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Newsletter for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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:

Mass Tuesday
10:30 am

Wednesday 5-6 pm
Adoration of the Holy Eucharist
(Taynuilt Parish Mass: 10:30am)

Mass Thursday
10:30 am

Friday 10:30 am
Exposition of the Holy Eucharist
at 10 am before Mass

Saturday 10:30 am
Exposition at 10 am

CONFESSIONS

from Tuesday to Saturday
9:00 am – 9:40 am
before Mass and on request

Please use the QR code
below to make offertory or
donate to the parish.



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Welcome to all visitors at St. Margaret's Church and All Saints Church, Inveraray Mass Station. We are happy that you joined us for worship today. Please join us for tea or coffee in the mini hall after Mass. A big thank you to the Hospitality group for organizing this. God bless you.

Pray and Act for Gaza

Justice & Peace Scotland invites you to "Pray and Act for Gaza" as we approach two years of war in the Holy Land. On Monday 7th October, please join our "Light a Prayer for Peace" action by lighting a candle and say a prayer for peace. You are also encouraged to write to your MP urgently calling for action to end the suffering in Gaza. Find out more and download a template letter here: www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/Light-a-Prayer-for-Peace

Our church is always open for parishioners to visit and light a candle. If you are unable to attend the church, please light a candle at home.

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of the Holy Land: Israeli and Palestinian, Jew, Christian and Muslim. We pray for an end to acts of violence and terror. We lift to you all who are fearful and hurting. We ask for wisdom and compassion for those in leadership. Above all, we ask that Jesus the Prince of Peace, would bring lasting reconciliation and justice for all. Amen.

October Devotion

What is an October devotion? It refers to the Catholic devotion of praying the Holy Rosary throughout October to honour the Virgin Mary, a practice initiated by Pope Leo XIII. This devotion includes reciting the Rosary, the Litany of Our Lady of Loreto, prayers for the Holy Father's intentions, and often Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The month also commemorates the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, honouring the Battle of Lepanto in 1571.

On weekdays Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 10 AM, followed by the recitation of the Holy Rosary and the Litany, with Mass starting at 10:30 AM.

Collections for last Sunday

St. Margaret and All Saints Inveraray:
£317.50 Card Reader: £10.00 Total: £327.5

We now have an Air Card Reader, a contactless donation machine for visitors and parishioners who would like to make their offertory or donate to the parish but do not have cash, this available in the porch. You can as well use the QR code on the newsletter.

Deanery Mass to celebrate the Jubilee Year

We will hold our Deanery Mass to celebrate the Jubilee Year with Bishop Brian at St. Andrew's church in Rothesay on October 28th The schedule will be:

12 noon, Mass in St Andrew's Church

1.30pm Refreshments (Shinty Club)

3.00pm, Rosary (St Blane's Monastery or St Andrew's Church)

HCPT Lourdes Pilgrimage

Lorraine Quigg is looking into organising an HCPT Lourdes Pilgrimage in July 2026. HCPT takes people of all ages and abilities on life changing summer pilgrimages to Lourdes each year. Lorraine is proposing to set up a group which would serve parishes within Argyll to travel to the fully accessible Hosanna House in July. HCPT will organise every part of the pilgrimage, from travel to dietary requirements. Hosanna House is an attractive and tranquil home in Bartres, just outside Lourdes and has fantastic views of the Pyrenees. All travel into Lourdes is provided on accessible coaches. Please contact Lorraine on Hcpt521@outlook.com if you are keen to help.

REFLECTIONS

“Mustard Seed”

“I always feel terrible when I hear this “Mustard Seed” parable (Lk 17:5-10) — my faith will never be so strong as to physically transplant trees.” — You are misunderstanding the purpose and intent of this parable. Indeed, if the “goal” is always to go around “testing” our faith by commanding trees to be uprooted, one of two things will happen. Either we will experience a gigantic deforestation situation, or we will have a lot of unhappy people who think their faith level is demonstrably ‘zilch’! Jesus loves to use exaggeration to make a point, a common literary device in every culture of every age.

You will remember an example used by Jesus in the gospel five weeks ago (hate your father and mother, wife and children, etc..., Lk 14:26). We call it “hyperbole,” and use it regularly (e.g., “It’s raining cats and dogs”). It is legitimate to use if what it describes is really true.

The “truth” is that even though the Mustard Seed looks so tiny and powerless, compare that seed with the effect its planting will bring after a few years! — Faith is like that: it may seem powerless, based on an image of a dead man on a cross. But it will produce incredible results when we live that faith and share that faith, because that dead man on the cross was taken down and buried — and on the third day, according to the Scriptures, He rose again and is with us still in the Eucharist and in His Church as our is our Salvation! Change is always possible, because His Dynamic Spirit dwells within us. His Power power can do anything He wills! So simply do your daily Christian duties, including sharing your Faith, and let God take care of the growth. (*Fr. Robert F. McNamara*).