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Newsletter for the 33rd 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.

Jubilee Cross

The Diocesan Jubilee Cross, which is displayed in our Cathedral, has been brought to our Deanery and is now in our parish for veneration. As you enter or go out of the church, parishioners are encouraged to venerate the cross.

Bishop's Annual Safeguarding Message

Bishop Brian sent a message on Safeguarding in the Church, highlighting some points in the annual Safeguarding Conference he participated in Glasgow. This message will be read during the Mass.

Scottish Catholic Education service

The Second Collection today is to support the work of the Scottish Catholic Education service through the Bishops conference of Scotland. Forming our young people in the Faith is very important to us. The Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES) is the Church's official Agency for supporting the education of our youth in Scotland.

Christmas turkey raffle

Two Kelly Bronze turkeys each weighing 5kgs will be raffled for Church funds on the 22nd and 29th November. The raffle will be drawn in the mini hall after Mass on the 29th November.

Argyll & the Isles Diocese Holy Land Accompaniment Group

If you haven't registered with the Argyll & the Isles Diocesan Holy Land Accompaniment Group, email holylandaccompaniment@rcdai.scot There have already been a number of online meetings with our friends in Bethlehem and more are planned. Bishop Brian is very supportive of the group and hopes our prayers and messages for Palestine can continue for as long as they are needed.

Notices for the Bulletin

Please send your notices to lochgilphead@rcdai.org.uk by noon on Friday. If you have any posters, kindly use the noticeboard instead of the glass door and remove any outdated posters.

Contactless Donation Machine

We now have an Air Card Reader, enabling visitors and parishioners without cash to make offertory donations or contribute to the parish. This device is located in the porch. Thank you.

Collections for last Sunday

St. Margaret and All Saints Inveraray:
£180.00 Card Reader: £0.00 Total: £180.00

Mary's Meals Christmas Market:

The charity Mary's Meals invites you to its Christmas Market on Saturday 15 November (10.30am-5pm) and Sunday 16 November (12pm-5pm) at The Social Hub (15 Candleriggs, Glasgow G1 1TQ), to help raise funds for its work providing school meals to children in poverty. Browse our selection of stalls from volunteers and small businesses. Find out more at <https://marysmealschristmasmarket.eventbrite.co.uk> or call 0800 698 1212.

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

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In his recent catechesis during the Wednesday general audiences in Rome, Pope Leo XIV has been focusing on the resurrection. He has mentioned in that catechesis that “the resurrection transforms every aspect of our lives... his (Christ's) Resurrection was marked by the humility of simple ordinary gestures appearing as a gardener, a foreigner, or a passing stranger...this surprising aspect of the resurrection contains a precious message for us. The Resurrection is not a dramatic ‘plot twist’, but a silent transformation that fills every human action with meaning” (October 8, 2025). He later stated, “the resurrection is the remedy to sadness... as a feeling of precariousness” (October 22, 2025). On Wednesday, November 5th, he continued his focus on the resurrection and how it impacts us to this day. He said, “even our time, marked by so many crosses, invokes the dawn of Paschal hope.” He went on to describe “Christ's Resurrection, not as an idea, not a theory, but the Event that is the foundation of faith. Believing in the Resurrection means revolutionizing how we live...paschal hope does not disappoint...in Christ's Resurrection we find an answer to our thirst for meaning...” Christ's Resurrection “becomes care and healing...the paschal mystery is the cornerstone of Christian life.”

At a time when so many among us struggle with the darkness of life, our readings and Pope Leo's admonition should renew us on the journey. The readings remind us of what is really important, and what is important is beyond this life. As Christians we believe that this life is simply a preparatory stage of what is to hopefully come to each of us – eternal life. But in the meantime, we struggle. Whether it be with temptation, with others, with distractions, with meaning and purpose. We can become discouraged; we lose our way. But that is the advantage of considering our readings and Pope Leo's observations. We are called to something different, something higher, and we are called to persevere in that knowledge.

As we come to the end of this liturgical year, and with advent of yet another, it is an opportunity to renew our faith and hope in the power of the Resurrection today and every day of our lives.

(Fr. Francis E. Chambers, O.S.A.)