



Parish Newsletter

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



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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time—16th February 2025

We are the people of the Lord, the flock that is led by his hand; come, let us adore him.

Year: C(I). Psalm week: 2. Liturgical Colour: Green.

First reading: Jeremiah: 17:5-8. 'Cursed is the man who trusts in man; blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 1. Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20. 'If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile.'

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26. 'Blessed are you who are poor: Woe to you who are rich.'

HOLY MASS TIMES

Our Lady Star of the Sea: Saturday Vigil 5pm

St Fillan's: Sunday 10:15am

EUCCHARISTIC SERVICES

Our Lady Star of the Sea: Monday and Friday 10am.

St Fillan's: These are suspended until further notice.

WEEKDAY MASS

Bishop Andrew has advised that he will continue to say Mass in St Fillan's during the week, the days to be as dictated by his pastoral duties. The days will be posted on WhatsApp - Sam Morton has set up a dedicated group for this purpose (Daily Mass at St Fillan's) - and placed the link on the Parish Group. It is reproduced here for those who might not have seen it already: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/COZWXsnfWEZ6ZKK3IUBZLP>.

Mgr. Pat's Corner

The Beatitudes

What's so great about being poor, or hungry or sad? On the surface the Beatitudes Jesus puts before us today seem very strange: 'How happy you who are poor'. Surely it is better to be wealthy, to be well fed, and to enjoy good times - or at least to be comfortable and content.

But Jesus is not interested in comfort, or in maintaining the status quo. The Jesus of Luke's Gospel is something of a revolutionary. He has come to turn the social order on its head: last becomes first and least becomes greatest. His concern is always for the poor and marginalised.

Jesus' vision is of a world where the unjust structures that cause poverty, hunger and oppression are swept away. Sadly, as we hear on the news every day, inequalities in our world with regard to wealth, education, health and opportunities remain as stark as ever.

Speaking about how we can tackle injustice today, Pope Francis has offered some 'new Beatitudes' for the modern Christian. Like the teachings of Jesus, they remind us that the task of the Christian is to tackle injustice and to act in solidarity with those on the margins of society.

These are Pope Francis' 'new Beatitudes':

- Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others.
- Blessed are those who look into the eyes of those on the margins of society and show in practical ways that they care about them.
- Blessed are those who protect and look after our common home.

Mgr Pat

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Special Prayers: We pray for those who have died recently, **in particular for Harry Vincent, for whose long service to the Church as our Organist we give special thanks.** The details of his Requiem etc are printed below. We also pray for those whose anniversaries fall at this time and for those caring for the sick, those mourning the loss of loved ones or struggling to cope with difficulties in their lives. We pray for peace throughout the world, especially in the Middle East, Ukraine and sub-Saharan Africa, and for the victims both of war and of natural disasters. We pray especially for the people of Ukraine, that their future may not be determined without their involvement and with provision for their safety and security in the years to come. To request prayers in the Newsletter please contact Mgr Pat. Please note: Mgr Pat can be contacted at any time, should anyone have a matter requiring support. If emailing Mgr Pat, he recommends that you use his personal email: canonpatmcinally@gmail.com as he checks this daily.

Requiem Mass and Funeral for the late Harry Vincent

Reception of Remains and Funeral Mass in St Fillan's on Thursday 20th February at 6.30pm. There will also be a Service in Dundee Crematorium on Friday 21st February at 12.30pm. The services will be conducted by Mgr Aldo Canon Angelosanto VG.

Tayport Festival Concert—2nd February

The organisers would like to thank Ferryport Fiddlers, Ferryport Ensemble and the Rose Ensemble, all who attended the concert and those who, while not attending, made a contribution to raising the sum of £231.40, which was forwarded to Medecins san Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders). A 'thank you' message came from one of the organisation's front line doctors, directed to all involved.

