

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 PELAGIANISM

47. Gnosticism gave way to another heresy, likewise present in our day. As time passed, many came to realize that it is not knowledge that betters us or makes us saints, but the kind of life we lead. But this subtly led back to the old error of the gnostics, which was simply transformed rather than eliminated.

48. The same power that the gnostics attributed to the intellect, others now began to attribute to the human will, to personal effort. This was the case with the pelagians and semi-pelagians. Now it was not intelligence that took the place of mystery and grace, but our human will. It was forgotten that everything “depends not on human will or exertion, but on God who shows mercy” (*Rom 9:16*) and that “he first loved us” (cf. *1 Jn 4:19*).

A will lacking humility

49. Those who yield to this pelagian or semi-pelagian mindset, even though they speak warmly of God's grace, “ultimately trust only in their own powers and feel superior to others because they observe certain rules or remain intransigently faithful to a particular Catholic style”.^[46] When some of them tell the weak that all things can be accomplished with God's grace, deep down they tend to give the idea that all things are possible by the human will, as if it were something pure, perfect, all-powerful, to which grace is then added. They fail to realize that “not everyone can do everything”,^[47] and that in this life human weaknesses are not healed completely and once for all by grace.^[48] In every case, as Saint Augustine taught, God commands you to do what you can and to ask for what you cannot,^[49] and indeed to pray to him humbly: “Grant what you command, and command what you will”.^[50]

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

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12th August 2018

19th Sunday Ordinary Time

| <u>Masses</u> | |
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| Mon,Wed | - St Margarets 10am |
| Tue | - St Joseph's 10am |
| | - St Josephs 7pm |
| 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: 19th August, 20th of the Year

Roybridge

Readers: Clare Reynolds, Helen MacDonald

Prayers: Ishbel Campbell

Ex Mins: Nilda Hawke, Margaret Watt, Helen MacDonald.

Spean Bridge:

Reader: Liz

Prayers: Margaret

Ex Mins: Liz, Moira

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Anniversaries: we pray for all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Jenny MacInnes, Alistair and Annie MacGregor and Morag Cameron. We pray also for Alex MacLean and John Nedley (Fr Danny's cousin) who died recently. 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.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Wednesday 15th August. This is a solemnity and a Holy Day of Obligation. Vigil mass is 7pm, St Joseph's on Tuesday evening and mass on Wednesday the usual time of 10am, St Margarets. The Doctrine of Mary's Assumption was defined by Pope Pius XII before a huge crowd in St Peter's Square on 1st November 1950. The gospels we hear on the vigil and day mass of this solemnity both focus on the honour due to Mary as the one chosen to be the Mother of God who accepted God's choice. She is the ultimate disciple, the virgin made Church, the first tabernacle, who treasures God's word in her heart, and she is the one for whom God has done great things, raising up his servant in her lowliness.

Thursday: no mass

Parish Day Out: Saturday 18th August; minibus departs St Margarets 10am, pick up at the memorial hall, then stops outside Spean Bridge hotel. Mass is scheduled for 11am, Fort Augustus followed by a cruise on Loch Ness then picnic lunch in the grounds of the Caledonian Hotel. Contribution to the day is £10 please and a prayer for good weather!

100 Club: congratulations to our lucky winner this month, £50 goes to the owner of number 72

Mission Appeal: We extend a very warm welcome to Fr John Clark MCCI who will be speaking at all masses this weekend to share with us the valuable missionary work of the Comboni congregation and to ask for our prayers and support. We are grateful to Fr John and the many missionaries who minister in various countries throughout the world, often in very challenging situations. Please give generously to the mission appeal to support the good work done in our name and pray for all missionaries.

Bishop's Fund: with thanks for your generosity which raised £320.76 to support the Bishop's fund for our diocese.

Cille Choirill: our last summer mass in Cille Choirill is this Sunday, August 12th 3pm. This mass will be offered for the repose of souls of our faithful departed. There will be a retiring collection at this mass for the work of the Comboni Missionaries.

Pilgrimage for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair: will take place on Sunday 9th September, 2pm till 6pm, St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh. The day will include a movie about her life and concludes with Holy Mass and refreshments, all welcome.

The Role of the Laity in the Church Today: a one day conference organised by the Archdiocese of St Andrew's and Edinburgh in conjunction with the Catholic Truth Society. All welcome and this is offered free of charge. See leaflets at the back of the Church.

Pastoral Council: meets this Tuesday 14th August at 7.30pm. If thoughts, ideas or suggestions you would like the pastoral council to discuss then please share these in confidence with Fr Danny or any member of the pastoral council. As we come to the end of the summer season we will be looking at the year ahead and outlining some plans and innovations, you are encouraged to contribute!

Pope Francis:

'All stems from the inability to trust above all in God, to put our securities in Him, to let Him give true profundity to our heart's desires'
This is from last Wednesday's General Audience in St Peter's Square. Pope Francis went onto say:

Reference to God makes one strong in weakness, in uncertainty and also in precariousness. Without God's primacy, one falls easily into idolatry and is happy with meagre reassurances. But this is a temptation that we always read about in the Bible. And think this well: it didn't cost God so much work to liberate the people from Egypt. He did so with signs of power and of love. However, God's great work was to take Egypt out of the people's heart, namely, to take idolatry out from the people's heart. And God continues to work again to take it out of our hearts. This is God's great work: to take out "that Egypt" that we carry inside, which is the fascination of idolatry. When one welcomes the God of Jesus Christ, who though He was rich became poor for us (Cf. 2 Corinthians 8:9), one then discovers that to recognize one's weakness is not the disgrace of human life, but is the condition to open oneself to Him who is truly strong. Then, God's salvation enters through the door of one's weakness.

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