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Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 10 February	FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 12 February	Tuesday of Week 5 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 13 February	Wednesday of Week 5 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 14 February	Feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 15 February	Friday of Week 5 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am - 12 noon
Saturday 16 February	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	10.30 am 11.00 am
Sunday 17 February	SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

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10 FEBRUARY 2019:
FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2, 3-8
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137 (138):1-5, 7-8
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
 Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Fifth Sunday of the Year: Into The Deep

Simon Peter, the fisherman, is the first to be called personally by Jesus in Luke's Gospel. His calling resembles Isaiah's commissioning in the First Reading: Confronted with the holiness of the Lord, both Peter and Isaiah are overwhelmed by a sense of their own sinfulness and inadequacy. Yet each experiences the Lord's forgiveness and is sent to preach the good news of His mercy to the world. No one is "fit to be called an apostle," Paul recognizes in today's Second Reading. But by "the

grace of God," even a persecutor of the Church—as Paul once was—can be lifted up for the Lord's service.

In the Old Testament, humanity was unfit for the divine—no man could stand in God's presence and live (see Exodus 33:20). But in Jesus, we're made able to speak with Him face-to-face, to taste His Word on our tongue.

Today's scene from Isaiah is recalled in every Mass. Before reading the Gospel, the priest silently asks

God to cleanse his lips that he might worthily proclaim His Word.

God's Word comes to us as it came to Peter, Paul, Isaiah, and today's Psalmist—as a personal call to leave everything and follow Him, to surrender our weaknesses in order to be filled with His strength.

Simon put out into deep waters even though, as a professional fisherman, he knew it would be foolhardy to expect to catch anything. In humbling himself before the Lord's command, he was exalted—his nets filled to overflowing; later, as Paul tells us, he will become the first to see the risen Lord.

Jesus has made us worthy to receive Him in the company of angels in God's holy Temple. On our knees like Peter, with the humility of David in today's Psalm, we thank Him with all our hearts and join in the unending hymn that Isaiah heard around God's altar: "Holy, holy, holy . . ." (see also Revelation 4:8). (Scott Hahn)

PARISH NEWS

In gratitude – Fr. Domenico would like to thank you all most sincerely for your kindness and support during this difficult time of his mother's illness and bereavement. He greatly appreciates all of the cards and condolences that he has received, as well as the presence of parishioners at the Funeral Mass in Peterhead last Friday. God bless you!

Sacramental Preparation for First Holy Communion in 2019 – classes will take place on Thursdays at 5.30pm, lasting for 30 minutes. The dates for this term are as follows:

- February 14th, 21st and 28th
- March 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th
- April 4th

First Holy Communions will take place on **Sunday 23 June 9.30am**. If you have any questions please get in touch with Helen.

Friday 15 February at 7.30pm: "To Hell with Love! – The Politics of Passion in Dante's *Inferno*" – Fr. Domenico will be giving a presentation to the Highland Italian Circle on Dante's *Inferno*, with a suitable 'Valentine' theme. The venue is the Bowling Club at Auldcastle Road. All welcome.

Lenten Station Masses – the Station Masses for Lent 2019 are as follows:

- 8 March St. Mary's, Inverness
- 15 March St. Mary's, Beaulieu
- 22 March St. Ninian's, Inverness
- 29 March St. Joachim's, Wick

5 April St. Vincent's, Tain

12 April St. Columba's, Culloiden

Monday 11 March: Jubilarians' Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen, at 12 noon. Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB invites all clergy, religious, parishioners, and friends to come together for a Mass for our Jubilarians:

Rt Rev Peter Moran 60 years

Very Rev Peter Canon Barry 50 years

Rev Derick McCulloch 25 years

Deacon John Woodside 25 years

Pilgrimage to Northern Spain: 2-6 September 2019 – Fr. Domenico is happy to take additional names, if anyone is still interested.

Pilgrimage to the Oberammergau Passion Play, 20-27 July 2020 – We already have **22 people signed up** for this pilgrimage! Fr. Domenico has an option to take **up to 33 pilgrims** to Oberammergau. The price is £1,600 – this includes a return flight from Edinburgh to Munich, airport transfers, seven night's half-board accommodation, and a full excursion programme, with guides, together with the Oberammergau Passion Play tickets. Brochures and booking forms are forthcoming. Please see Fr. Domenico if you would like to register your interest for this pilgrimage.

A CHILD'S CAR SEAT has been offered free to anyone who could make use of it (pink and in excellent condition). From birth to 6/7 years. Please see Don.

BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP – The group meets at St. Columba's on Mondays from 9.30am to 11.30am. Why not come along and join in the fun?!

Cleaning Team – Tuesday 12 February: Mary and Karen. Would you like to help us in 2019? Helping just one hour a month would lighten the load of others who keep the church nice and clean. See Don for details.

90 CLUB: Next Draw Sunday 24 February – there are still a few numbers available if you would like to try your luck. Ask Don for details.

NEXT PRIZE BINGO: Friday 22nd February – 'eyes down' at 7.00pm. Items to give as prizes are always needed; thank you for all

the wonderful items that come in: these make our fund raiser so successful.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Johnny Gallagher + Ellen Williams + Vinnie Walton + Michael Good

R.I.P: + Eva Zanre + Jemma McRae

Anniversaries: + Kath and Howard Nicolls + Mary Sharkey + Chris Waters + Colin Buckley + Darren Burgess + Garry Tindell + Tommy McNaughton + Chris Smyth + Magda Utton + Anne-Marie Grout + Roberta Adair