

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION
GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE
OF THE HOLY FATHER
FRANCIS
ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS
IN TODAY'S WORLD

CHAPTER TWO
TWO SUBTLE ENEMIES OF HOLINESS

CONTEMPORARY GNOSTICISM

A doctrine without mystery

41. When somebody has an answer for every question, it is a sign that they are not on the right road. They may well be false prophets, who use religion for their own purposes, to promote their own psychological or intellectual theories. God infinitely transcends us; he is full of surprises. We are not the ones to determine when and how we will encounter him; the exact times and places of that encounter are not up to us. Someone who wants everything to be clear and sure presumes to control God's transcendence.

42. Nor can we claim to say where God is not, because God is mysteriously present in the life of every person, in a way that he himself chooses, and we cannot exclude this by our presumed certainties. Even when someone's life appears completely wrecked, even when we see it devastated by vices or addictions, God is present there. If we let ourselves be guided by the Spirit rather than our own preconceptions, we can and must try to find the Lord in every human life. This is part of the mystery that a gnostic mentality cannot accept, since it is beyond its control.

The limits of reason

43. It is not easy to grasp the truth that we have received from the Lord. And it is even more difficult to express it. So we cannot claim that our way of understanding this truth authorizes us to exercise a strict supervision over others' lives. Here I would note that in the Church there legitimately coexist different ways of interpreting many aspects of doctrine and Christian life; in their variety, they "help to express more clearly the immense riches of God's word". It is true that "for those who long for a monolithic body of doctrine guarded by all and leaving no room for nuance, this might appear as undesirable and leading to confusion".^[39] Indeed, some currents of gnosticism scorned the concrete simplicity of the Gospel and attempted to replace the trinitarian and incarnate God with a superior Unity, wherein the rich diversity of our history disappeared.

St Margaret's- Roybridge, St Joseph's- Spean Bridge,
St Finnans- Invergarry, Cille Choirill-Roybridge

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15th July 2018

15th Sunday Ordinary Time

Masses		"God is mysteriously present in the life of every person, in a way that he himself chooses, and we cannot exclude this by our presumed certainties. Even when someone's life appears completely wrecked, even when we see it devastated by vices or addictions, God is present there" Pope Francis 'Gaudete et Exsultate
Mon	- St Margarets 10am	
Sat Vigil	- St Josephs 6.30pm	
Sunday:	St Finnans: 9.15 a.m. St Margarets: 11.30am	
Confessions: before Vigil Mass, Sunday 11.30 Mass, also on request.		

Welcome!

To all who are visiting our parish – a warm welcome!

Please sign our visitors' book.

Next Sunday: 22nd July, 16th of the Year

Roybridge

Readers: Margaret Sargent, Mark Reynolds

Prayers: Tony Sargent

Ex Mins: Rory MacDonald, Catrina MacDonald, Margaret Watt

Spean Bridge:

Reader: Margaret

Prayers: Marianne

Ex Mins: David, Liz

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Anniversaries: we pray for all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time. May all our loved ones rest in eternal peace.

We pray for the sick: for those at home, in hospital, those who have asked for our prayers. We pray that all our sick will be comforted and strengthened.

Service of the Word and the Eucharist: Tuesday and Thursday 10am, St Josephs. Wednesday and Friday 10am, St Margarets.

Holidays: It is important for your priest to get away for a break, and important for you to get a break from your priest! Fr Danny will be away on holiday from 17th July to 3rd August. Fr Martin Gay Csr, Director of St Mary's retreat centre, Kinnoull, will be here to supply from 20th July to 29th July. It is difficult to find a supply priest to cover all my days away but Fr Roddy McAulay, St John's, Caol (01397 700 622) will be available for sick calls and anything else on those weekdays from 17th to 19th July and 30th July to 3rd August.

Watering Rota: I'm sure you have noticed and appreciate the lovely flowers at the church door in St Margarets. These are very simply done yet give a lovely welcome and say to all; this is a lovely place to be! If the hanging baskets and tubs are not watered in my absence they will prematurely expire. Could we have some volunteers please? It only needs 20 mins in the evening every second day to check and water as necessary. The more volunteers the easier the task. Please put your name and contact details on the list at the back of the church, with much appreciation. Fr D

Thought for the day: *'Love all creation, the whole and every grain of sand in it. Love every leaf, every ray of God's light. Love the animals, love the plants, love everything. If you love everything you will perceive the diving mystery in things. Once you perceive it, you will begin to understand it better every day. And you will come at last to love the whole world with an all-embracing love... Things flow and are directly linked together, and if you push here, something will move at the other end of the world. If you strike here, something somewhere will win; if you sin here, something somewhere will suffer'* Fyodor Dostoyevsky

Retiring Collection: last weekend for the Apostleship of the sea gathered £113.81. This has now been forwarded to the AoS to support their charitable work and supporting those seafarers who are far from home and who need support and help. Thanks for your generosity.

100 Club: congratulations to the winner of £50 this month, number 32 was the lucky number that was drawn.

News around the Diocese:

- Update from Bishop Brian and the Diocesan Youth Trip to Kericho, Kenya. Jambo! Greetings from Kenya. Our young people have arrived safely in Nairobi after a long journey from many parts of our diocese and then by aeroplane. Today was spent resting at a Retreat House where we have spent time bonding as a group and preparing for our work ahead in Kericho. We also enjoyed visiting an elephant orphanage! We finished the day with Mass and we head off to Kericho first thing in the morning. We are really excited for our time in Kericho and we really appreciate your continued support and prayers
- Welcome to Fr Florentine Mallya Cssp, a Spiritan Father from Tanzania who will cover Our Lady of the Rosary, Kingussie, over the summer holidays. He arrives this Saturday, 8th July. In September Bishop Brian will appoint a full time priest to Kingussie which is very good news for the church there and for our deanery.
- Diocesan Communication: keep up to date with news around the diocese from the diocesan website: www.rcdai.org.uk and facebook : www.facebook.com/argyllandisles/

Cille Choirill: we continue to celebrate mass throughout the summer months in Cille Choirill. Dates as follows: July 15th 3pm, August 12th 3pm. These masses will be offered for the repose of souls of our faithful departed.

A Prayer for the Holidays:

Lord God, We put ourselves into Your hands, and pray that You will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer.

May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

A Summer Blessing

May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do and wherever you go. May you talk to God this summer and every day and in every situation. May you talk with God every day.