Saints and Feastdays

Friday, 21st February: St Peter Damian (1007—1072/73), Bishop, Confessor and Doctor of the Church. He was born in Ravenna in 1007, last of seven children, and his mother couldn't cope with yet another child, refusing to breastfeed him and effectively condemning him to certain death. On the intervention of a friend, she relented and took care of him like the others. When she died, Peter was raised first by his sister Rodelinda and then by a brother who mistreated him and forced him to do the most menial tasks. Finally, he was entrusted to his eldest brother, Damiano, who was Archpriest in a parish near Ravenna and who took care of young Peter and his education. As a sign of gratitude, Peter added the name Damian to his own. His first biographer, St John of Lodi, recounts two significant episodes of Peter Damian's youth. One day the boy found a coin: delighted, he thought he would buy a cake or a toy. Then, suddenly, he realized that anything he bought would give him only momentary joy, so he decided to take the money to a priest and have a Mass said for his deceased parents. On another occasion, when he was having lunch with a poor blind man, he chose the better-quality white bread for himself and offered the guest the darker bread. At that moment he felt like a bone had stuck in his throat. He repented of his selfishness and the moment he exchanged his own bread with that of the blind man, the bone disappeared. It was this episode that convinced him to consecrate himself to God alone, and to embrace the monastic life.

Driven by a need for solitude, meditation and prayer, Peter Damian retired to the Camaldolese monastery of Fonte Avellana, in the year 1035. He quickly became the spiritual guide of the monks, and his fame spread so rapidly that he was invited to teach in other monasteries as well. Returning to Fonte Avellana, he was elected Prior. He reorganized the hermitage and inspired the establishment of new houses in neighbouring regions. His fervent activity was noticed by the Bishop of Ravenna who asked for his assistance, obliging him to leave the quiet and recollection of his monastery.

Two major evils afflicted the Church at this time: Simony, the buying and selling of ecclesiastical offices; and Nicolaitism, or the non-fulfilment of celibacy. Pope Stephen IX called Peter Damian to Rome in 1057 to help him reform the clergy, creating him Cardinal Bishop of Ostia. Over the next six years he was sent on missions to Milan to quell an uprising, and later to Cluny, to defend the rights of the Benedictine abbots against the Archbishop of Macon. He worked with Pope Gregory VII in fighting against investiture, after the Emperor, Henry IV, abrogated the right to appoint bishops and abbots, incurring excommunication by the Pope. Peter Damian died on a visit to the Benedictine monastery in Faenza and was immediately acclaimed as a saint by the people. A few years after his death, the Emperor begged for pardon and dressed as a penitent, threw himself at the feet of the Pope at the Castle of Canossa, in 1077. Peter Damian was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Leo XII in 1828.

VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL SOUGHT

Could you help with the cleaning rota in St Fillan's. Half an hour once per month would be greatly appreciated. Please see Angela Davey or phone/text on 07768406946

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 talk to one of the team at the back of the church. Donations are always welcome and will keep this channel of communication open.

THE FOOD BANK STILL NEEDS YOU. Non-perishable foods and toiletries can be left at the back of the churches or at local collection points: the Co-op in Tayport, Scotmid in Newport and Spar in Wormit. Financial donations also welcome. The Taybridgehead Foodbank is in need of volunteers, particularly in the Tayport area. If you are willing and able to volunteer some of your time to help the Foodbank, please get in touch by calling 07840 957039 or through the 'Contact Us' link on their website. <https://www.taybridgeheadfoodbank.org.uk/>

Can you donate double knitting wool? THE KNITTING GROUP provides warm items for the Salvation Army and for refugees but they always need wool. Donations of double knitting wool would be much appreciated. They may be left at the back of Our Lady's or in the box at the back in St Fillan's. Please do have a hunt in the loft and the backs of all those cupboards—you never know what you might find! Contact Anne Meiland (01382 543037) if you have any questions.

From the Evening Prayer of the Church tonight

We pray for all nations: that they may seek the way that leads to peace, that human rights and freedom may be everywhere respected, and that the world's resources may be generously shared. — *Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.*

We pray for the Church: that her leaders may be faithful ministers of your word, that all her members may be strong in faith and hope and that you may be recognized in the love she bears to all. — *Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.*

We pray for our families, and the community in which we live: that we may find you in them. — *Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.*

We pray for ourselves: that in the coming week we may serve others in our work, and find peace when we rest. — *Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.*