



ST. MARY, STAR OF THE SEA

Leith, Edinburgh, Scotland

16 OCTOBER 2022 | 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

DIARY DATES THIS WEEK

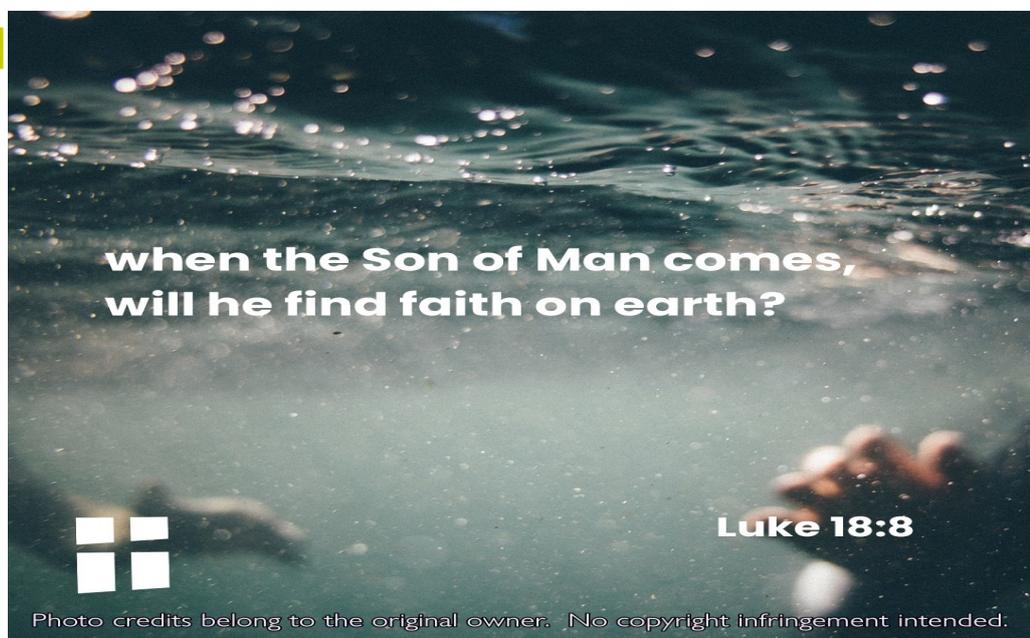
- 16 October Sunday **Tea/ Coffee** in the **Parish Hall** after Mass
- 17 October Monday - **NO MASS**
- 22/23 October Saturday/Sunday **Special Collection for Missio**
- 23 October Sunday **Tea/ Coffee** in the **Parish Hall** after Mass
- 24 October Monday **NO MASS**
PPC Meeting, 7PM
- 28 October **Friday Lunches**
- 29/30 October Saturday/Sunday **Mission Appeal** by Fr Peter for **Let the Children Live**
- 30 October Sunday **Tea/ Coffee** in the **Parish Hall** after Mass
- 31 October Monday **NO MASS**

Please see Notice Board in the Church Porch for Notices.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: As the October break begins, we wish all young people, Teachers, and support Staff a restful break.

HOLY ROSARY: This October being the Month of the HOLY ROSARY, we pray the Holy Rosary 20 minutes before Mass each day.

"The Rosary is a priceless treasure inspired by God."
St. Louis De Monfort



when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?

Luke 18:8

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(1st Reading: Exodus 17:8-13; Psalm 120; 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Gospel: Luke 18: 1-8)

What is the point of Jesus' insistence that we pray steadfastly and unceasingly? Our qualifying minds tend to view time in a linear way – as something measurable in minutes, hours, days, years, etc. This notion of time is what the Greeks call *chronos*. And because we keep on watching the clock and counting time, we can get tired of praying and stop altogether when we do not seem to be obtaining the results we desire. But from God's perspective, time is *Kairos* – *everlasting now*, or what the Greeks understand as *opportunity*.

From the point of view of faith, God's response to our prayers is always timely and on target. But if we do not persevere in our supplication, we can miss God's *Kairos*, which may come at any unexpected moment. Perseverance in prayer is for our own benefit. It ensures that we are *there, present* and *awake* at the breaking forth of *Kairos*.

Sr Bernardita Dianzon, FSP

MASS INTENTIONS

15 October	Saturday	6:00PM	People of the Parish	Special Intentions
16 October	Sunday	10:30AM	Douglas Campanile	Recently Deceased
17 October	Monday	12:00PM	NO MASS	NO MASS
18 October	Tuesday	12:00PM	Peter Millar	Recently Deceased
19 October	Wednesday	12:00PM	Elizabeth Halloran	Anniversary
20 October	Thursday	12:00PM	Family & Friends of Late Flora McDonald	(Special Intention)
21 October	Friday	12:00PM	Ronnie Laidlaw	Recently Deceased

**PLEASE ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING:
Sanitising of hands on Entry and Exit from Church.**

**FACE COVERINGS ARE NO LONGER A LEGAL
REQUIREMENT IN CHURCH.**

**HOWEVER, WE WOULD ASK THAT PEOPLE PLEASE
RESPECT THOSE PARISHIONERS WHO WISH
TO CONTINUE TO WEAR A FACE COVERING.**

OVER 60'S TUESDAY GET-TOGETHER, 1-3PM

If you are free, why not come along and join us for a cuppa and a chat. If you know anyone who used to come along and you think they may not be on our mailing list, please pass the word on. All welcome.

SUNDAY TEA/ COFFEE now is every week after Mass. Please come along and get re-acquainted with "Old friends." Thanks to the Team.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS – NOVEMBER LIST

As you know the month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls.

Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Please enclose your list and donation and return them to the Parish Office.

Alternatively, pop them in the collection bag at Mass, once recorded these will be placed in the basket to be put on the Sanctuary on the 1st November.

SOCIAL GROUP: We are looking for new members to join our Social Group, if you are interested, please see Richard Bee or hand your details into the Parish Office and they will be passed onto Richard.

COME & BUY TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PARISH

Come & see what is on offer on our stalls. Many brand-new items & some nearly new. Many different varieties of goodies on show; from candles, slippers, clothes, toys, books, office, children's, bric-a-brac & other bargains.

FRIDAY LUNCHES this Friday 21st October after Mass.

Please come along and enjoy a filled roll, cake/biscuits and a cuppa for £2.50.

Thanks again to the team.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – MISSIO

This year's Missio Collection will take place weekend 22/23rd October.

APPEAL– Let the Children Live: Fr Peter Watters will be making an appeal on behalf of the CMS Let the Children Live Charity, weekend of 29/30th October.

Please remember that some of us still feel anxious about returning to Mass and having someone sitting close to us.

IF YOU SEE A "PLEASE RESPECT MY SPACE" CARD on the seat, please ensure you leave a gap.

The Cards are available at the Sanitising Table and place on the seat beside you.

Let us continue to work together to keep everyone safe.



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OMI NEW SUPERIOR GENERAL & POPE FRANCIS:

Pope Francis kissing the Oblate Cross of St Eugene de Mazenod during the Audience of Fr Luis Ignacio Rois Alonso, OMI after his Election as the 14th Superior General of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI) congregation. The Oblate Superior General by tradition keeps with him the Oblate Cross of the Oblate Founder.

CHANGES to the OBLATE TEAM at ST. MARY, STAR OF THE SEA, Leith

Fr. Oliver Barry, OMI, Provincial Superior has made the following changes to the Oblate Team in Leith:

Fr. Martin Moran, OMI, Parish Priest has been assigned to the Oblate Parishes in Inchicore, Dublin. Fr. Martin will move from Leith in mid-November.

Fr. Irvin Morastil, OMI has been appointed Vocations Director for the Anglo-Irish Province, this comprises of Scotland, Ireland, Wales, England and Denmark. He will be based in the Oblate Community, De Mazenod Retreat Centre, Tower Hill, London. Fr. Irvin will move from Leith first week of November.

We wish Frs. Irvin and Martin every blessing and we thank them for their time with us over the past three and six years respectively.

Fr. John Mc Fadden, OMI has been appointed as Superior and Parish Priest of Leith. We warmly welcome Fr. John and look forward to renewing his friendship.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING DATES: Online Induction Training Part 1

Saturday **12th November** at 10AM and Wednesday **14th December** at 7PM with Margaret Andow. To register, email margaret_andow@outlook.com
Please provide details of your name, parish and role.

On-line Induction Part 2: Training should currently be done approx. 18 months after Level 1 or Induction Part 1 Training has been completed.

Saturday **5th November** at 10AM with Julie Brechin.

To register please email— Julie.brechin@staned.org.uk

Please note that Safeguarding Training currently only needs to be done by **Volunteers** who are in a regulated role requiring a PVG.

If you have not already completed the above Training, (whether your Ministry is active at the moment or not), you must book onto **one of the above**.

Please remember you should not start your Ministry until you have completed Part 1 Induction Training.

Anniversaries from our Deceased Book Week beginning 16th October, 2022

Mary Ann Fegan Sweeney,
Samuel Munro,
Frances Marianne Smith,
Ellen Lynch, Agnes Clifton Scott,
Annie (Nan) McCreadie,
Catherine McMahan,
Matthew Hunter,
Elizabeth Halloran,
Billy Hand,
Fr. Sean McDermott OMI,
Patrick (Paddy) Sweeney,
Philip James Cobban,
Nancy Sanderson,
Elizabeth Corcoran,
Lorraine Jennings,
Hugh Sutherland Thomson,
James Eadie

OPPOSED ASSISTED SUICIDE: Care Not Killing (CNK), supported by the Catholic Parliamentary Office, has launched a petition which aims to stop plans to legalise assisted suicide. This bill risks undermining the provision of palliative care and efforts to prevent suicide. It may make the most vulnerable people, including the elderly and disabled, feel like a burden. The current law is the safeguard - it prohibits assisting someone's suicide and/or killing them by euthanasia, but the new law will eliminate this safeguard. The state ought to support the provision of care, not deliberate killing. Please sign the petition at church today. Alternatively, sign online at www.carenokilling.scot

DIVINE MERCY: The annual Divine Mercy Conference takes place at St Augustine's, Dundyan Road, Coatbridge, ML5 1DQ, on Saturday 29 October from 9am-6pm. Register online at www.divinemercy.scot/

WORKSHOP: The Psychology of Flourishing: A workshop on the psychology of flourishing, faith and spirituality will be led by Fr Roger Dawson SJ at The Edinburgh Jesuit Centre at Sacred Heart Parish in Lauriston, Edinburgh, on Saturday 22 October 10am to 4.30pm. Register at edinburghjesuit.org.uk/ejc

40 Hours' Devotion Schedule

16 October, The Holy Cross, Trinity
30 October, St Joseph's, Burntisland
and St Albert's, Edinburgh
06 November, Our Lady and
St Bernadette, Larbert
13 November, St Barbara's, Whitburn
20 November, The Sacred Heart, Grangemouth

A full Parish schedule for the 40 Hours' Devotion is at bit.ly/40hoursschedule

EXPERIENCED MARRIAGE COUNSELLORS NEEDED:

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland seeks to increase the availability of marriage counselling to support those married in the Catholic Church. It is looking for experienced marriage counsellors to get involved. CPD training provided. Please contact 07706 063936

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DECEASED

This will take place on Wednesday 2nd November at 7pm. If you have a loved one who has passed away in the last year (who resided out with the Parish) and would like their names included on the list, please let us know.

ALL SOULS' DAY: Archbishop Cushley will offer Holy Mass for the repose of all the faithful departed who have died in the Archdiocese in the last year, especially those buried at Mount Vernon Cemetery. This will take place at 10am on Wednesday 2 November (All Souls' Day) in the Mount Vernon Cemetery Chapel.



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Kathy Barclay, Parish Administrator
Fr Irvin Morastil, OMI
Fr. Martin Moran, OMI

MASS TIMES AND OTHER SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:

MASSES: Tuesday-Friday 12PM (Also Livestreamed on Facebook)

NO MASS on MONDAY

Saturday 6PM Vigil Mass

Sunday 10:30AM (Also Livestreamed on Facebook)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Friday 11:30-11:55AM (Also Livestreamed on Facebook)

OTHER SACRAMENTS: (By Appointment)

SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS:

<https://archedinburgh.org/administration/safeguarding>

Archdiocesan Safeguarding Advisor: Mrs Emma Boothroyd

Email: safeguarding.officer@staned.org.uk

Phone: 0131 623 8949

Webpage: bit.ly/ArchSafeguarding

Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is Kathy Barclay.

If you have any queries/concerns please do not hesitate to contact us: 07795 386636

STRUGGLING TO BE INSIDE THE PRESENT MOMENT -Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI

During the last years of his life, Thomas Merton lived in a hermitage in an attempt to find more solitude in his life. But solitude is a very illusive thing and he found that it was continually escaping him.

One morning however he sensed that, for this moment at least, he had found it. But what he experienced was somewhat of a surprise to him. Solitude, it turns out, is not some altered state of consciousness or even some heightened sense of God or the transcendent in our lives. Solitude, as he experienced it, was being fully inside his own skin, inside the present moment, gratefully aware of the immense richness that is contained inside of ordinary human experience. Solitude consists in being enough inside of your own life to actually experience what is there.

But that's not easy. It's rare that we find ourselves truly inside of the present moment. Why? Because of the way we are built. We are overcharged for this world. When God put us into this world, as the author of the Book of Ecclesiastes tells us, he put "timelessness" into our hearts and because of that we don't make easy peace with our lives.

We read this in the famous passage about the rhythm of the seasons in the Book of Ecclesiastes. There is a time and a season for everything, we are told: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to gather in what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal ... so the text goes on. But after listing this natural rhythm of time and the seasons, the author ends with these words: God has made everything suitable for its own time, but has put timelessness into the human heart so that human beings are out of sync with the rhythms of this world from beginning to end.

The Hebrew word used to express "timelessness" is Ha olam, a word suggesting "eternity" and "transcendence". Some English translations put it this way: God has put a sense of past and future into our hearts. Perhaps that captures it best, at least in terms of how we generally experience this in our lives.

We know from experience how difficult it is to be inside the present moment because the past and the future won't leave us alone. They are forever colouring the present. The past haunts us with half-forgotten lullabies and melodies the trigger memo-

ries, with loves that has been found and lost, with wounds that have never healed, and with inchoate feelings of nostalgia, regret, and wanting to cling to something that once was. The past is forever sowing restlessness into the present moment.

And the future impales itself into the present as well, looming as promise and threat, forever asking for our attention, forever sowing anxiety into our lives, and forever stripping us of the capacity to simply drink in the present. The present is forever being coloured by obsessions, heartaches, headaches, and anxieties that have little to do with people we are sitting with at table.

Philosophers and poets have had various names for this: Plato called it "a madness that comes from the gods"; Hindu poets have called it "a nostalgia for the infinite"; Shakespeare speaks of "immortal longings", and Augustine, in perhaps the most famous naming of them all, called it an incurable restlessness that God has put into the human heart to keep it from finding a home in something that is less than infinite and eternal: You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.

And so it is very difficult to be peacefully present to our own lives, restful inside of our own skins. But this "torment", as T.S. Eliot, once named it, has its purpose. Henri Nouwen, in a remarkable passage that both names the struggle and suggests what it is ultimately for, puts it this way: Our life is a short time in expectation, a time in which sadness and joy kiss each other at every moment. There is a quality of sadness that pervades all the moments of our life. It seems that there is no such thing as a clear-cut pure joy, but that even in the most happy moments of our existence we sense a tinge of sadness. In every satisfaction, there is an awareness of limitations. In every success, there is the fear of jealousy. Behind every smile, there is a tear. In every embrace, there is loneliness. In every friendship, distance. And in all forms of light, there is the knowledge of surrounding darkness. But this intimate experience in which every bit of life is touched by a bit of death can point us beyond the limits of our existence. It can do so by making us look forward in expectation to that day when our hearts will be filled with perfect joy, a joy that no one shall take away from us.