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Sixteenth Sunday of Year C

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Mass Times & Intentions

Monday: 7.00 p.m. Benny Haynes
 Tuesday: 10.00 a.m. Betty Brock
 Wednesday: 7.00 p.m. Nellie O'Brien
 Thursday: 9.30 a.m. Annie Ogilvie
 Friday: 10.00 a.m. Eddie Weir
 Saturday: 11.00 a.m. Donor's Intention
 Sunday: 11.00 a.m. For the Parish
 Confession: Saturday 10.15 - 11.00 a.m.

Adoration: Saturday: 10.00 - 11.00 a.m.

Please note that while the Parish house is being renovated, Fr Tabone is residing at St. Luke & St Anne's Parish House 2A Stone Place, Mayfield EH22 5PG. Tel No. 0131 663 1476. Mobile No. 075 707 43018.

Note also: Mass time on Thursday: 9.30 a.m. This is so that I am able to attend funeral Mass for Canon David Henry, Parish Priest of Duns, at 11.00 am at Cathedral. May he rest in peace.

World Youth Day

Pope Francis travels to Rio de Janeiro tomorrow to join the young people already there for World Youth Day. Remember this event in your prayers. Here in Scotland, a gathering is planned from Thursday 25th—Sunday 28th July, for those who could not attend Rio in Brazil. At Stirling University Campus. It's £200 per person (plus £50 parish contribution) which includes all accommodation, meals and activities. More information: youth.office@dunkelddiocese.org.uk

- ◆ We have great pleasure today in welcoming Eva Whyte into the community of the Church. Eva starts her Christian journey of faith with the Sacrament of Baptism.
- ◆ 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.
- The City of Edinburgh Council has recently opened a new cemetery off the Old Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh.
The council, who have kindly allocated an area of ground specifically for Catholic burials are responsible for the management of the cemetery and each lair, can accommodate two burials. The cemetery can be contacted at Craig millar Castle Park Cemetery, 39 Old Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh, EH16 4TE. Telephone, 0131 664 4314.
- ◆ 200 Club winners: June:
No 3: John Gillespie (£20)
No 11: Maureen Scott (£200).
There are still some numbers that can be taken. Speak to Madge Moyes in the hall after Mass.

From the Encyclical Letter "Lumen Fidei", "The Light of Faith", first drafted by Pope Benedict but finished (with additions) by Pope Francis.

The light of Faith: this is how the Church's tradition speaks of the great gift brought by Jesus. In John's Gospel, Christ says of himself: "I have come as light into the world, that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness" (Jn 12:46). Saint Paul uses the same image: "God who said 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts" (2 Cor 4:6).Conscious of the immense horizon which their faith opened before them, Christians invoked Jesus as the true sun "whose rays bestow life". [2] To Martha, weeping for the death of her brother Lazarus, Jesus said: "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" (Jn 11:40). Those who believe, see; they see with a light that illumines their entire journey, for it comes from the risen Christ, the morning star which never sets.....

A light to be recovered

There is an urgent need, then, to see once again that faith is a light, for once the flame of faith dies out, all other lights begin to dim. The light of faith is unique, since it is capable of illuminating every aspect of human existence. A light this powerful cannot come from ourselves but from a more primordial source: in a word, it must come from God. Faith is born of an encounter with the living God who calls us and reveals his love, a love which precedes us and upon which we can lean for security and for building our lives. Transformed by this love, we gain fresh vision, new eyes to see; we realize that it contains a great promise of fulfilment, and that a vision of the future opens up before us. Faith, received from God as a supernatural gift, becomes a light for our way, guiding our journey through time. On the one hand, it is a light coming from the past, the light of the foundational memory of the life of Jesus which revealed his perfectly trustworthy love, a love capable of triumphing over death. Yet since Christ has risen and draws us beyond death, faith is also a light coming from the future and opening before us vast horizons which guide us beyond our isolated selves towards the breadth of communion. We come to see that faith does not dwell in shadow and gloom; it is a light for our darkness.....