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Newsletter for the 6th Sunday of Easter, Year B

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SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY MASS:

St Margaret's: 10 am
All Saints, Inveraray, 12: 30
(Taynuilt Parish Mass: 4 pm)

WEEKDAYS MASS

St Margaret's Church:

Tuesday 10:30 am

Wednesday 5-6 pm

Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

(Taynuilt Parish Mass: 10:30am)

Thursday 10:30 am

The Ascension of the Lord
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Friday 10:30 am

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist
at 10 am before Mass

Saturday 10:30 am

CONFESSION

from Tuesday to Saturday

9:15 am - 9:40 am

before Mass and on request

Please use the QR code below to make donations to the parish.



St Margaret RC Church, Lochgil



SUNDAY HYMNS

Entrance 662 The Love I Have for You My Lord.
Offertory 273 Gifts of Bread and Wine.
Communion 133 A New Commandment.
Recessional 309 Hail Queen of Heaven.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 97

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nation

Visitors: A warm welcome to all our visitors to St. Margaret/ Inveraray Mass station. We are glad you worship with us today, may almighty God bless you all. Please, join us after Mass for Tea/Coffee.

St. Margaret church, Tea/Coffee at the parish's Tent outside the church. **All Saints Inveraray** Tea/Coffee at the back of the church after Mass. Our gratitude goes to the Hospitality group who made this possible, God bless you!

The Solemnity Ascension of the Lord: it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 10:30 am on Thursday 9 May 2024.

Appreciations:

I want to sincerely thank you all for your donations both to SCIAF Wee Boxes and to our Lenten Donation Envelopes for the restoration of our church:

SCIAF Wee Boxes we raised: **£832.21**

Lenten Donation we raised: **£2500.00**

Thank you for your generosity. Work will commence on the church as soon as possible and all the 24 contributors names will appear on the plaque of the church restoration. Please, if you still want to donate for the restoration of the church contact Fr. Philip.

Communication Sunday:

Next Sunday is Communication Sunday and on our special collections list we have the second collection for Communications. Thank you so much for your support and generosity. Read the message of the Holy Father Francis for the 58th World Day of Social Communications, it is on the website <https://www.rcdai.org.uk/message-of-the-holy-father-francis-for-the-58th-world-day-of-social-communications/>

Led by the Spirit Phase 2 Collated Report - 'Our Resources'

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,
The reports submitted from the parishes which participated in Phase 2 of the Led by the Spirit discernment process have now been collated and published. Having initially reflected on our mission, Phase 2 reflected on our resources. None of us will agree with every point but the report accurately reflects the opinions shared. Please read the report, noticing what attracts or disturbs you and bring this to prayer. This will deepen our discernment.

Phase 3 will be launched in June which will ask 'How we can best live out our mission in our present situation?' To read the collation please click here

<https://www.rcdai.org.uk/led-by-the-spirit-consultation.../> or <https://www.ledbythespirit.rcdai.org.uk/phase-2/>

Gilda Eva Gilfedder: Gilda Eva was baptised yesterday, what a great joy to have a new member joining our parish community. The family extends their gratitude to all. Please, pray for her and the whole family.

Collections for last Sunday

St. Margaret and All Saints Inveraray:

Cash **£103.10**, Gift Aid **£93.20**, Total: **£193.30**

SCIAF Wee Boxes: **£832.21**

Lenten Donation **£2500.00**

April Account:

Offortly collected **£2,74296**

Donation **£360**

Special Collection **£287.50**

Total Income: **£3529.00**

Expenditure **£2737.97**

Balance **£4944.43** 30st April 2024

Gift Aid

Gift Aid. If you are a taxpayer, please ensure that you Gift Aid all donations you make to St Margaret's. This costs you nothing and we can recover an extra 25% from HMRC.

A return for 2023/24 will be made in the coming weeks and it is requested that if you have not signed a Gift Aid Declaration form in the last four years, you bring it up to date by completing one now. Gift Aid forms can be found in the church porch, and if your not sure when you last submitted a form, it does no harm to sign another anyway. Similarly if you have made a previous Declaration and no longer pay tax, please return a form signed to indicate your present status.

REFLECTIONS

God's love in action

When Fr. Damien arrived in Molokai to assemble a prefabricated Church for the lepers, he spent the first few weeks sleeping out under the trees, because he was unable to cope with the stench in the hovels of the lepers. He certainly wouldn't dare preach to them about God's love for them, because, as they saw it, that would be offensive. But slowly he opened his heart to the grace of God which enabled him to see the suffering Jesus in them. In no time, he was washing them, bandaging them, and burying them. He came to love them, and, through him, they came to believe that God loved them. He smoked a pipe to counteract the stench, but he soon was passing the pipe around for others to have a smoke. He ate food with them from a common bowl, out of which they scooped the food with hands that had no fingers. He caught the disease himself, and he was happy to be able to live and to die for them. — Thus, St. Damien followed Jesus' commandment of love given in today's Gospel: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Life messages:

We need to cultivate an abiding and loving friendship with Jesus. We need to express this love in our relationships with others by loving them and offering them trust, faithfulness, equality, forgiveness, joy, and sacrifice.

We need to be persons for others: Jesus demonstrated the love of God, his Father, for us by living for us and dying for us. Hence, as Jesus' disciples, we are to be persons for others, sacrificing our time, talents, and lives for others. This is what parents spontaneously do, sacrificing themselves, their time, talents, health, and wealth for their children, or in other words, by spending themselves for their children. The most effective way of communicating God's love to others is by treating everyone as a friend, giving everyone the respect he or she deserves. Let us remember that Christ's own love was not limited to the people he liked and, hence, that we should close our minds to thoughts of revenge.

(Fr. Anthony Kadavil)