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Mass Times this week		
Monday 15 th June	10am,	Week 11 Year B
Tuesday 16 ^h June	10am,	Week 11 Year B
Wednesday 17 th June	10am,	Week 11 Year B
Thursday 18 th June	10am	Week 11 Year B
Friday 19 th June	10am,	Week 11 Year B
Saturday 20 th June	10am	Week 11 Year B
Saturday 20 th June	6pm Vigil	Sunday Week 12 Year B
Sunday 21 st June	10am	

Morning Prayer: Monday-Saturday 9.45am

Confessions: 9.30–9.45 am; 5.30-5.50 pm on Saturdays

The church will be open Sun–Fri:8am–4pm (Wednesday 8am-1pm)

RECENT COLLECTIONS 7th June: £342.30

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY for Assisted Parishes

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP on Thursdays at 7pm

Please Pray for:

Recently Dead: Jack Byrne

Anniversaries : Peter Conlin, Cathie Dunnachie, Wilma Thomas

200 CLUB WINNERS Well Done!

£100 Barbara Gillan

£50 Faye Hart

£25 Erin Byrne

£25 Kym McCafferty

THE TABLET magazine has been made available for a few weeks now to let you see if you like it. If you wish to continue to receive it you need to take out a subscription. Details within the magazines at the back of the church.

ITALIAN COMMUNITY MASS AND PICNIC

The annual Mass and Scampagnata (picnic) for members and friends of the Italian Community in Scotland takes place on Sunday, 21 June 2015 at Cochrane Park, Alva.

This year the celebrant will be Archbishop Conti. Mass begins at 12 noon. All welcome.

ARANDORA STAR - 75TH ANNIVERSARY MASS

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the sinking of the Arandora Star.

To mark the event there will be a Mass at St Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow on Thursday 2 July 2015 at 1.00 pm, celebrated by Archbishop Conti. After the Mass a wreath will be laid at the monument to the dead in the Italian Cloister Garden next to the Cathedral. All welcome to attend.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: AWARD IN CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

If you would like the opportunity to develop your knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith this two year part-time course may be of interest to you. Whilst primarily aimed at those who wish to exercise the ministry of Catechist in the parish, it is also suitable for those who wish to study for their own purposes.

For further information on this course, or to request an application pack, please phone the RE Department of the Archdiocese on 0141 226 5898 or email: Christine.Burke@rcag.org.uk

Information Evening on Tuesday, 16 June 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Archdiocesan Offices, Clyde Street, Glasgow. All welcome.

DO YOU PAY BY DIRECT DEBIT? If so, there are laminated cards available at the back of the church for you to use when the collection comes around so you don't feel embarrassed! These will be returned to the back of the Church each week.

ARE YOU A TREE OR A MUSTARD SEED?

When you do what is against God's will, to that extent the will of God is not fulfilled in you. And so, to that same extent, the kingdom of God is small in you too. On the other hand, the more you fulfil God's will in your life, the greater the kingdom of God in you is. This is one way we can understand Christ's parable of the mustard seed, then. When a you first opens yourself up to



receive God as Lord, the Lord rules very little of you. And so the kingdom of God is like the littlest seed in the ground of your heart. But if only you let that seed grow in you, if only you don't give up on yourself as fruitless and despair of yourself, that littlest seed of God's kingdom will grow and grow in you till it becomes like a great tree in you.



But in the end this is the most important thing to see. If you have even just a mustard seed's worth of faith and obedience, you still have the kingdom of God within you.

Eleonore Stump

What is Ordinary Time?

The rhythm of the liturgical seasons reflects the rhythm of life — with its celebrations of anniversaries and its seasons of quiet growth and maturing.

Ordinary Time, meaning ordered or numbered time, starts again and continues to the First Sunday of Advent.

In green vestments, the colour of hope and growth, the Church invites her children to meditate upon the whole mystery of Christ – his life, miracles and teachings – in the light of his Resurrection.

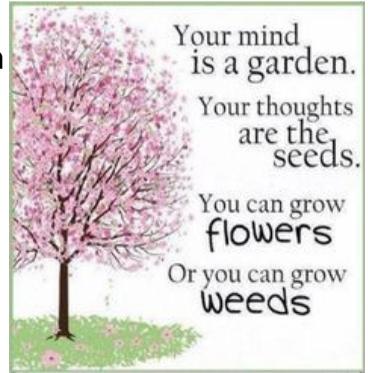
If the faithful are to mature in the spiritual life and increase in faith, they must descend the great mountain peaks of Easter and Christmas in order to "pasture" in the vast verdant meadows of Ordinary Time.

Sunday by Sunday, the Pilgrim Church marks her journey through Ordinary Time as she processes through time toward eternity.

REFLECTION

Jesus says the parable is about the kingdom of God, but he does not explain how.

It recommends modesty, for sure. We Christians must arrange ourselves humbly and trustingly, like the farmers, while the mystery takes place within our souls. And of course we need to “detach the husks and straw from the lighter chaff.” This would mean pulling ourselves away from distractions and fascinations that pull us away from who we are meant to be: impressing others, winning all the time, using God’s name in vain, criticizing people ... fill out the list.



The Holy Spirit of God plants seeds in our souls and quietly begins their growth. Followers of Christ must let the seeds grow at their own rate and go on to the next step only when they are ready. Our job has been to prepare the land, which is us, and then see the result that happens “of its own accord.”

In a second parable, the quiet status of a seed is apparent. Jesus says that the mustard seed is the smallest and humblest of all the seeds on earth. The tiny mustard seed (the size of a pinhead) unassumingly grows to be a great shrub or even a tree that is taller than a man’s head.

So are we to be humble also, because the Spirit’s plantings in our souls will seem exceedingly tiny, even unnoticeable. Our humility—like the farmers’ and the seeds’) means waiting, or in other words, being patience. As fallow lands, we must be ready but awaiting something greater than ourselves, something the Spirit bestows.

This means that the “largest of plants” will not be you or me, but God, present in our lives and communities. If God is great enough to be loved above all things and within all things, taller than a man or woman’s head, so to speak, then he is large enough to found our greatest plans or hopes. Let us be fallow. *John Foley S. J.*