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10 JUNE 2018:

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Genesis 3:9-15

Psalm: Ps 129 (130)

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 10 June	TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 12 June	NO MASS	---	---
Wednesday 13 June	NO MASS	---	---
Thursday 14 June	NO MASS	---	---
Sunday 17 June	ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Promised One

In today's Gospel Jesus has just been healing and casting out demons in Galilee. Along with the crowds, who flock to Him so that He can't even take a break to eat, come people who do not understand what He is doing. Even His friends think He has lost His mind and needs to be taken away for a while. But the scribes who came down from Jerusalem are not just honestly mistaken; they accuse Him of being possessed by the prince of demons.

The reality is just the opposite. Jesus is revealing Himself as the one promised in our first reading. He is the seed of the woman who has come to crush the head of the demonic serpent. In the parable of the strong man, Jesus reveals that He has come not just to punish the devil but to free those bound by him. As St. Bede explains, "The Lord has also bound the strong man, that is, the devil: which means, He has restrained him from seducing the elect, and entering into his house, the world; He has spoiled his house, and His goods, that is men, because He has snatched them from the snares of the devil, and has united them to His Church."

The scribes blaspheme by attributing this work of the Holy Spirit to demons. Jesus adds a statement that shocks us at first: "whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness." That does not mean that there are any limits to the mercy of God (CCC 1864). Rather, the only sin that cannot be forgiven is the deliberate refusal to accept the mercy offered through the Holy Spirit.

Instead, we must imitate those who sat at Jesus' feet. For, as He said, "Whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister, and mother."
(Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

"The devil does not need to possess us. He poisons us with the venom of hatred, desolation, envy and vice. When we let down our guard, he takes advantage of it to destroy our lives, our families and our communities."
(*Gaudete et Exsultate*)

GENERAL NEWS

TODAY (Sunday 10 June): 'Picasso Kids Day' in St. Mary's Church Hall - from 12 noon onwards. For all young budding Picassos! A family-centred day of fun, with painting and drawing for the children. All artwork will be displayed the following Sunday. There will also be an (indoor) Bouncy Castle! Teas, coffees, and cakes will be available. All donations go towards youth pilgrimages to Lourdes and Poland.

Friday 15 June, at 1.00pm: St Josephs School Annual Summer Fete. Lots of stalls including Plants, Books and Crafts; there will also be a Bouncy Castle, Ice Cream Van, Teas and Coffee. Donations of Home Baking would be gratefully received at the school on Thursday afternoon or Friday morning. Money raised will be used to develop our outdoor play and learning for the children.

Wednesday 20 June: "The Best of Chopin" Concert - St Mary's Church Hall, Huntly Street, at 6.00pm. The Polish composer Frederic Chopin is known as the 'poet of the piano'. In this evening of music and poetry, Dr. Wieslaw Prastowski invites us to explore and enjoy the elegant music of this great Polish composer. Illustrated throughout by music performed by pianist Szymon Komar, as well as by Dr. Prastowski's own poetry dedicated to Chopin. The poetry readings, and the presentation, will be given in Polish; however, all are welcome to come along and enjoy the music of Frederic Chopin. Phone PJ at St Mary's Parish Office for enquiries, on (01463) 233519. **Tickets are priced at £5 each.**

Sunday 24 June: Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Pluscarden Abbey - This year marks the Centenary of the 1918 Education Act (Scotland), and all of our Catholic Primary Schools have been invited to participate, along with various youth groups, to mark this special anniversary. The programme for the day is as follows:
1.00pm-2.30pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Lady Chapel).
1.00pm-2.30pm: Confessions (St Benedict's Retreat).
3.00pm: Pilgrimage Mass and Procession in honour of Our Blessed Lady.
Refreshments will be available in the Marquee from 12 noon onwards. All welcome.

Sunday 1 July: Scalan Annual Pilgrimage: Mass at the venerable house of Scalan, in the Braes of Glenlivet, **beginning at 4.00pm.** Scalan was the site of a hidden seminary, and during the 18th century, more than a hundred 'Heather Priests'

were trained there. For those with sat navs, the postcode is **AB37 9JS**; this will take you to Chapeltown of Glenlivet - please walk, or ask for a lift from others, for the last 1½ miles.

PARISH NEWS

"THANK YOU" to everyone who made yesterday's Anniversary Mass such a success! A lot of work went in to this day, and it is greatly appreciated! Bishop Hugh was both impressed and heartened, as were the other Priests of the Deanery. Here's to many more happy memories at St Columba's!

.. AND "THANK YOU!" from 'Rowing the Pacific' to support children with Down's Syndrome in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. We have received word from Michael Prendergast, a member of the Rowing Team, and a nephew of our parishioner Mary Munro; both Michael and Mary express their sincere gratitude for our prayers and financial support to this extremely worthwhile fundraising initiative. The city of Inverness badly needs an 'ABC' (Achieving Better Communication) group in Inverness, to help children and young people with Down's Syndrome to develop their speech, language, and communication skills. To support this wonderful initiative, go to the following website:
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/michael-prendergast-rowingthepacific>

St Columba's Baby and Toddler Group: This **Monday, at 10.00am in the Floral Hall** (Bught Lane, Inverness, IV3 5SS). Come along and join the fun!

Cleaning Team: Monday at 1.30pm - Isobel and Don. Would you like to help out? Only one hour a month! See Don for details.

"90 Club": NEXT DRAW SUNDAY 24 JUNE - are you paid up to date? If not, please see Don! Only £2 monthly; please ask Don for a number.

NEXT PRIZE BINGO: FRIDAY, 29 JUNE! - 'eyes down' at 7.00pm. Family fun! Last meeting before the Summer break. Items to give as prizes are always needed. Thank you for your generosity!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Audrey O'Connell + Amelia & John Drew + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Johnny Gallagher + Denise Maclean + Ellen Williams + Eva Zandre

Anniversaries: + James McNiffe + Vincent Lowe + Cardinal Thomas Winning +