



Parish Newsletter

St Fillan, King St, Newport-on-Tay
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Queen St, Tayport



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Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the God who saves us, alleluia. Year: C(II). Psalm week: 3. Liturgical Colour: Green.

First reading: *Wisdom 11:22-12:2. You are merciful to all, because you love all that exists.*

Responsorial Psalm: *PS 144:1-2,8-11,13b-14. I will bless your name forever, O God my King.*

Second reading: *2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2. The name of Christ will be glorified in you, and you in him.*

Gospel: *Luke 19:1-10. The Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.*

HOLY MASS TIMES

Our Lady Star of the Sea: Saturday Vigil 5pm; Monday and Friday 10am. Tuesday 7pm

St Fillan's: Sunday 10:15am; Wednesday and Thursday 10am.

Tuesday 1st November is the **Solemnity of all Saints**. Mass in Our Lady Star of the Sea at 7pm and in St Columba's at 7pm.

Wednesday is the **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**. Mass in St Fillan's at 10am.

Plenary indulgence for the souls in purgatory from midday 1st to midnight 2nd. Similarly any day from 1st to 8th November for visiting a cemetery and praying for those buried there.

Mgr. Pat's Corner

Zacchaeus

The Evangelist St. Luke has painted such a beautiful picture of Zacchaeus in today's Gospel that it has stuck in our memory since childhood days, and is particularly popular with Primary School children.

It was the eagerness of Zacchaeus to see what kind of man Jesus was that opened him up to conversion.

Zacchaeus offers the strictest requirement, as noted in the Jewish scriptures, for restitution: 'four times the amount' of money he had taken from people. Jesus reaches out to him in a gesture of hospitality and friendship, offering compensation for his crimes.

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The readings for this Sunday, once again, celebrate God's boundless love for each and every one of us. No matter how far we go astray, God continues to seek us out and welcome us back.

The First Reading reminds us that God has created everything in love. Nothing exists or survives without God's imperishable spirit. It is because of the depth of God's love that our faults and failings can be forgiven, and we can rely on God to guide us away from evil.

The Psalm is a wonderful hymn of praise to the God we acknowledge as King of our hearts. The verses echo the first reading in reminding us how completely God loves us. God will raise us up to life when we fall.

In **the Second Reading**, St Paul urges the Thessalonians, and ourselves, to continue to focus on doing what good the Lord asks of us. It is through our lives that God's name will be glorified.

The Gospel story of Zacchaeus reiterates that salvation awaits anyone who repents of their sinful ways. Just as Jesus urges Zacchaeus down from the tree, so, too, he calls each one of us. All we need do is seek his presence, and, acknowledging our faults and failings, welcome him into every aspect of our lives.

This week, as we continue to pray for an end to hostilities throughout the world, we ask that the Lord will help us to hear and respond to his invitation and welcome him joyfully into our lives.

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Special Prayers: We pray for those who have died recently, especially Jean Bailey and Tito Testa; for those who are sick and those whose anniversaries fall at this time. We pray for those caring for the sick, those mourning the loss of loved ones or struggling to cope with difficulties in their lives. We pray especially for peace throughout the world and for the victims of war or natural disasters.

To request prayers in the Newsletter please contact Mgr. Pat or Fr Jude or leave your request through Fr Jude's letterbox.

Saints & Feastsdays

Tues. 1st:	All Saints' Day	Solemnity, White. Holy Day of Obligation
Wed. 2nd:	All Souls' Day	Commemoration, Violet/Black
Thur. 3rd:	St Martin de Porres, Religious	Memorial, White
Fri. 4th:	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop	Memorial, White

The **Feast of All Saints** (All Hallows' Day, Halloween, or All Saints' Day) commemorates all the saints of the church, both known and unknown, who have attained heaven. The word *Halloween* has Scottish origins and means holy evening, referring to the night before All Saints' Day. In 609, Pope Boniface IV started the tradition in honour of Christian martyrs, which took place around May 13th to co-opt the pagan holiday *Feast of the Lamures*, a day which pagans used to placate the restless spirits of the dead. In the mid eighth century, Pope Gregory III moved the tradition to November 1st and established it as a holy day of obligation.

All Souls' Day is officially known as **The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**, a holy day set aside for honouring the dead. Unlike All Saints', All Souls' Day is not a holy day of obligation. This celebration is associated with the doctrine that *All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after their death they undergo purification so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven* (The Catechism of the Catholic Church, §1030). This purification is carried out posthumously in Purgatory and may be helped by prayers and by the sacrifice of the Mass. The custom of setting apart a special day for intercession for the Faithful Departed was first established by St Odilo at his abbey of Cluny in 998. From Cluny the custom spread throughout France, Europe and was accepted in Rome in the fourteenth century. Many cultures commemorate the day in different ways. In the Hispanic world, particularly in Mexico, All Souls is a public holiday lasting 3 days; families visit the graves of their ancestors, leaving flowers and sometimes food offerings for the departed.

Saint Martin de Porres (1579-1639) was born in Lima, Peru, the illegitimate son of a Spanish nobleman and a black ex-slave. His mother gave him a Christian education and he became a pharmacist and a nurse. Despite his father's opposition he entered the Dominican Order as a lay brother in 1603 and spent his life working for the sick and the poor. Many people of all ranks would come to him for advice. He had a great devotion to the Holy Eucharist. He has been named as a patron saint of those of mixed race.

St Charles Borromeo (1538-1584) was a leading figure of the much-needed Catholic Reformation. He was born in northern Italy to a powerful family related to the Medici. As the second son, he was destined for a career in the Church and, when his uncle was elected Pope Pius IV, he was summoned to Rome and made a cardinal, aged 21. Three years later Charles's elder brother died, leaving him as head of the family. His relations, including the Pope, wanted him to abandon his ecclesiastical career and marry, but Charles wished to remain in the Church and he settled the argument by secretly being ordained priest. He was soon consecrated as Archbishop of Milan, but he was needed in Rome and was only allowed to take up residence in his diocese when Pius IV died. St Charles drafted the catechism of the Council of Trent and set up the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine to teach children the faith: it was the beginning and inspiration of the Sunday School movement. He worked tirelessly to reform the Church, starting in his own diocese and finishing in Switzerland where, as well as the usual corruptions and abuses, he had to deal with senior priests who were practising witchcraft. St Charles gave much of his property to the poor; when famine struck the province, he fed 3,000 people at his own expense for three months; when the plague came, he went to the hospital to care for the sick. St Charles encountered vicious opposition to his programme of reform. However, eventually many were inspired to follow his example.

ECUMENICAL NATIVITY PLAY, 3rd December 2022. The Church of Scotland in Newport would like to host an ecumenical Nativity Play in their grounds and Church. They would very much like volunteers from St Fillan's and the Episcopal Church to join them in this exciting venture. There are a number of tasks required - involving Actors, Stewards, Costumes, Technical. Please contact Anne Meiland as soon as possible. More details are at the back of St. Fillan's.

THE SUNDAY CAFÉ. All welcome to stay after Sunday Mass for coffee/tea and a chance to chat with fellow parishioners. Volunteers are needed. If you would like to help occasionally, please contact Angela Morton. Phone/text 0792 3931147 Email: angela3morton@gmail.com

All Souls' Day Prayer: Merciful Father, on this day we remember those who have died, particularly those who had touched our lives, and pray for their joyful reunion with you, their loving Creator. Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls rest in peace. May they rise in glory.