

Parish Newsletter

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



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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 5th July 2026

A (II) Psalm week 2. Liturgical colour: green

*Alleluia, alleluia! I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. Alleluia!*

First reading: Zechariah: 9:9-10 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145(144):1-2. 8-9. 10-11. 13c-14. I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

Second reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13 'If by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.'

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30 'I am gentle and lowly in heart.'

HOLY MASS TIMES

Our Lady Star of the Sea: Saturday Vigil 5pm

Eucharistic Service: Monday and Friday 10am

St Fillan's: Sunday Mass 10.15am

Days on which Bishop Andrew will be sharing Mass at St Fillan's can be found on the special Whatsapp Group set up by Sam Morton. <https://chat.whatsapp.com/COZWXsnfWEZ6ZKK3IUBZLP>. Days vary with diocesan duties.

Mgr Pat's Corner **Finding true rest and peace**

In today's Gospel Jesus begins by praising the Father, acknowledging that He is the source of all wisdom and understanding. This recognition reminds us that all our knowledge and insights ultimately come from God: namely the gifts of the Holy Spirit - wisdom and understanding.

Next, Jesus invites all who are weary and burdened to come to Him for rest. This invitation should be a source of great comfort and encouragement, especially when things are difficult, in times of struggle or weighed down by the worries and cares of life. It is in His presence that we discover the true peace that surpasses all understanding.

Jesus does not promise a life free from challenges or difficulties, but He assures us that when we embrace His teachings and follow His example, we will find grace, strength, and a profound sense of purpose.

The yoke of Christ, though it may involve some kind of sacrifice, is ultimately one that leads to freedom, fulfilment, and eternal life.

Mgr Pat

Special Prayers: Please pray for the dead and for those whose anniversaries fall around this time. Please pray for those who are sick or struggling, whether at hospital, abroad or at home. May our prayers be with Anita Keenan.

And may we pray that God will indeed 'speak peace to the nations.' May He find willing instruments in good people ready to harness faith, hope and love to try to end bitter divisions and seemingly endless conflict. May war-mongers and strife-sowers hear, and suddenly see their actions in the light of eternity. To request prayers or Priestly assistance Mgr Pat may be emailed.

Saints and Feast Days

Thursday 9th **Our Lady of Aberdeen** *feast*

Standing high in a side chapel of a Brussels church is one of Scotland's treasures, a statue of Our Lady and Child which was saved from destruction in Aberdeen during the Reformation. For sixty-five years it was hidden until it was shipped to safety in the Low Countries. The statue remained in the Augustinian church in Brussels until 1796, when it was again removed for protection, this time to escape the ravages of the French Revolution. Safely restored to the Augustinians in 1805, it remained in their care as an object of devotion until 1814, when it was removed to the neighbouring Church of Our Lady of Finisterre. It is still venerated there as Our Lady of Good Success. In Scotland, devotion to Our Lady, focusing on copies of this ancient statue, has spread, and 9th July is now reserved as the feast of Our Lady of Aberdeen.

Taizé service: The July service is at 6.30pm in Sunday 5th July in Tayport Church of Scotland, Queen Street. Everyone is most welcome.

Ferryport Fiddlers: The concert on Sunday 28th June raised £210 so the Foodbank and the World Land Trust will each receive £105. Thank you for all the contributions.

Pilgrim Wanderings: The next Pilgrim Wanderings will be at St Peter's in Invergowrie at 2 pm on Saturday 11th July. Transport available; if anyone would like a lift, meet at Tayport Church of Scotland, Queen Street at 1.30pm. For more details contact benuardin@gmail.com

Thank you for continuing to support the **Food Bank**. Remember also to keep an eye out for **double wool**. Help with the **Café** is welcomed. And please do consider joining those who perform important service through **gardening and cleaning** our churches.

DAB Radio Maria United Kingdom: A New Voice for Millions: Reaching 70% of Scotland's population, the Dunkeld Diocesan Newsletter reports, the radio station began broadcasting to 4 million people in Scotland's cities and Central Belt via DAB signal on 22nd June at 11am. It provides a trusted platform for prayer, catechesis and Christian witness. Backed by Bishops, it already broadcasts in Bath and Cambridge, seeking to reach students, academics, young professionals and all navigating their intellectual and spiritual lives, seeking to 'help root faith' in the 'God who is love, ever ancient, ever new!' Digital Radio can be reached via spotify or by asking your device to 'Play Radio Maria'! smart speakers, smart phones, tablets or the website: radioMaria.uk

Vatican News has a detailed article recording the path that led to the Pope's decision to excommunicate those involved with the French archbishop Lefebvre's provocative decision to ordain Bishops without the Pope's consent. Why was it so provocative? 38 years ago the Archbishop did the same thing! Various Popes since, recognising that Lefebvre believed himself champion of rites of worship in Latin that the Post *Vatican Two* Church had moved from, have sought to connect and find ways to lessen the schism, drawing him and his followers back to Rome with some flexibility. He appeared to accept change and to espouse obedience. There are plenty who find the old forms of worship valuable and were saddened by decisions to regulate. Disgruntlement ferments but one wonders why things have come to a head now, when Pope Leo has been boldly speaking out for peace, *synodality* and a united humanity.