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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

10 MARCH 2019:
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 90 (91): 1-2, 10-15
2nd Reading: Romans 10: 8-13
Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 10 March	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 12 March	Tuesday of Week 1 of Lent	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 13 March	Wednesday of Week 1 of Lent	NO MASS – APOLOGIES	---
Thursday 14 March	Thursday of Week 1 of Lent	Sacrament of Reconciliation * Stations of the Cross * Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 15 March	Friday of Week 1 of Lent	NO MASS – APOLOGIES	---
Saturday 16 March	Saturday of Week 1 of Lent	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	10.30 am 11.00 am
Sunday 17 March	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Second Collection: Catholic Education	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

First Sunday of Lent: Forty Days

In today's epic Gospel scene, Jesus relives in His flesh the history of Israel.

We've already seen that, like Israel, Jesus has passed through water and been called God's beloved Son (see Luke 3:22; Exodus 4:22). Now, as Israel was tested for forty years in the wilderness, Jesus is led into the desert to be tested for forty days and nights (see Exodus 15:25).

He faces the temptations put to Israel: Hungry, He's tempted to grumble against God for food (see Exodus 16:1-13). As Israel quarrelled at Massah, He's tempted to doubt God's care (see Exodus 17:1-6). When the Devil asks for His homage, He's tempted to do what Israel did in creating the golden calf (see Exodus 32).

Jesus fights the Devil with the Word of God, three times quoting from Moses' lecture about the lessons Israel was supposed to learn from its wilderness wanderings (see Deuteronomy 8:3; 6:16; 6:12-15).

Why do we read this story on the first Sunday of Lent? Because like the biblical sign of forty (see Genesis

7:12; Exodus 24:18; 34:28; 1 Kings 19:8; Jonah 3:4), the forty days of Lent are a time of trial and purification.

Lent is to teach us what we hear over and over in today's readings. "Call upon me, and I will answer," the Lord promises in today's Psalm. Paul promises the same thing in today's Second Reading (quoting Deuteronomy 30:14; Isaiah 28:16; Joel 2:32).

This was Israel's experience, as Moses reminds his people in today's First Reading: "We cried to the LORD... and He heard." But each of us is tempted, as Israel was, to forget the great deeds He works in our lives, to neglect our birthright as His beloved sons and daughters.

Like the litany of remembrance Moses prescribes for Israel, we should see in the Mass a memorial of our salvation, and "bow down in His presence," offering ourselves in thanksgiving for all He has given us.

(Scott Hahn)

GENERAL NEWS

Lenten Station Masses – the remaining Station Masses for Lent 2019 in our Highland Deanery are as follows:

15 March St. Vincent's, Tain
22 March St. Ninian's, Inverness
29 March St. Joachim's, Wick
5 April St. Mary's, Beaulay
12 April St. Columba's, Culloden

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 (Bishop Emeritus) 60 years

Very Rev. Peter Canon Barry 50 years

Rev. Derick McCulloch 25 years

Deacon John Woodside 25 years

Diocese of Aberdeen Pilgrimage, 12-17 July 2019 – to the Italian cities of Padua and Ravenna, led by Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB, with Fr. Domenico Zanre and Deacon John Wire. This pilgrimage flies from Aberdeen, and includes two nights' half-board accommodation in Ravenna, at the Grand Hotel Mattei, and three nights in the Casa del Pellegrino in Padua. Approx. £950 per person, dependent on flights and numbers. Single room supplement: £120. To reserve a place, please contact the Diocesan Office on: 01224 319154, or e-mail: joyce@rcd-abdn.org

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Stations of the Cross: each Thursday evening during Lent – **beginning Thursday 7 March** – we will pray the Stations of the Cross, from 7.00pm, before the Evening Mass.

SCIAF WEE BOX APPEAL – Every Lent, the time between Ash Wednesday and Easter, thousands of Catholics in Scotland save money in their SCIAF WEE BOX to help give a hand up to people living in poverty. Donations to the WEE BOX have helped people in countries like Uganda where a generation of young people have been left without hope, trapped in extreme poverty. Together we are helping them to be independent, support themselves and their families, and have real hope for the future. By collecting your loose change, or giving up a treat like chocolate or wine and putting what you save into a WEE BOX, you can make a lasting difference to families in some of the world's poorest countries. **WEE BOX PACKS are available in the entrance foyer – please take one home.**

LENTEN RESOURCES: Fr. Domenico has ordered a number of different booklets to help with prayer and spiritual reflection during this season of Lent. They will be made available on the table in the entrance foyer. Why not pick one up, and use it for your own Lenten journey?

'Genesis to Jesus': The St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology are offering a **FREE online study course**, which you can watch in the convenience of your own home! *Genesis to Jesus* presents the whole sweep of salvation history, and helps you make sense of the Bible! By the end of Lent, you'll understand the importance of Easter as the eighth day of creation in light of God's

unified plan for our salvation. For further information, please visit the following link: <https://stpaulcenter.com/#>

FREE Daily Lent Reflections - Would you like a deeper, more powerful Lent this year? Then sign up for Bishop Robert Barron's FREE daily Lent reflections at LentReflections.com. Each day, from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday, the creator and host of the CATHOLICISM Faith Formation programme will send you a short reflection, straight to your inbox. There's simply no better way to super-charge your Lent. Be sure to sign-up at LentReflections.com!

"The Seven Last Words of Jesus on the Cross": Lenten Reflections at St. Columba's – The Seven Last 'Words' of Jesus Christ from the cross are actually 7 short phrases that Jesus uttered on Calvary. We shall be examining each one of these seven phrases, or 'words', throughout Lent, on the following **Wednesday evenings, at 7.00pm:**

20 March – Introduction; First 'Word'

27 March – Second and Third 'Words'

3 April – Fourth and Fifth 'Words'

10 April – Sixth and Seventh 'Words'

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

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

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

BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP: the group meets on Mondays, from 9.30am to 11.30am. Why not come along and join in the fun?!

Cleaning Team – Tuesday at 10am: 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: 31 MARCH – There are still a few numbers available if you would like to try your luck. Ask Don for details.

NEXT PRIZE BINGO: FRIDAY, 29TH MARCH – 'eyes down' at 7.00pm. ALL WELCOME. Non-perishable items are always needed, to give as prizes; thank you for all the wonderful items that come in: these make our fundraiser so successful. Thank you for your support.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Vinnie Walton + Michael Good +

R.I.P: + Douglas Taylor + Carla Pagliari +

Anniversaries: + Donald MacLean + Mary Armstrong +