



Parish Newsletter

St Fillan's, King St, Newport-on-Tay

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Queen St, Tayport



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4th Sunday of Easter - 21 April 2024

The Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Year: B (II). Psalm week: 4. Liturgical Colour: White.

First reading: Acts 4:8-12. This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Responsorial Psalm: 117. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone (or Alleluia).

Second reading: 1 John 3:1-2. We shall be like God because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel: John 10:11-18. The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep

HOLY MASS TIMES

Our Lady Star of the Sea:	Saturday Vigil 5pm	Monday and Friday 10 am (Eucharistic Service)
St Fillan's:	Sunday 10:15 am	Wednesday and Thursday 10 am (Eucharistic Service)

Mgr Pat's Corner

Calling to love

Today we hear much about the importance of social services, mental health and well-being. However, imagine a world where everyone had a good job, where the best services of physical and mental health were available, where the best roads (with no pot-holes) were in place, and all the facilities we need on a daily basis were readily available. Life, then, might feel good, but would we be any happier? Would this guarantee that the levels of crime would fall? Would less people take their own lives or become addicted to drugs and alcohol?

The answer to all these questions is a definite 'NO' because the human heart longs for much more than money, jobs, facilities and opportunities. As the Beatles sang way back in the early 60s: 'Can't buy me love'.

More than anything else the human heart longs for love, for meaning in life, for family, and to know that we matter to someone. Every human life longs to directly experience the love of God which keeps it alive.

When we read the Gospel today that is precisely the message Jesus has for us. He says: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me'. We belong to a God who knows us and loves us. We do not exist by chance, but are willed into being by a God who has made us in his image and likeness.

Deep in our hearts we recognise the voice of God who has given us the Holy Spirit to be our helper and guide; to teach what is right and wrong, what is true and what is false. We know that, through our Baptism and Confirmation, we have a vocation, a calling to be followers of Jesus Christ.

We know that we are made for more than this world, we are made for eternal life, and we are on that journey together. Therefore, every life is precious, sacred and unique.

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Special Prayers: We pray for those who have died recently, for those who are sick or in hospital 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 and of natural disasters. Remember to keep in your prayers our late Bishop Elect Fr Martin Chambers who died recently, his family and Parishioners in Troon. A special mass held in St Andrew's Cathedral on 12th April in honour of Fr Martin was very well attended. The choir – who had been preparing for the inauguration of Fr Martin, as Bishop, performed some of the program they had been working so hard on for several weeks.

Could we also remember in our prayers Seth Schor, (late husband of Ana Schor) whose anniversary was on the 18 April.

Also a request by Jenny McLaren for her dad's brother - Basil Doughty (93) - whose funeral is being held down south tomorrow. Basil grew up in Newport and attended Bell Baxter HS, prior to moving to Northampton. He loved Scotland and in particular the Newport Area.

Caroline Macmillan has requested – can we remember in our prayers - Kristoffer Stærnes (my son's father in law) who died on

Feasts and Solemnities

Tuesday 23 April – Saint George, (- c303) was martyred at Lydda (now in Israel) in about 303, during the persecution of Diocletian. Like so many saints of that period, the only fact that we can be certain of is his martyrdom. His cult spread quickly through both the East and the West, and the legend of St George and the Dragon only appeared some time afterwards. During the crusades, George was seen to personify the ideals of Christian chivalry, and he was adopted as the patron saint of several city states and countries, including England and Catalonia. King Richard I of England placed his crusading army under the protection of St George, and in 1222 his feast was proclaimed a holiday. RED

Tuesday 23 April - Bl Teresa Maria of the Cross (1846-1910) - was born at Campi Bisenzio, Florence, where in 1874 she founded the Congregation of Carmelite Sisters of Saint Teresa, whom she also sent to Lebanon and the Holy Land. She lived joyfully, body and soul, the mystery of the Cross in full conformity to the will of God, and she was outstanding for her love for the Eucharist, and her maternal care for children and for the poor. She died at Campi Bisenzio on 23rd April, 1910.

Thursday 25 April – Saint Mark, Evangelist, who was a cousin of Barnabas and accompanied the apostle Paul on his first missionary journey; later he followed him to Rome. He was a disciple of Peter, and his gospel is told from Peter's point of view. He is credited with founding the Church in Alexandria. His body was stolen from Alexandria in 828 (though some say that the wrong bones were stolen) and taken to Venice, which adopted him as its patron saint. RED

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Those of you who still use numbered envelopes for your weekly collection will note that you may have a different envelope number than last year. This is because we ordered less books of envelopes than previous years.

The new number is the one on the Gift Aid register, so please do not use last year's number as it creates problems with the accounting. Thank you.

Your continuing support for The Sunday Cafe, your generous donations of Wool and Foodbank Items (Taybridgehead 078400957039) is very much appreciated. If you have a hidden talent – such as gardening cleaning, beverage preparation feel free to offer your services.

The Newport Knitting Group would very much appreciate it if you would donate any shade of double knitting wool to give to elderly people who become more housebound as the weather worsens. There is a box at the back of St Fillan's Newport for this collection. Thank you, Anne Meiland.

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