

St. Mary Magdalene's

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Twelfth Sunday of Year C

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Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday:

Sunday:

Monday: 7.00 p.m. Francis Devers Tuesday: 10.00 a.m. Alistair Scott Wednesday: 7.00 p.m. Benny Haynes 10.00 a.m. Betty Brock Thursday: 10.00 a.m. Nellie O'Brien Friday:

Adoration: Saturday: 10.15 - 11.00 a.m.

Confession: Saturday: 10.15 - 11.00 a.m. or by ap-

pointment

A VERY SINCERE WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS. WE HOPE THAT YOU ENJOY YOUR VISIT TO THE AREA AND TO THE CHURCH AND THAT YOU WILL BE BACK SOON

Today's Gospel

11.00 a.m. Annie Ogilvie

11.00 a.m. For the Parish

Jesus asks the disciples and us: "But who do YOU say I am?" It is probably the most important question we could ask ourselves. Who is Jesus to me? What does he mean to me? What difference does he make to my life? Does anything in my life - other than Mass on Sunday points me out as being a follower of Jesus?

Nunraw Retreat

This is taking place today. It is still possible to join us. We are leaving from the church at 1.30 p.m. Transport is provided.

- Remember the sick and housebound of the parish: Robert Moyes, Pat Gilhooley, Tony Matrundola, Sylvia Berry, Liz Davis, Rose McKay, May & James Muir, Jude Ferguson, Denis Davidson.
- Birthday wishes to Ann Dockrell who yesterday celebrated her 90th birthday. We thank God with Ann for her life and for her dedication to family and Church. May God continue to bless you with good health and happiness and many more years. The Mass this morning is being offered in thanksgiving and for Ann's intentions. After Mass there is a birthday cake to celebrate with Ann. Please do join us in the hall.

Ministries: Today Next Sunday Server: Simone/Rowan Bill Cheyne Readers: Pat Marin Laura Tweedie **Rob Moves** John Pettigrew Prayers: Anne Jabir Peggy Ferguson

Offertory: Pat & Dot Gilhooley

Euch Minister Jennifer Morris

Sue Bauld Charles Douglas Tea Rota: Carolynn/Jennifer

Clara Alonsi

Scalan Seminary and Scalan Association

The Scottish Reformation Parliament of 1560 brought in the Penal Laws which prohibited the Mass being celebrated in Scotland, priests were forbidden to be in our country at all, and clearly, preparing people for the priesthood was also against the law, and training for the Priesthood had to be organised abroad in territories which were friendly, and we eventually had seminaries in Rome, Spain, France and Bavaria. We only have one of these operating at the present time, in Rome, but we still have priests in Scotland who were trained in Paris and other places in North-ern France, and in Valladolid and Salamanca in Spain.

In the early 1700s it was felt by the bishops that they were losing too many students who went abroad, because they were not well enough prepared for going there. They needed to do some preparation with them at home before they went. There was also a desire to train priests here at home without sending them abroad at all. This led to the foundation of a seminary on an island in Loch Morar in the Western Highlands but it was destroyed two years later after the 1715 Jaco-bite Rising. A safer place had to be found, and Scalan in the remote Braes of Glenlivet, near Tomintoul, was chosen. It was not immune from attack either and suffered greatly, most notably after Bonnie Prince Charlie's 1745 Jacobite Rising. The building we can visit today is the most substantial relic we have of the Penal Times and it is truly a holy place of pilgrimage. Scalan operated from 1716 until 1799. Here boys and young men were secretly trained for the Priesthood with between 60 and 70 eventually being ordained, at a crucial time for the revival of the Catholic Church in Scotland. The house is still able to be visited today, and the Scalan Association is active in keeping it in good condition and promoting knowledge of it in Scotland and abroad. Membership of the Scalan Association, which is open to all, costs £10 and members receive two newsletters a year containing up-to-date news on Scalan, local history and culture, as well as items on Scottish Catholic History. Subscriptions may be sent to the treasurer, Rev. Michael Briody, St Michael's, 133 Glenmanor Avenue, Moodiesburn G69 0DL. (01236 872537).

The Annual Pilgrimage to Scalan is taking place on Sunday 7 July 2013. More information from Fr Briody as above.

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