



Parish Newsletter

St Fillan's, King St, Newport-on-Tay

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Queen St, Tayport



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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4th October 2026

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the God who saves us, alleluia

Year: A(II). Psalm week: 3. Liturgical Colour: Green

First reading: **Isaiah 5:1-7** 'The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.'

Responsorial Psalm: **Ps 80(79):9, 12. 13-14. 15-16. 19-20. R Isaiah 5:7a** The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel.

Second Reading: **Philippians 4:6-9** 'Practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.'

Gospel: **Matthew 21:33-43** 'He will let out the vineyard to other tenants.'

HOLY MASS TIMES

Our Lady Star of the Sea: Saturday Vigil 5 pm

Eucharistic Service: Monday and Friday 10 am

St Fillan's: Sunday Mass 10.15 am

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.

Should you need to contact Mgr Pat - please use the email address above

Mgr Pat's Corner

We Are Stewards of God's Gifts

Today's parable is a powerful message about God's patience, our responsibility, and the consequences of rejecting God.

1. *God entrusts us with his blessings:* Just as the landowner provided everything for the vineyard to thrive, God has given us all we need - His Word, His Spirit and His Grace. He calls us to be faithful stewards of his blessings

2. *God is patient, but there are consequences for rejection:* God's patience is great, but it is not limitless. When people continuously turn away from Him, they face the consequences of their choices. Jesus warns us the kingdom would be taken away from those who reject him, and given to those who truly bear fruit for God's kingdom.

3. *A call to repentance and fruitfulness:* The religious leaders understood that Jesus was speaking about them, but instead of repenting, they sought to kill Him. God desires that we bear fruit, to live lives filled with faith, love and obedience to his will for us. He calls us to humility and repentance, turning from self-centredness to Him alone.

Mgr Pat

Special Prayers: Please remember in your prayers James Chalmers (who died recently) and all those whose anniversaries fall around this time. Please pray for those who are sick, and those who are struggling, whether at hospital, abroad or at home. Remember too, all countries where residents are affected by conflict - religious or political or meteorological conditions.

Feasts and Solemnities

Monday 5th October - Saint Faustina Kowalska (1905 - 1938)

Helena Kowalska was born on 25 August 1905 in Głogowiec, near Łódź in Poland, into a poor and religious family. From an early age she had a religious vocation. Through persistence and hard work she was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, which she entered on 1 August 1925, taking the name Sister Mary Faustina. She lived in the Congregation for the rest of her short life. Her work as cook, gardener and porter revealed nothing of her rich mystical interior life.

The mystery of the Mercy of God which forms the centre of St Faustina's spirituality was revealed to her by Jesus in visions and conversations from early 1931. In choosing an obscure and uneducated young girl as the apostle of devotion to the Divine Mercy, he followed the pattern so often used by God: that his strength is manifested in weakness, and the weak and humble have the power to change the world. "Today I am sending you with my mercy to the people of the whole world. I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to my merciful heart." Faustina's canonization began in 1965 she was beatified on 18 April 1993 and canonized on 30 April 2000. At the same time the second Sunday of Easter was officially designated as the Sunday of the Divine Mercy. Sister Faustina died (probably of tuberculosis) on 5 October 1938

Tuesday 6th October - St Bruno (c.1033 – 1101)

Born in Cologne and educated partly at Reims. He was head of the episcopal school there for almost 20 years. In 1075 he was appointed chancellor of the church of Reims and had to devote himself to the administration of the diocese. At that time the Bishop Manasses de Gournai, was impious, corrupt, and violent. Through the intervention of Bruno and others, the Council of Autun suspended Manasses. In 1080 a final decision of the Pope, together with a popular uprising, deposed Manasses. Bruno was to succeed Manasses but in 1077 he and 2 of his canons at Reims made a vow to abandon the world and enter the religious life. Bruno fled to Molesme and gathered followers round him, who formed the basis of the Cistercian Order.

In 1084, with six of his companions, Bruno presented himself to St Hugh of Châteauneuf, Bishop of Grenoble, who installed them in a wild spot called Chartreuse, not far from Grenoble, among steep rocks and snow-covered mountains. They built a small monastery where they lived in deep retreat and poverty, entirely occupied in prayer and study. Several times Bruno was called upon to take a more hands on role in the church, but he managed to side step these. Bruno pioneered the "mixed" form of religious life, of hermits who live together in a community. He did not plan to found an Order, but the seed he had planted at Chartreuse grew into the Carthusian Order, which continues to this day, with some 24 houses spread across the world.

Wednesday 7th October - Our Lady of the Rosary The feast of the Holy Rosary was instituted by Pope Pius V to celebrate the anniversary of the defeat of the Turkish fleet at the battle of Lepanto on the first Sunday in October 1571, which ended the threat of Muslim domination of the Mediterranean and was ascribed in part to the prayers and processions of the Rosary confraternity in Rome. Later the feast was moved to the fixed date of 7 October.

Thursday 9th October - St Denis (- 258) Martyr As might be expected for a saint of such an early period, practically no hard facts about Saint Denis survive. St Gregory of Tours, wrote some 300 years later, that Denis came to Gaul from Rome in the middle of the third century. He arrived at what is now the Ile de la Cité in Paris, where he built a church, arranged the regular celebration of Mass, and preached the Gospel. Together with two members of his clergy he was martyred near the city. For these things alone devotion to him is proper and justified.

Saint John Leonardi (1541 – 1609) He was born at Lucca in Tuscany. Trained initially as an apothecary, he fought hard to become a priest and was ordained in 1572. A few laymen attached themselves to him in 1574 and something began to grow that looked as if it might become a religious order. A storm of persecution erupted. It seems possible that the Republic of Lucca felt that being the birthplace of a religious order might be dangerous for the independence of the state, given the complicated international politics of the time. Whatever the reason, Leonardi spent most of the rest of his life in exile from Lucca, only occasionally obtaining permission to visit it after extreme pressure from the Pope. The order that he founded, now known as the Order of Clerks Regular of the Mother of God, is in charge of eight churches in Italy and is also involved in missionary work. In addition, his work was taken up and extended by the Popes into the Work of the Propagation of the Faith (de propaganda fidei), of which he is therefore honoured as the founder.

Saint John Henry Newman (1801 – 1890) Born on 21 February 1801 in London, England. As an Anglican clergyman for over twenty years he won renown as a preacher and theologian. A Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, he became one of the leaders of the Oxford Movement and a prominent figure in the Church of England. On 9 October 1845 he was received into full communion with the Catholic Church. He was an influential writer on many subjects, most notably the development of Christian doctrine, the true understanding of conscience, faith and reason, the role of the laity, and university education. In 1879 he was created Cardinal by Pope Leo XIII and given the title of San Giorgio in Velabro. He died in the Birmingham Oratory on 11 August 1890. He was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on 19 September 2010 and canonised by Pope Francis on 13 October 2019. He was given the title of Doctor of the Church by Pope Leo XIV on 1 November 2025.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday October 4th - Taize Service – Our Lady Star of the Sea at 6.30 pm. A short service of prayer and mediation. All Welcome.

Blythswood Christmas Shoebox Appeal. The Shoe Box Appeal is ongoing. The Closing date for donations is 18th October 2026

Taybridge Food Bank – don't forget that donations are welcome for the foodbank, your continuing approach for those cause is very welcome indeed.

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