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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**10 NOVEMBER 2019:
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C**

Mass Readings

1st Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
Psalm: Ps 16 (17):1, 5-6, 8, 15
2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16 – 3:5
Gospel: Luke 20: 27-38

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 10 November	THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✠ REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY ✠ Second Collection: Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 12 November	Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 13 November	Saint Machar, Bishop Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	10.30 am 11.00 am
Thursday 14 November	Thursday of Week 32 in Ordinary Time	NO MASS	---
Friday 15 November	Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor	NO MASS	---
Saturday 16 November	Saint Margaret of Scotland – Feast Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Rosary Mass	10.15 am 10.40 am 11.00 am
Sunday 17 November	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: To Rise Again

With their riddle about seven brothers and a childless widow, the Sadducees in today's Gospel mock the faith for which seven brothers and their mother die in the First Reading.

The Maccabean martyrs chose death—tortured limb by limb, burned alive—rather than betray God's Law. Their story is given to us in these last weeks of the Church year to strengthen us for endurance—that our feet might not falter but remain steadfast on His paths.

The Maccabeans died hoping that the "King of the World" would raise them to live again forever (see 2 Maccabees 14:46).

The Sadducees don't believe in the resurrection because they can't find it literally taught in the Scriptures. To ridicule this belief they fix on a law that requires a woman to marry her husband's brother if he should die without leaving an heir (see Genesis 38:8; Deuteronomy 25:5).

But God's Law wasn't given to ensure the raising up of descendants to earthly fathers. The Law was given, as

Jesus explains, to make us worthy to be "children of God"—sons and daughters born of His Resurrection.

"God our Father," today's Second Reading tells us, has given us "everlasting encouragement" in the Resurrection of Christ. Through His grace, we can now direct our hearts to the love of God.

As the Maccabeans suffered for the Old Law, we will have to suffer for our faith in the New Covenant. Yet He will guard us in the shadow of His wing, keep us as the apple of His eye, as we sing in today's Psalm.

The Maccabeans' persecutors marvelled at their courage. We too can glorify the Lord in our sufferings and in the daily sacrifices we make.

And we have even greater cause than they for hope. One who has risen from the dead has given us His word—that He is the God of the living, that when we awake from the sleep of death we will behold His face, and will be content in His presence (see Psalm 76:6; Daniel 12:2). (Scott Hahn)

GENERAL NEWS

30 November 2019: 'The Missionary Spirit of Jesus': A Discussion by the Emmanuel Community, at St. Mary's Beaulieu, from 10.30am-1.30pm. The programme is as follows (see poster):

10.30am: Tea/coffee and Introduction

11.00am: Mass

11.50am-12.40pm: Presentation

12.45pm-1.05pm: Discussion

1.10pm: Convene and Conclusions

1.30pm: Lunch and Dismissal

PARISH NEWS

Remembrance Sunday – this is a day for the nation to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom. We will have our own short Service of Remembrance in front of our War Memorial. Our Second Collection will be for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

November – Month of the Holy Souls: November is the month when we remember our dearly departed. If you would like to have any deceased relatives or friends remembered at Mass during November, please place their names in the brown envelopes in the foyer, and hand these in to the Sacristy. All names will be placed in front of the altar, and a selection will be read out at every Mass. All offerings received will be donated to our Building Fund.

"Joy to the World": Marian Reflections for Advent – 4, 11, 14 December. A series of talks, discussions, and meditations on God's plan for salvation, seen through the eyes of Mary of Nazareth. The programme is as follows:

Wednesday 4 December at 7.00pm: The Annunciation

Wednesday 11 December at 7.00pm: The Visitation

Saturday 11 December, 12 noon-4.00pm: The Nativity

More details to follow. Please spread the word!

Tea Rota – we are looking for volunteers to assist with teas and coffees after Sunday Mass. Can you help us? If so, please put your name down on the rota in the kitchen. Any help whatsoever will be gratefully received!

Christmas Flowers – we are blessed with the generosity and talents of parishioners, who always provide us with such beautiful flowers for Christmas. Would you consider helping us with a donation, which will go towards making our church even more beautiful, and fitting for celebrating the birth of Our Saviour?

Passkeepers/Ushers – Would you like to help the Parish? Why not consider becoming a Passkeeper or Usher? Please speak to Fr. Domenico after Mass for further details.

Youth Mass at St. Columba's! - We hope to hold a Youth Mass at St. Columba's in the near future. In order for this to take place, we need volunteers of school age to play or sing in a music group, or to help with any of the other tasks during Mass, such as

collections. We can use most instruments: piano, violin, flute, trumpet, guitar or whatever you play. The music group would be helped by other youth from around the Deanery. The group would need a few practices, either here or at each other's houses, at times to fit in busy family lives. You don't need to have great experience. Practices should be fun, possibly with the occasional pizza! If you are interested, please see Fr. Domenico. Remember: this can only go ahead if there are willing young musicians and volunteers!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY – Saturday 7 December, 2.00pm – 4.00pm. Santa has been notified, and has promised us that he will come to visit St. Columba's! There will be music, games, surprises, and much more! All children very welcome!

ST COLUMBA'S CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE – Thursday 19 December, 7.00pm – 8.00pm. Back by popular demand – a date for your diaries! As per last year, we will be hosting a service of your favourite Christmas carols, with community singing (that means you!) together with seasonal Scripture readings, with festive food and drink provided (non-alcoholic mulled wine, mince pies, and other goodies). Donations at the door will be gratefully accepted – suggested offerings are: £5 for adults; kids go free! All proceeds go towards our Building Fund. Why not invite some friends and come along? Spread a little festive cheer!

BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP: the group meets **tomorrow (Monday 11 November)**, in the Meeting Room at St. Columba's, from 9.30am to 11.30am. We are always looking for new members to join in the fun – please spread the word!

CLEANING TEAM – Monday 11th November at 4pm: Shona and Jijy. Would you like to help out too? Any help would be greatly appreciated!

90 CLUB DRAW – 24th NOVEMBER AFTER MORNING MASS. There are still a few numbers available; why not try your luck, and help the parish? Ask Don for details.

NEXT PRIZE BINGO NIGHT – FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER at 7PM. To help keep the event successful, please continue handing in items to give as prizes. Ideal items include: gift vouchers, toiletries, chocolates, wine, and other unusual things. Thank you for your generous help and support.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Angus Johnson + Michael Good + Laura Johnstone + Fr. George Hutcheon + Norman Wood + John Macdonald + Alec Mackintosh + Katie Mary Fraser + Fr. Richard Reese +

R.I.P: Archie Lumsden + Agnes Maclean + Drew Cameron + John Cairns +

Anniversaries: + Alex MacDonald + Margaret Anne Welsh + Michael and Manji Dannish + Jack Johnstone + Effie Kennedy + Annie Jasinski +