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NEWSLETTER FOR 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY MASS:

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

WEEKDAYS MASS

St Margaret's Church:

Tuesday 10:30 am

Wednesday 5 pm

Adoration of the Holy
Eucharist and Praises,
(Taynuilt Parish Mass: 10:30am)

Thursday 11:30 am

Friday 10:30 am

Exposition of the Holy
Eucharist at 10 am before
Mass.

CONFESSION

from Tuesday to Saturday
9:15 am - 9:40 am
before Mass and on request

Gift Aid

The government's Gift Aid Scheme is a very needy source of income for St Margaret's Parish.

Please ensure that if you are a UK taxpayer every donation you make to the parish, including your offertory collection, is Gift Aided. Envelopes are available at the rear of the Church for this purpose.

Thank you for supporting our church.



"The world and its wonders are not ours to own. Rather they are given to us in trust; we are their tenants. When we forget this basic fact, we invite disaster and degenerate into moral corruption. We must remember that we are servants and God the master."

Bishop Robert Barron

Parish Recollection: It was lovely to come and spend some time together in reflection, meditation, and sharing. We thank Sister Placida for a wonderful talk on *(Being Encouraged by Our Discouragement)* sharing with us her experiences, especially in Kenya, Africa, we are grateful. We are so sorry many of us were unable to come, but we remember you all in our prayers. We look forward for Advent parish recollection.

Visitors: A warm welcome to all our visitors to St. Margaret/ Inveraray Mass station. We are glad you worship with us today, 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 at the back of the church after Mass. Our gratitude goes to the Hospitality group who made this possible, God bless you!

Walk: Thanks to all who came out for a walk to mark the end of the Season of Creation, 4 mile walk along the Crinan canal together was great. We appreciate your efforts.

Gift Shop: Our church gift shop now has more quality new cards and candles for sale at the entrance. Support the shop, the income from the shop goes to the church fund.

Wedding: The wedding between **Natalie** and **Avest** comes up on the 14th of October in Inveraray at 1 pm.

Collections last Sunday

Offertory Cash both St Margaret and Inveraray £241.58

Gift Aid Envelopes £80.00

Total £321.58

Catholic Youth Ministry Internships

Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Retreat Centre) is looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their Youth Ministry Internship Programme.

The scheme gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the English Lake District. For more information contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

MOMA: MOMA thanks everyone as always for their generosity. Sadly, the economic crisis is biting very hard for people in crisis in Mid Argyll.

Could we ask that you add **pot noodles** to the dried and canned foods you already donate, please? Toiletries are always welcome, and a **basic can opener** would also be useful for some. Thank you so much.

Led By The Spirit: Phase Two concerns consultation on our Diocesan Resources.

By visiting www.ledbythespirit.org.uk or through the Diocesan website www.rcdai.org.uk you can learn much about our Diocesan resources eg. Sunday Mass numbers and the financial status of every single parish in the Diocese over the past five years. It is a very transparent portrayal of our Diocesan resources.

REFLECTIONS

Desire and Fear

St. Augustine once remarked that there are “*two things in human beings from which all sins spring: desire and fear.*” He then goes on to note, “*Suppose a reward is offered to you to induce you to sin, something you find very attractive; you commit the sin for the sake of what you desire. Or perhaps you are not seduced by bribes, but are intimidated by threats; then you do it because of something you fear.*”

(Exposition on Psalm 79) If we take a moment to honestly reflect on our own motives and actions I think we can readily recognize the truth found in Augustine’s observations on the dynamic of sin.

This awareness of the dynamic of desire as one of the primary motives of sin is expressed by our Lord in this Sunday’s gospel parable ([Mt. 21:33-43](#)).

It is found in the attitudes and actions of the tenants. The tenants continue to mistreat and even kill the servants that the landowner sends to them. But it is when the landowner sends his son that the dynamic of disordered desire present in their hearts is truly revealed for all to see.

“*This is the heir,*” they say, “*Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.*” They are so caught up in their disordered desire that they are blind to reason. What murderer could ever hope to rightfully gain the inheritance of the murdered victim? It is their inflamed desire for the inheritance that has led them into this great sin.

Guarding the Deposit of Faith and Producing Fruit for the Kingdom

In the parable Jesus taught in our Gospel today (Matt 21:33-43), the landowner gave his vineyard on deposit, so to speak, to the tenants when he went on a journey. As vintage time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants mistreated and killed his servants and finally in exasperation the landowner sent his son thinking they would respect his son. But they also killed his son. Jesus teaches this parable in Matthew after arriving in Jerusalem before his Passion.

We know, and the Pharisees listening to Jesus knew, that Jesus was referring to the prophets of the Old Testament who had been rejected and killed, and Jesus is now predicting his own death. He knows it is the inevitable outcome of his ministry. The crunch line comes at the very end when Jesus says, “Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.” (Matt 21:43) We could see this as a reference to the Church in the first century becoming less and less Jewish and more and more Gentile.

The deposit which had been given to the Chosen People would be taken from them because they did not keep it in trust as requested.

(Fr. Tommy Lane)

SUNDAY HYMNS

Entrance 361 Immortal, Invisible, God only One
Offertory 122 All that I Am.
Communion 500 O Bread of Heaven.
Recessional 141 As I Kneel Before You.

Responsorial Psalm (Psl.79)
The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel