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Sunday 1st November 2026
ALL SAINTS DAY

31st Week of the Year

Sunday Mass: Vigil (Sat): 6pm
Sunday: 9.30am and 11am

Mon—Sat: 9.30am

Feasts this week:

Monday 2nd —
Commemoration of All Souls

Tuesday 3rd—
Saint Martin de Porres

Wednesday 4th—
Saint Charles Borromeo

Life Is For Ever

Mass for the Dead—Fri 6th, 7pm

Church Opening times:

The church will be open from 8am until around 6pm—extended on evenings when Mass or devotions.

Confessions:

Fridays at 6pm-7pm with Blessed Sacrament adoration

Perpetual Succour Novena

Monday evenings 7pm

St Vincent de Paul report

Over 100 jackets were donated by the parish, last Sunday, for the homeless, and delivered to the SSVP Ozanam Centre in Glasgow on Monday morning. They were taken aback by the response and are very grateful. *Thank you!* Today, we are presenting our Annual Report for 2025-26. A copy may be picked up from the porch (next to our boxes). Please only take one per household. If you are inspired by what you read, please consider joining our small band of Vincentians to allow us to expand our reach and work.



BELOVED DEAD WITNESS TO LIVING FAITH

Fr Vincent writes: Many of you, naturally, ask me where I come from originally. When I say, Roy Bridge, most look at me blankly, before asking, 'And where's that?' For convenience, I say it's near Fort William. Thankfully, some of you know roughly where that is. Anyway, now that I've got my feet under the table, as it were, and have come to know you a little, I thought I'd give you an insight into my home environment—especially, it's deep Catholic roots.

The picture, above, is of Cille Choirill—a restored centuries-old church and burial ground, dedicated to St Cairell, a disciple of St Columba, who came to this area of Lochaber around 600AD. It is where my parents, Pat and Mary, are buried, as well as both sets of grandparents (Toal and MacInnes) and other generations of my mother's family line—MacMasters, MacKintoshes MacKillops and MacDonalds among them. (It also featured in *Monarch of the Glen*).

According to local tradition, the original church on this site was built in the 15th century by a Cameron chief as a penance, in atonement for his violent life. Post-reformation, the first permanent priest stationed in the area was John MacDonald, who came around 1721. An account written in 1860 records: "The people of Lochaber were, at this period, lawless and fierce in their nature, savage in their disposition and prone to plunder and revenge… Fr MacDonald laboured incessantly to stem the torrent of iniquity but still the soil seemed barren and unproductive."

He had decided to leave, when called to attend a woman (*Mor Liath*—grey-haired Sarah) who was dying. He found her in seeming good health and dressed like a bride. While he rebuked her for calling him, she explained her desire to welcome her Lord and Saviour in the most becoming manner. Having received Holy Communion, she died without the least appearance of sickness.

From that moment, the priest abandoned any thought of leaving and laboured until his own death, laying the foundation for a flourishing mission which went on to produce its fair share of priests and bishops, as well as the parents of Australia's first saint—Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

On this feast of All Saints, in the month of the Holy Souls, we give thanks for those members of our families and communities who, through trial and adversity, persevered in goodness and handed on the faith. And for those who weren't so saintly, we continue to remember them at the altar of God and their places of burial.

Pastoral Care of Catholic Patients in Hospital

Requests for patients to see a priest for the Sacrament of the Sick should come from patients/families asking ward staff to contact the on-call priest. At the Queen Elizabeth, there is a priest on-call 24 hours/day; Deacon Michael O'Donnell can also visit with Holy Communion and is assisted by lay ministers. It has to be stressed that it is the responsibility of the patient or family to request pastoral visits. Other hospitals operate similarly. It is good practice to let Fr Toal know if you are going into hospital and, if desired, be anointed before hand.

We pray for those who have died recently:
Margaret Hendrie, Peter Creighton, John McCarron, Peter Finan, Gerry McElhill, Fr Donal Walsh OFM, Fr Brian Logue.

Those whose anniversaries are about now:
Gerry McSorley, Bobby Quinn, Neil Hellen, Robert Geraso, John Gallagher.

Birthday Blessings: Congratulations to Rosemary Farmer who celebrated her 100th birthday, last week. Every goodness!

NB—Names of those who are sick will no longer be published in the bulletin.

LIFE IS FOR EVER MASS

This **Friday, 6th November**, the parish will come together at 7pm to offer Mass for those whose funerals took place here during the past 12 months. As well as praying for the faithful departed, we embrace the bereaved families and all seeking comfort in the promise of eternal life. Names of the deceased will be called out, and a candle lit for each one. ***Donations of home baking for the tea afterwards will be gratefully received before Mass.***



Forming a Generation

How can we better help young people encounter Jesus and become his disciples? Some of the answers will be teased out at St Andrew's Cathedral on Monday 9th Nov from 6.30-8.30pm. Led by *Mark 10 Mission* along with diocese's RE Department. Parents, catechists, teachers—let Fr Toal know if you wish to go along.

CHRISTMAS TABLE TOP SALE

SAT 14TH NOV
10.30 -12.30
OLSG Hall
To book table £10 phone Pauline 07809 427578

Parish Dance & Social

A great night guaranteed on
Saturday 7th November 2026
Dance along to *Harvest*
Bar -- Snowball Bingo -- Raffle
Doors open 7.15pm
Admission – **£3:00**

TWO THOUSAND THANKS!

In a busy week of social event fundraisers, parishioners and friends excelled in coming together as community and supporting a range of good causes—to the sum of almost £2000.

The Music evening, last Friday, included the old and new parish priests competing for the mic. Some **£430** was raised for the **Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice.**

The following night, despite storm Boelo, those with brains but no commonsense came out for the G52 Quiz night, and answered all the questions with **£434** going to **See The Invisibles** homeless project in Glasgow.

Then the Thursday Club coffee morning put the icing on the cakes and the cherries on the biscuits with **£1100** raised for **Macmillan Cancer Support**. Well done to all who organised and supported these endeavours.

JOIN MILLIONS OF MONICAS

Mums, grannies, aunts are invited to join a new prayer group dedicated to praying for their children's return to faith.
Meets this Tuesday, 3rd Nov, in St Charles, Paisley, at 7pm.

Confirmation—Information Station

Parents of children in P7 within OLSG parish who wish the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to attend an information evening at Our Lady of Lourdes church (front hall) on **Tuesday 3rd November at 6pm.**

CEMETERY MASS

Saint Conval's Barrhead
Sun 8 Nov, 2pm

PIETY STALL CALLS

Advent calendars, candles, Christmas cards, Day-by-Day books—all in stock.

Celebration of Marriage and Family Life

Archbishop Nolan will celebrate Holy Mass for married couples and families on **Saturday 14th November (1pm)** in St Andrew's Cathedral. As well as rejoicing with newlyweds, it is hoped to acknowledge couples who are celebrating a significant anniversary this year and recognise the witness they offer. Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries — 25, 40, 50, 60 — and wishing to take part, should give their names to Fr Toal.

