



Parish Newsletter

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

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Queen St,

Tayport



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Year: C (1) Psalm Week: 3 Liturgical colour: green

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

First reading: *Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10.*; 'They read from the book of the Law and gave the meaning.'

Responsorial Psalm: *P19(18):8.9.10.15 R John 6:63c* Your words O Lord are spirit and life

Second reading: 1Corinthians 12:12-30 'You are the body of Christ and individually members of it.'

Gospel: *Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21* 'Today this Scripture has been fulfilled.'

HOLY MASS TIMES

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

St Fillan's: Sunday Mass 10.15am; Wednesday & Thursday 10am.

Sam Morton's WhatsApp group will be the information hub for weekday Mass times celebrated by Bishop Andrew at St. Fillan's.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/COZWXsnfWEZ6ZKK3IUBZLP>.

Canon Pat's Corner

The Power of God's Word

The success of Jesus' mission, particularly with the poor, made Jesus a 'dangerous' person to the religious authorities and, eventually, resulted in his Crucifixion.

The Christian Gospel is still dangerous when the truth of Christ's message is put into practice. It is seen in a very real way in the life of Archbishop Oscar Romero who was assassinated while celebrating Mass because, like Jesus, he reminded people of the needs of the poor and the oppressed in El Salvador.

The Scriptures today focus our attention on the importance and power of the Word of God and its challenge for us today. The Word of God is called 'sacramental', in the sense that when it is spoken, read, or heard, God becomes present in our midst. For that to happen to us we have, first, to listen attentively to the Word that we hear, accept it into our hearts, and put it into practice in our lives.

We need to make Bible reading and study a part of our daily Christian life. It will enable us to know Jesus more, to love him better, and to strive more faithfully to put his teaching into practice.

It is recommended that we spend five or ten minutes each day, morning, and evening, to read a part of the Bible, especially the Gospels and the Epistles of St Paul. They are books inspired by God which teach us about God and how we should live our lives as Christians - as followers of Jesus Christ.

Mgr Pat's Corner

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Special Prayers Please pray for all those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries fall around this time. Remember those who are ill or living with fears and struggling to cope with the difficulties in their lives. Pray that everyone will recognise that their contribution to protecting our planet, conserving its resources is important and that those with power to influence and shape policy will do so with the long-term interests of all in mind, rather than just short-term, self-interested concern for profit and getting things done regardless of cost. May our leaders be blessed with hearts both wise and shrewd. May the fragile fragments of peace making in the Middle East continue to thrive.

Feasts and Solemnities

Monday 27th January St. Angela Merici 1470 -1540	<i>feast</i>	<i>white</i>
Tuesday 28th January St. Thomas Aquinas 1225-1274	<i>feast</i>	<i>white</i>
Friday 31st January St. John Bosco 1815-1888	<i>feast</i>	<i>white</i>

St Angela Merici was born in Desenziano, in Lombardy, in about 1470. She became a Franciscan tertiary and set up a school to instruct girls in Christianity and good works. In 1535 she founded the Ursulines, an order of nuns devoted to giving a Christian education to girls from poor families. She died in 1540.

St. Thomas Aquinas. Born into a noble family in southern Italy, Thomas was educated by the Benedictines, but despite family opposition which manifested itself in his being kidnapped and held prisoner for over a year, he became a Dominican instead. He studied in Paris and Cologne, under the great philosopher St Albert the Great during a time of great philosophical turmoil. The writings of the great pagan Philosopher Aristotle had been recently rediscovered and made available to the western world for the first time in a thousand years. It was feared by many and banned in several universities as it appeared contradictory to Christianity. Thomas brought sense to the table. Truth cannot contradict truth-if Aristotle appears to contradict Christianity, then he was wrong, or the contradiction was in fact illusory Thomas studied, taught and argued and eventually the simple common-sense philosophy he worked out, brought an end to the controversy. From his studies came many writings on philosophy and theology, the liturgy for Corpus Christi and eventually his work ceased following a vision when celebrating Mass, that, he said , made all his writings seem like straw.

St John Bosco was born in Piedmont and brought up by his widowed mother. Settling in Turin after becoming a priest, he devoted himself to the care of the young men who came to find work in the city, firstly by setting up evening classes, then boarding houses for apprentices, then workshops for their training and education. Despite opposition from the civil authorities and senior people in the Church, his enterprise grew and in 1868, over 800 boys and young men were in his care. To ensure his work would continue, he founded the congregation of St Francis de la Sales, and today the Salesians continue his work all over the world.

Sister Clare Crockett – on the pathway to Sainthood. November 2024 saw the church declare Londonderry nun Sister Clare Crockett a Servant of God, the first step to becoming a saint. Sister Clare died in an earthquake in Ecuador in 2016, at the age of 33. A documentary film of her life “All or nothing” was how her order chose to commemorate her. It gained international renown due its inspirational impact on viewers. This is just the start of a long journey which will be led by one of her fellow nuns, Sister Kirsten Gardner. Looking forward to hearing more about Sister Clare in the next few years.

Holocaust Memorial Day The United Nations General Assembly designated **January 27** –the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau –as International Holocaust Remembrance Day, a time to remember the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust and the millions of other victims of Nazi persecution.

Tayport Christian Unity Service Sunday 19th January 6.30pm King Street U.F. Church all welcome to participate in this service. Today, the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time was decreed by Pope Francis in his Apostolic letter “Aperuit Illis “ , to be known as the Sunday of the Word of God, and its celebration having ecumenical value , since the Scriptures point out , for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity.

No Pew Needed King Street U.F. church hall Tuesday 28th January 7.00pm the celebration of Candlemas is the focus of this month’s gathering with candle making and the planting of snowdrops.

Stay for the Sunday Café and leave wool and/or goods for the Foodbank if you can!

The Food Bank: Taybridgehead volunteers will ensure dry goods or toiletries reach the people who need them. Donations of time or money also gratefully received: 07840 957039.

Thank you , goodbye and good luck to Celia Welsh one of our Tayport parishioners who is moving at the end of January to be closer to her family , particularly her grandchildren. Celia has supported the parish by doing the church flowers over the past year, assisting in the garden and helping out with the music at Saturday Mass. She has also been a member of the Diocesan choir and will be missed.

