

Parish Newsletter

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



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6th November 2022 We are the people of the Lord, the flock that is led by his hand: come, let us adore him, alleluia.

Year: C(II). Psalm week: 4. Liturgical Colour: Green.

First reading: 2. Maccabees 7: 1-2. 9-14. The King of the World will raise us up to live forever. Responsorial Psalm: PS 16. I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord. Second reading: 2 Thessalonians 2: 16-3:5. May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say. Gospel: Luke 20:27—38. He is God, not of the dead, but of the living.

HOLY MASS TIMES

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

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

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER IS DEDICATED TO PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED. NOVEMBER Lists are available at the back of the churches for people to add the names of those to be remembered and a basket will be at the front of the altar to collect these. Mass will be offered during November especially for those whose names are recorded. There are also be envelopes if anyone wants to leave a donation. To offer a Mass for a loved one, please speak to any of the priests.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Being children of the resurrection, we are sons and daughters of God

As we move towards the end of the liturgical year, the readings invite us to think about endings: not in a fearful way, but with an invitation to hope and trust in the God of resurrection and life.

The First Reading tells of a valiant mother who, strong in her hope of the resurrection, encourages her faith-filled sons to suffer martyrdom rather than prove unfaithful to God.

In the Gospel, Jesus, answering the sly question posed by the Saducees, demonstrates that they have not even begun to understand the transformation of life that will take place after the resurrection. Heaven is about union with the God who is Lord of life and the living.

In the Second Reading Paul prays that our Lord and Father may strengthen the young Christian community of Thessalonica with the grace of strength, comfort and hope. He also warns them to be alert to 'the interference of bigoted and evil people', who would prevent the Lord's message of love spreading quickly throughout the world.

The Psalm is a prayer of trust in God and appeals for deliverance from enemies who have wrongfully accused the psalmist.

The images used to describe God are both intimate and striking. This week, we pray for all innocent people in our own times who suffer imprisonment, torture and death. We also pray that Christ Jesus's message of love and compassion for the whole of life may spread quickly throughout the world.

<u>St Beunos Outreach</u> <u>https://stbeunosoutreach.wordpress.com/prego/</u>

Special Prayers: We pray for those who have died recently, 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.

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<u>Saints & Feastdays</u>

Tues. 8: Blessed John Duns Scotus, Priest

Wed. 9:The Dedication of the Lateran BasilicaThur. 10:St Leo the Great. Pope

Fri.11: St Martin of Tours, Bishop

Sat. 12: St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr

Memorial, white Feast, white Memorial, white Memorial, white Memorial, red

Blessed John Duns Scotus (c.1266-1308), commonly called Duns Scotus (Duns the Scot), was born in Duns, Berwickshire. He entered the Order of Franciscan Minor in Dumfries, was educated in Oxford and taught at the university of Paris. He is one of the three most important philosopher-theologians of the High Middle Ages, together with Thomas Aquinas and William of Ockham. Scotus has had considerable influence on both Catholic and secular thought and was given the scholastic accolade Doctor Subtilis (the Subtle Doctor) for his penetrating and clear teachings. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1993.

The Lateran Basilica was built by the Emperor Constantine on the Lateran Hill in Rome about 324. The feast of its dedication has been celebrated in Rome since the twelfth century and has been extended to the whole Church as a sign of unity and love towards the See of Peter. The Basilica is the cathedral church of the Diocese of Rome, it serves as the seat of the Pope and has the title of *Ecumenical Mother Church of the Catholic Faithful*.

St Leo the Great (- 461) became Pope in 440. He was a true shepherd and father of souls, who constantly strove to keep the unity of the Church. He repelled the invasions of the barbarians or alleviated their effects, famously persuading Attila the Hun not to march on Rome in 452, and preventing the invading Vandals from massacring the population in 455. St Leo left many doctrinal and spiritual writings behind and a number of them are included in the Office of Readings to this day.

St Martin of Tours (c.316-397) was born in the Roman province of Pannonia (modern Hungary) and was a soldier in the army of the Roman Empire. He was baptized, left the army and, after spending some time as a hermit, he founded a monastery at Ligugé in western France, where he lived a monastic life guided by St Hilary. Later he was ordained priest and became bishop of Tours. He was famed for his holiness and accounts of miracles. The famous story about St Martin is that while a soldier in Amiens he gave half of his military cloak to a beggar and later had a dream in which the beggar revealed himself as Christ.

Saint Josaphat (c.1580-1623) was born in the Ukraine of Orthodox parents. In 1595 the Union of Brest brought the Orthodox Church into communion with Catholic Rome. However, a schism developed within the church, with one party wanting to remain Orthodox and in the orbit of Moscow and Constantinople, while the other accepted the Union. St Josaphat joined the first monastery of the order of St Basil to be united to the Catholic Church. He was appointed bishop of Polotsk in 1617. He remained faithful to the pope but his life was marked with rivalry and fighting and he was eventually brutally murdered.

THE ANNUAL MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION WILL BE ON SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER.

A basket will be available at the back of the churches for donations, as well as Gift Aid Envelopes.

From Pope Francis on the Solemnity of All Saints: "Jesus calls on us to act as peacemakers, building peace through works of justice and mercy. The Bible speaks of a 'sowing of peace' because it germinates from the soil of life, from the seed of our heart; it grows in silence, day after day, through works of justice and mercy, as the luminous witnesses we are celebrating today show us." <u>https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2022-11/pope-angelus-like-saints-be-builders-of-peace.html</u>

<u>Praying with the Pope in November</u>. The Holy Father's intention for November is for the children who suffer: We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection. <u>https://www.praywiththepope.net/</u>

ONLINE RETREAT FOR ADVENT, 27 November-25 December 2022. For the 4 weeks of Advent the Ignatian Spirituality Centre offers you material for daily prayer. <u>https://www.onlineprayer.net/advent-retreat/</u>

COFFEE MORNING, Monday 7th November, 10am to 11:30am in the Church of Scotland, East Hall, Wormit. All welcome.

<u>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 13th November</u>, 12.05pm to 12.30pm. Gathering at the War Memorial, Tay Street, Newport.

ECUMENICAL NATIVITY PLAY 3RD DECEMBER. 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. There will be 2 performances, at 2pm and 3pm, lasting 45 minutes each.

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

<u>**Prayer</u>** Almighty Father, strong is your justice and great is your mercy. Protect us in the burdens and challenges of life. Shield our minds from the distortion of pride and enfold our desire with the beauty of truth.</u>