



# Parish Newsletter

St Fillan's, King St, Newport-on-Tay  
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Queen St,  
Tayport



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## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Year: C (1) Psalm Week: 1 Liturgical colour: Green

*"Come, ring out our joy to the Lord: hail the God who saves us, alleluia."*

**First reading: Isaiah 66:18-21 'They shall bring all your brothers from all the nations'**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 117(116):1.2 R Mark 16:15 'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news'**

**Second reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 'The Lord disciplines the one he loves'**

**Gospel: Luke 13:22-30 'People will come from east and west and recline at table in the kingdom of God'**

### HOLY MASS TIMES

*Our Lady Star of the Sea:* **Saturday Vigil** 5pm; **Eucharistic Services** Monday & Friday 10am.

*St Fillan's:* **Sunday Mass** 10.15am. **Weekday Masses** with the Bishop. Eucharistic services are suspended while we are fortunate enough to have the opportunity to join the Bishop in celebrating weekday Mass in Newport. Days vary depending on the Bishop's Diocesan duties in his Diary

Daily Mass WhatsApp group for information on Mass at St Fillans celebrated by Bishop Andrew

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/COZWXsnfWEZ6ZKK3IUBZLP>

### **Mgr Pat's Corner**

#### The Door

In today's Gospel Jesus uses the image of a door to help his listeners understand that it is not a question of numbers - how many will be saved - but more importantly do we know the way that will lead us to salvation? Jesus, in the Gospel of John (10:9), tells us the 'He is the door' through which we will be saved. He is the one who will lead us to the Father where we will find love, understanding and protection.

Jesus offers us many opportunities to be saved and to enter through the door of salvation. Each opportunity is an occasion that can never be wasted: because, at a certain moment, the master of the house will rise and shut the door (Lk 13:25).

As St Peter reminds us in his 2nd Letter to the early Church: 'God, in his goodness and mercy, is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways.'

But our life is not a video game or a soap opera. Our life is serious, and there will be a time when we will be called to give an account of our life. It is important, therefore, that we take every opportunity to reach our goal - which is eternal salvation.

Mgr Pat

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**Special Prayers** Please pray for all those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries fall around this time. We pray for the sick, and those living with fears and struggling to cope with the difficulties in their lives. Pray that everyone will recognise that their words and deeds in protecting the environment locally and globally will make the world a better place to live in for themselves and future generations. May our leaders be blessed with hearts both wise and shrewd.

### **Feasts and Solemnities**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August St Mary of Jesus Crucified Baouardy (1846-1878) white feast** St Mary of Jesus Crucified was born into a Greek-Catholic family of the Melkite Rite, at Ibellin, Galilee in 1846. She was orphaned at the age of two and raised by her uncle in Alexandria, Egypt. After refusing a marriage arranged by her uncle, she was made to work as a house servant. She escaped from the household following violent abuse from another servant and found work as a domestic servant elsewhere, working in Alexandria, Jerusalem and Beirut.

In 1862, the family she worked for moved to France. Whilst there, Mary discerned a vocation and in 1867 she entered the Discalced Carmelites at Pau, France. Soon after, she was sent with the founding group to the Carmel of Mangalore in India. She returned to France in 1872 and planned with her superiors to found a monastery in Bethlehem. In 1875 she went to Bethlehem where she built a monastery and began planning for another at Nazareth. During the work of establishing the monasteries she fell and fractured her arm, which became gangrenous. Her health quickly declined and on the 26th of August 1878, Mary died. She is noted for her supernatural gifts, especially for humility, for her devotion to the Holy Spirit, and her great love for the Church.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August St Monica (331-387) white feast** Monica was born at Thagaste in Africa of a Christian family. She was married young, to Patricius, and among her children was Augustine. He had a brilliant intellect and uncertain morals and his wayward spiritual career saw him at one time a Manichee and then a Neoplatonist. With many tears she prayed unceasingly to God for his conversion and her prayers were answered shortly before she died. She had a deep faith and outstanding virtue and is a wonderful example of a Christian mother

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August St Augustine of Hippo (354-430) white feast** Augustine, son of Saint Monica, was brought up a Christian but left the Church early and spent a great deal of time seriously seeking the truth. Through the prayers of his mother and the teaching of St Ambrose of Milan, he was converted back to Christianity and baptized in 387, shortly before his mother's death. Augustine had a brilliant legal and academic career, but after his conversion he returned home to Africa and led an ascetic life. He was elected Bishop of Hippo and spent 34 years looking after his flock, teaching them, strengthening them in the faith and protecting them strenuously against the errors of the time. He wrote an enormous amount and left a permanent mark on both philosophy and theology. His *Confessions*, as dazzling in style as they are deep in content, are a landmark of world literature. The Second Readings in the Office of Readings contain extracts from many of his works.

He was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Boniface VIII in 1308.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August St John the Baptist beheaded Red Solemnity** Saint John the Baptist has two feasts. One, in August, celebrates his death, and one, in June, celebrates his birth. And this is as it should be, for as Christ himself said, John was the greatest of the sons of men. The greatest, but also the most tragic. A prophet from before his birth, leaping in the womb to announce the coming of the incarnate God, his task was to proclaim the fulfilment of all prophecies – and thus his own obsolescence. And *he did it*: with unequalled courage he spread the news that he, the greatest of all men, was the least in the kingdom of heaven. His disciples, and the devil, would have preferred him to fight, to build his sect, to defeat this upstart whom he himself had baptized, to seize his place in history. But he did not – and so, rightly, he *has* his place, and he has glory in heaven. We envy the great and the talented, and sometimes we think that they themselves are beyond envy. But when they come across someone with greater gifts, as one day most of them will, they will see for the first time what it means to feel like us. Let us pray that they, like John the Baptist, may pass that test.

**Stay for the Sunday Café and leave goods for the Foodbank if you can! The Food Bank:** Taybridgehead are experiencing a decrease in donations and funds but an increase in customers. Please try and give what you can. Donations of time or money also gratefully received: 07840 95703. **St Fillans** is looking for volunteers to help with the **Flower Arrangements**, if you are interested, please contact - Angela Davey on 07768406946 for a chat.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 3pm** Tayport Parish Church Queen Street Ferryport Ensemble with their special guests the Wighton Harp group. Come and enjoy an afternoon of relaxing music and refreshments. Entry free, donations welcome. All proceeds to go to MSF and Royal Victoria Hospital, Dundee

Parish Whatsapp group: 07484 170812

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