

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

CHAPTER THREE

IN THE LIGHT OF THE MASTER

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven"

70. Luke does not speak of poverty "of spirit" but simply of those who are "poor" (cf. *Lk 6:20*). In this way, he too invites us to live a plain and austere life. He calls us to share in the life of those most in need, the life lived by the Apostles, and ultimately to configure ourselves to Jesus who, though rich, "made himself poor" (*2 Cor 8:9*).

Being poor of heart: that is holiness.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth"

71. These are strong words in a world that from the beginning has been a place of conflict, disputes and enmity on all sides, where we constantly pigeonhole others on the basis of their ideas, their customs and even their way of speaking or dressing. Ultimately, it is the reign of pride and vanity, where each person thinks he or she has the right to dominate others. Nonetheless, impossible as it may seem, Jesus proposes a different way of doing things: the way of meekness. This is what we see him doing with his disciples. It is what we contemplate on his entrance to Jerusalem: "Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey" (*Mt 21:5; Zech 9:9*).

72. Christ says: "Learn from me; for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (*Mt 11:29*). If we are constantly upset and impatient with others, we will end up drained and weary. But if we regard the faults and limitations of others with tenderness and meekness, without an air of superiority, we can actually help them and stop wasting our energy on useless complaining. Saint Thérèse of Lisieux tells us that "perfect charity consists in putting up with others' mistakes, and not being scandalized by their faults".[69]

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

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14th October 2018

28th Sunday Ordinary Time

<u>Masses</u>	
Mon, Wed, Fri	-St Margarets 10am
Tue, Thu	- St Joseph's 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.	

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Pope Francis 'Gaudete et Exsultate**

Welcome!

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

Please sign our visitors' book.

Next Sunday: 21st October, 29th of the Year

Roybridge

Readers: Tony Sargent, Lorna MacGregor

Prayers: Rory MacDonald

Ex Mins: Catrina MacDonald, Margaret Sargent, Rory MacDonald

Spean Bridge:

Reader: Lindsay

Prayers: David

Ex Mins: Alison, David

Scottish Charity Registration Number: SC002876

Anniversaries: we pray for all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Morage Rose whose anniversary is Sat 13th October, Charles & Mary Grant & Family, John, Charlie & Jim Matheson.

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.

Canon John Angus MacDonald RIP: whose funeral was on Friday, we commend Canon John Angus to God's goodness and love and give thanks for his priestly ministry throughout the diocese. A big thank you to our parishioners for providing lovely home baking after the funeral at the gathering in Roy Bridge Hall, and thanks to Roy Bridge café for providing the refreshments at short notice.

Fr Danny: Autumn Break: a very warm welcome to Fr Tom McCart c SSR who will be here to look after the parish in my absence. Fr Tom spent a couple of weeks in St Margaret's last year and so is a little familiar with the parish, we give Fr Tom a very warm welcome and hope he enjoys his time here. I depart this coming Friday 12th October and return on Sunday 21st October in the evening.

Parish Pilgrimage: If you are coming then please take an application form if you've not already received one, fill it in and send it to the address provided. Please also have a look at the brochure outlining our itinerary and details regarding costs etc....

The deposit can be paid by cheque or by calling Pax Travel (number on the application form) and paying by debit card.

In preparation for our trip we will have 'Italian Evenings' with a little bit of language preparation, some input on our various destinations and visits (it is a very full itinerary) and other cultural experiences which should be fun and help build our unity as a pilgrim group. Please also note the dates are confirmed as **7th October to 14th October**. Also, we are planning fundraising events/ social events throughout the coming year to offset the cost a little bit and also to cover coach travel to and from Edinburgh airport

World Mission Sunday: Special Collection: Next weekend, at His Holiness Pope Francis' invitation, Catholics all over the world will be asked to contribute to a special collection to support the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission. For more information please see: www.missionscotland.com

Holy Souls: during November we pray especially for all our loved ones who have died. The envelopes for the November Lists are at the back of the Church. Please write the names of your loved ones on the list provided and return them on Sunday 28th October when we will present the names of our loved ones with our offertory gifts. Mass intentions throughout November will be offered for all our loved ones that we present.

Cille Choirill: Our November mass offered for the souls of all our loved ones who are buried in Cille Choirill. This will be on Sunday 4th November at 3pm.

Volunteer Trainers needed!

- Do you enjoy helping others learn?
- Can you spare 12 hours per year?
- Would you like to make a difference in your parish community?

The Safeguarding Team for our Diocese is looking for people who are able to spare approximately 12 hours a year to deliver training to volunteers in the Catholic Church's Safeguarding processes and practices.

The training sessions last approximately 90 minutes, usually no more than 12 volunteers per session. There may be times when training sessions are delivered on a one to one basis or via telephone / online.

Full training is provided and materials and ongoing support is available. The next 'Training for Trainers' course will be held at St Columba's Hall, Corran Esplanade, Oban, PA34 5AB.

The course is delivered over 2 days:

- (1) Saturday 3rd November 2018, 1pm until 4.30pm
- (2) Saturday 24th November 2018, 11am until 4pm

The course teaches you how to deliver training to small groups, you'll learn about the Catholic Church's Safeguarding practices and policies and about the practical aspects of delivering training to groups.

Interest from all backgrounds welcome or whether you are a seasoned trainer or interested in learning a new skill!

If you are interested in becoming a trainer or looking for more information please contact Veronica McKenna, Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor for further information and an application form - email: safeguardingadvisor@rcdai.org.uk or by telephone 01631 567436.

100 Club: congratulations to our winner for this month, number 80 was drawn and will receive £50.