group of Jews and buried them in a mass grave. A wounded twelve-year-old boy was still alive. He dug his way out of the shallow dirt and went around the neighborhood seeking shelter in homes. The people knew what had happened and, when they saw the boy caked with dirt, they hurriedly shut the door in his face. One woman was about to do the same when the boy said: "Mom, don't you recognize me? I'm the Jesus you Christians say you love." The lady broke into tears and received the boy into her home. She had made her choice for Jesus. In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges the people to believe in Him and to accept His promise of the Eucharistic food.