



Parish Newsletter

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

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Queen St, Tayport



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33rd Sunday in Ordinary time – 17th November 2024

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the God who saves us, alleluia

Year: B(II). Psalm week: 1. Liturgical Colour: Green

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3 – When that time comes, your own people will be spared.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 15(16):5,8-11 - Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

Second reading: Hebrews 10:11-14,18 – By virtue of one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying.

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32 – He will gather the chosen from the four winds.

HOLY MASS TIMES

Our Lady Star of the Sea: Saturday Vigil 5 pm Monday and Friday 10 am (Eucharistic Service)

St Fillan's: Sunday 10:15 am Wednesday and Thursday 10 am (Eucharistic Service)*

Sign into the new whatsapp group created by Sam Morton - see page 2 for details.

Mgr Pat's Corner

You are called to bear much fruit

Fear stalks us daily. The world in which we live can undermine our trust in God. It is easy to become attached to things of this world even although, for the most part, they give us only fleeting pleasure or temporary security before they pass away or disappear altogether.

Since our heart is made for God, for the infinite, when we become attached to something that is not of God the result is fear: a fear of the future or a fear of the unknown. But with God we know the ending, and we know what awaits us. Listen to these words of Jesus: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away". All that we see and enjoy around us will one day disappear, but not Christ's promises, especially the promise of eternal life - and of heaven.

When Jesus spoke about the fig tree in today's Gospel, he may have thought of another fig tree - the one you may remember that bore no fruit, withered, dried up and died. Christ shocked his listeners at that time.

We don't know when Christ will pass by the fig tree of our life, looking to pick the fruit of our good works. However, we can be assured of this - the time will come. Our Baptism has made our lifetime a time of harvest. The lesson for today is: bear fruit now, be the best that you can be. Christ came to give life and give it abundantly!

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Special Prayers

We pray for those who have died recently, in particular Assunta McKenzie, who died on Monday 11th November (mother of Helen Eyles) – funeral arrangement will be given later. Those who are sick or in hospital and those whose anniversaries fall at this time. Could you keep Janet Fox-Pitt in your prayers as she approaches the end of her earthly pilgrimage. 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. Requests for special prayers may be sent to Mgr Pat at the above email address.

Feasts and Solemnities

Monday 18th November -The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul

Already in the twelfth century there was being celebrated today the anniversary of the dedication of the basilicas of St Peter at the Vatican and St Paul in the Via Ostiense by Pope St Silvester and Pope St Siricius in the fourth century. More recently this commemoration has been extended to the whole Church, honouring the two greatest apostles of Christ.

Thursday 21st November - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

White

In unity with Eastern Christianity, and commemorating the dedication in 543 of the New Basilica of Saint Mary, built next to the Temple at Jerusalem, this feast celebrates Mary's "dedication" of herself to God from her infancy, inspired by the Holy Spirit, whose grace had filled her ever since her immaculate conception.

Friday 22nd November -St Cecilia (Martyr)

Red

Devotion to St Cecilia, in whose honour a basilica was constructed in Rome in the fifth century, has spread far and wide because of the *Passion of Saint Cecilia*, which holds her up as a perfect example of a Christian woman, who embraced virginity and suffered martyrdom for the love of Christ.

Saturday 23rd November Pope St Clement I (Martyr)

Red

Clement was Bishop of Rome after Peter, Linus and Cletus. He lived towards the end of the first century, but nothing is known for certain about his life. Clement's letter to the Corinthian church has survived. It is the first known Patristic document, and exhorts them to peace and brotherly harmony.

Note from editor – if you would like further information on any of the above go online and search for Catholic Encyclopedia

What's On

Tuesdays 10 – 12 pm -Warm Spaces in Tayport Parish Church Hall, Tea, coffee cake and company. Donations to Charity.

St Margaret's Episcopal Church holds its patronal service on Sunday 17th preceded at 9.30 am with a talk on the sinking of the Dalhousie on the Tay 160 years ago (given by Iain Flett). There will be refreshments provided (tea/coffee/bacon roll). This will conclude at 10.30 am and if anyone wishes to stay for the service at 11am, they would be welcome. If you fancy coming along, and would like to eat, please contact drcbarker@btinternet.com to help the Church with catering quantities.

Your continuing support for The Sunday Cafe, donations to the Foodbank, Taybridgehead (07840 957039) and wool for the Newport Knitting Group are very much appreciated. Contact Anne Meiland for information. Boxes for wool donations are at the back of St Fillan's Newport and Our Lady's. Our Lady's donations being delivered to St Fillans. If you have any free time, your help in cleaning our churches would be much appreciated.

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Parish Whatsapp: 07484 170812

Sign up to the New Whataspp Group (created by Sam Morton) to share news of Mass times when Our Bishop will be celebrating Mass (as Diocesan duties allow. (<https://chat.whatsapp.com/COZWXsnfWEZ6ZKK3IUBZLP>))

Hospital Chaplaincy: Ninewells, Victoria and Roxburghe House – please call duty chaplain on 07821 624124