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Who did people think Jesus was? Disciples have their suggestions. When Jesus asks “who do **you** say I am?”, only Peter answers: “you are the Christ of God”. Perhaps that answer is less important than what Jesus says next: that the Son of Man is destined to suffer, die and rise again. This is not negotiable. If Jesus does not do these (we must remember he is free to choose not to) then he is not the Christ of God.

The argument is not yet complete though.

Anyone who wants to be a disciple must be able to do more than say what people think of Jesus; they must be able to do more even than say he is the Christ. They must associate fully with his dual purpose – to take up the cross and to renounce self; to commit totally to God's will; to commit totally to every other human being. It is to do today what Christ did in his day.

Impossible? For us, yes; but it is not impossible to realise that is what we must aspire to. When we know we fail, forgiveness is readily available. There is no excuse for not realising how high the ideal must be if we want to be disciples

Mass Times this week

Monday	10am	Week 12 Year C
Tuesday	10am	Memorial: St Aloysius Gonzaga
Wednesday	10am	Week 12 Year C
Thursday	10am	Week 12 Year C
Friday	10am	Solemnity: Nativity of St John the Baptist
Saturday	10am	Week 12 Year C
Saturday	6pm Vigil	Week 13 Year C
Sunday	10am	

Rosary (9.30am) and Morning Prayer (9.45am) daily in the church

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP Thursdays 7pm

COLLECTIONS 12th June £411.30 Assisted Parishes £182.60

SCIAF sent us a poster to say thanks for our Lenten donations of £1164.65 which have been doubled to £2329.30 by the UK Aid Match scheme.

FORTHCOMING COLLECTIONS:
NEXT SUNDAY there is a collection for **Peter's Pence**.

Peter's Pence: an explanation



The general criterion that inspires the Peter's Pence Collection is derived from the primitive Church:

“The primary source of support for the Apostolic See should be in offerings freely given by Catholics throughout the whole world, and by other persons of good will. This is in harmony with a tradition dating back to the Gospel (cf. Lk 10:7) and the teaching of the Apostles (cf. 1 Cor 11:14)”

“‘Peter's Pence’ is the most characteristic expression of the participation of all the faithful in the Bishop of Rome's charitable initiatives in favour of the universal Church. The gesture has not only a practical value, but also a strong symbolic one, as a sign of communion with the Pope and attention to the needs of one's brothers.” (Pope Benedict XVI)

“You are aware of the growing needs of the apostolate, the requirements of the ecclesial communities, especially in mission countries, and the requests for aid that come from peoples, individuals and families in precarious conditions. Many expect the Apostolic See to give them the support they often fail to find elsewhere.

The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. The Pope, being Pastor of the whole Church, is attentive to the material needs of poor dioceses, religious institutes and of faithful in grave difficulties (the poor, children, the elderly, those marginalised and the victims of war or natural disasters; concrete aid to Bishops or dioceses in need, Catholic education, assistance to refugees and immigrants, etc.).

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO SCALAN

The annual Pilgrimage to Scalan takes place on Sunday 3 July with Mass outdoors at 4.00pm prompt. This year marks the 300th anniversary of the foundation of the college at Scalan in 1716.

PARISH FUNDRAISING

Funds raised are split 50/50 between the Parish and the Mission Project in Nigeria.

EVENTS TO COME are a parish fête and another Ladies' Night.



SPONSORED WALK

Please return your forms and sponsorship money as soon as possible and by next Sunday at the latest. Rosaleen Hart, Luisa and Fr Francis can accept these.

Photographic evidence is available on the website!

TESCO ARE FUNDRAISING FOR US

Tesco at the Mitchell Library are having a raffle in aid of the Church funds. The prize is a food hamper and tickets will be on sale in store from next week. We hope as many as possible will support this venture. We are grateful to Tesco and staff for their generosity.

PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY

God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

PALESTINE YOUTH ORCHESTRA UK TOUR

GLASGOW ROYAL CONCERT HALL Tuesday 26th JULY, 7.30pm

This summer the Palestine Youth Orchestra (PYO) leaves the troubled olive groves of Palestine to tour Britain for the first time. They perform at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall after a rehearsal residency at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland as part of the International Society of Music Education conference.

AGAP THEATRE PRESENTS: AMONG WOMEN, written and directed by Stephen Callaghan. Catch the last two performances in Glasgow before it travels to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Thurs 14th July in the Eyre Hall, Archdiocese Offices and Fri 15th July in St Helen's Hall, Langside. Both at 7.30pm.

Tickets £5 (£2 for under-16s) from 0141-552-5527 or info@aqap.org.uk Tickets also available at the door unless sold out.

GOD'S QUIET PRESENCE IN OUR LIVES Ron Rolheiser

One of the reasons why we struggle with faith is that God's presence inside us and in our world is rarely dramatic, overwhelming, sensational, something impossible to ignore. God doesn't work like that. Rather God's presence, much to our frustration and loss of patience sometimes, is something that lies quiet and seemingly helpless inside us. It rarely makes a huge splash. Simply put, God lies inside us, deep inside, but in a way that's almost non-existent, almost unfelt, largely unnoticed, and easily ignored. However, while that presence is never overpowering, it has within it a gentle, unremitting imperative, a compulsion towards something higher, which invites us to draw upon it. And, if we do draw upon it, it gushes up in us in an infinite stream that instructs us, nurtures us, and fills us with endless energy.

Unlike most everything else that's trying to get our attention, God never tries to overwhelm us. God, more than anyone else, respects our freedom. For this reason, God lies everywhere, inside us and around us, almost unfelt, largely unnoticed, and easily ignored, a quiet, gentle nudge; but, if drawn upon, the ultimate stream of love and energy.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick:	Margaret Cowan
Recently Dead:	Jason Lyons, Ruby Steel
5th Month Mind:	Mary O'Brien
Anniversaries:	Peter Conlin