

Sunday 9 July 2017

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This week's Services and Mass Intentions

Sunday:	Fourteenth Sunday of the Year	
10.15 am	Mass	Danny O'Donnell
Monday:	No Service	
Tuesday:	St Benedict	
10.00 am	Mass	
Wednesday:		
10.00 am	Mass	
Thursday:	No Service	
Friday:		
10.00 am	Mass	
Saturday:	St Bonaventure	
10.00 am	Mass	Elizabeth & Hugh Grimley
Sunday:	Fifteenth of the Year	
10.15 am	Mass	Lola Currie

The Church is open for prayer every day from 9.00 am until after Mass.

Every Wednesday there is tea and coffee after Mass in the Parish Room.

Please welcome Monsignor Charlie Cavanagh, who will celebrate Mass this morning. Fr James is in Lourdes with the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage.

Please note that there will be no Exposition after Mass on Saturday.

Blood Transfusion Mobile Unit will visit Rannoch Community Centre on Thursday 27th July, 2.00pm-4.00pm & 5.30pm-7.30pm.

Vocations Mass: Please note there will be no Vocations Mass at St Joseph's House, Gilmore Place during the months of July and August.

Knitting for the Neonates! We are once again looking for parish knitters to make little hats for the premature babies at the Sick Kids Hospital. A variety of sizes from 24cm to 38cm head circumference, the smaller ones need straps to tie under chin. *They should be small enough to fit a large orange.* Please give them to Giovanna or leave them in the parish room in box provided, thank you.

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Fourteenth Sunday of the Year

(Year A/Weekdays 1)

Sunday Liturgy: Order of Mass: 479

Hymns:

Entry: 803 Love is his word
Offertory: 627 This is my body
Communion: 967 O the love of my Lord
971 Father, I place into your hands
Recessional: 771 Walk in the light

Summary of Readings:

Zechariah 9:9-10: The people of Israel are invited to rejoice because a new king is coming to establish peace. The peace will be such that it will be felt to the ends of the earth.

Romans 8:9. 11-13: Paul reminds the Christians in Rome that the Spirit has made his home in them, the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead. That Spirit should influence their lives completely.

Matthew 11:25-30: The ministry in Galilee has not gone well for Jesus, but he holds on to his unique relationship with the Father, his source of strength. He invites everyone to find their rest in him, for his burden is light.

Today's Liturgy: Pope Francis had some strong words of advice recently for priests. As he ordained ten men to the priesthood on Good Shepherd Sunday, he said in his homily: 'A priest who has perhaps studied much theology and has achieved one or two or three advanced degrees, but has not learned to carry the Cross of Christ, is useless: he will be a good academic, a good professor, but not a priest. Please, I ask you in the name of Christ and of the church to be merciful, always: do not saddle the faithful with burdens they cannot carry – nor ought you so burden yourselves.'

He must have been thinking of the extract from Matthew's Gospel that we hear today, where Jesus talks about the exact opposite of laying burdens on people – he promises to take them away, and to lighten our load.

I don't think Jesus is saying that the Christian life is always going to be easy, that there will not be burdens or crosses to carry, or that we should not hold ourselves to high standards. Rather, he is reminding us that when we find ourselves overburdened – tired, frustrated, afraid, overwhelmed, disheartened – help is at hand. He invites us to come to him, and to unload our troubles onto him. He is a place of rest for our weary souls. With Jesus on board, our minds and hearts will be lighter, and we can get on with our tasks with renewed energy and zeal. *(Reflection by Triona Doherty)*

Financial Matters:

Last Sunday's Collection: £618.86
Contributions by Standing Order: £234.69
Special Collection - Peter's Pence: £439.75

Church Cleaning: Team 2; **Tea Team for Next Sunday:** 3

