

## Our Lady and St. Helen's, Condorrat



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### Mass times

Monday to Friday	10 am
Saturday Vigil Mass	6 pm
Sunday	10 am & 12 noon

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Friday	9:00 -9:45 am
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### Confessions

Tuesday and Thursday	9:20 am
Saturday	5:20 pm

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

16<sup>th</sup> of February, 2025

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 17: 5-8.

*Cursed is the man who trusts in man; blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord.*

### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 1

*Blessed is the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20.

*If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile.*

### Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26.

*Blessed are you who are poor, Woe to you who are rich.*

## Reflection

### Happiness?

During his life, Jesus experienced poverty: not only the physical poverty of deprivation, but the poverty of standing alone against the crowd. He experienced hunger, not only physical hunger which demands food, but the hunger which can be satisfied only by doing what's right. Jesus had reason to cry and be sad, not only for the loss of a dear friend, but for the lost opportunities of His own people. He also expected rejection, betrayal and abandonment, accepting it all as part and parcel of His life which He had dedicated to His Father. He trusted that His Father would bless Him – God could handle the poverty, the hunger, the tears, the rejection.

This isn't to say that we should all become poor, hungry, sad-faced or afflicted. Jesus is speaking, today, to those who have committed themselves to doing God's work here on earth and, in doing so, suffer hardship, while reaching out towards Heaven.

Happiness is the best gift God has given us, for it is sharing in God's own life. **GOD is LIFE, BEAUTY and FULLNESS. GOD is LOVE** and therefore **GOD is JOY!** To be happy, we must let go and abandon ourselves to God's love. For the secret of true happiness is **LOVE**.

One day, Jesus' friends asked Him: "*Who are the really happy people?*" What would you have said?...those who have lots of money and plenty to eat?...those who are important and can boss others around?...those who are strong and never get hurt?

Jesus surprised everyone by saying the opposite. The **really** happy people, He said, are the 'nobodies' of this world: the poor; the unimportant; the hungry; the heartbroken; the peaceful; the persecuted.

## Hymns for Sunday

Please see the board for this week's hymns.

**Death:** Alan Donnelly, Danny McBride, Georgina Egan, Moira Stuart, Fr John Callaghan, Fr Dermot Healy

**Anniversary:** Charlie Scott, Alex McCourt, Helen McCourt

**Memorials / Feasts:** The Chair of Peter (Saturday).

## Collections – thank you for your generosity!

Date	Offertory	Gift Aid
9 <sup>th</sup> February	£550.38	£334

**Fr Harry McKay** can be contacted on 0783 394 4257, address 36 Ivanhoe Road, Cumbernauld, G67 4BH.

**Abba's Vineyard:** "Evening of Adoration for young adults, Saturday 22nd February, from 5-9pm. Come and adore Jesus in the blessed Sacrament. The evening includes the opportunity for confession, Mass and dinner. All are welcome to join at any point. Address - Bl John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater Street, Glasgow, G5 0YT. Organised by Abba's Vineyard. For more information and a timetable search @abbasvineyard on social media or email: [abbasvineyard@gmail.com](mailto:abbasvineyard@gmail.com)

## Young Adult Lenten Pilgrimage Walk - Saturday 8th March 2025:

The Youth Office is running a pilgrimage walk from Cardross to Dumbarton stopping at various parishes along the way for Lenten reflections. It's a great opportunity for those aged 16 - 30 to grow in their faith, get some springtime steps in and gather with their peers. Option to travel to Cardross as a group from Queen Street railway station for those who wish. More info and registration here: [www.tinyurl.com/rcagyasessions](http://www.tinyurl.com/rcagyasessions)

**Pro-life Mass:** The monthly pro-life Mass is on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm at Holy Cross, 113 Dixon Avenue, G42 8ER. Adoration begins at 6.15pm. Tea in the hall afterwards – all welcome. The celebrant will be Fr Edward Toner.

**Cardinal Winning Lecture Saturday 1 March 2025:** Catholic Teacher Education – the next 25 years. To mark the 25th anniversary of the merger of St Andrew's College and the University of Glasgow, a panel of key speakers will discuss the future of Catholic Teacher Education: Profs James Conroy and Margery McMahon (University of Glasgow), Bishop John Keenan, Barbara Coupar (SCES), Graeme Young (CHAPS) and Christopher Smith (CHAS). Reserve your place here <https://buytickets.at/standrewsfoundation/1579271>. Panel event: 11.15am - Bute Hall, preceded by Holy Mass celebrated by Archbishop Nolan at 9.30am in the Memorial Chapel.

**Book Launch:** Archbishop John Wilson will be at the Pauline Book Centre, 36 St Enoch Square, Glasgow, on Friday 7th March to chat and sign his new book, The Romero Rosary. 10.30 book launch; 11.30 book signing. All welcome.

**St Patrick's Day Mass:** The annual Mass for St Patrick's Day will take place on Saturday 15th March at 11am in St Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow. Archbishop Nolan will be the Principal Celebrant. All welcome.

**Reflection Day on Ways of Prayer:** Saturday 22nd February 10.30am - 3pm at St Aloysius Church, 25 Rose Street, Glasgow, G3 6RE. Includes Mass and lunch - all are welcome. Experience praying with scripture and poetry using your imagination; time for silence, reflection and community with the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow. For more information or to sign up please contact [marianne.lucchini@iscglasgow.co.uk](mailto:marianne.lucchini@iscglasgow.co.uk)

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