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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

11 AUGUST 2019:
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
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Mass Readings

1st Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9
 Psalm: Ps 32 (33):1, 12, 18-20, 22
 2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
 Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 11 August	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 13 August	Tuesday of Week 19 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 14 August	St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 15 August	SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ** HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION **	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 16 August	Friday of Week 19 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am 12 noon
Saturday 17 August	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	10.30 am 11.00 am
Sunday 18 August	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Faith of Our Fathers

We are born of the faith of our fathers, descending from a great cloud of witnesses whose faith is attested to on every page of Scripture (see Hebrews 12:1). We have been made His people, chosen for His own inheritance, as we sing in this Sunday's Psalm.

The Liturgy this week sings the praises of our fathers, recalling the defining moments in our "family history." In the Second Reading, we remember the calling of Abraham; in the First Reading we relive the night of the Exodus and the summons of the holy children of Israel.

Our fathers, we are told, trusted in the Word of God, put their faith in His oaths. They were convinced that what He promised, He would do.

None of them lived to see His promises made good. For it was not until Christ and His Church that Abraham's descendants were made as countless as the stars and sands (see Galatians 3:16–17, 29). It was not until His Last Supper

and the Eucharist that "the sacrifice... the divine institution" of that first Passover was truly fulfilled.

And now we too await the final fulfilment of what God has promised us in Christ. As Jesus tells us in this week's Gospel, we should live with our loins girded—as the Israelites tightened their belts, cinched up their long robes and ate their Passover standing, vigilant and ready to do His will (see Exodus 12:11; 2 Kings 4:29).

The Lord will come at an hour we do not expect. He will knock on our door (see Revelation 3:20), inviting us to the wedding feast in the better homeland, the heavenly one that our fathers saw from afar, and which we begin to taste in each Eucharist.

As they did, we can wait with "sure knowledge," His Word like a lamp lighting our path (see Psalm 119:105). Our God is faithful, and if we wait in faith, hope in His kindness, and love as we have been loved, we will receive His promised blessing and be delivered from death. (Scott Hahn)

GENERAL NEWS

Saturday 17 August: Day of Recollection and Healing at Stratherrick – POSTPONED. Please note that due to absences, convalescence, and the pressure of diary events, it seems prudent to postpone the Day of Recollection, and to wait for a more propitious date.

Deacon Dominic Nwaigwe – Priestly Ordination: Thanks be to God, Deacon Dominic will be ordained as a Priest at St. Mary's Inverness on **Tuesday 20 August 2019 at 6.00pm.** Please continue to pray for him and for his family in Nigeria, who are supporting him in their prayers.

The Relics of St. Thérèse: coming to our Diocese! – In an extraordinary spiritual gift to all of us, the relics of the Little Flower, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, will be coming to our Diocese, 9-11 September 2019.

The dates are as follows:

- Monday 9th September at 7.00pm:
Arrival at St. Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen.
- Tuesday 10th September:
at St. Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen.
- Wednesday 11th September at 11.00am:
Arrival at Pluscarden Abbey.
- **Wednesday 11th September**
- **5.00pm: Arrival at St. Mary's, Inverness**
- **7.00pm: Mass with the Relics**
- **Overnight Vigil with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, and other devotions.**
- **Thursday 12th September: 10.00am Mass with the school children**
- **12 noon: Angelus and departure of the relics**

18-25 September: Pilgrimage to Medugorje with Fr. Andrew Niski. A place of prayer, reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration, inspired by the profound experience of the presence of our Heavenly Mother, the Queen of Peace. **Flying out of Inverness with BA, cost £600 – B&B, flight and transfers included.** First-time pilgrims warmly welcomed – please contact Fr. Andrew for more details and to book a place: niski.a@gmail.com; 07749732781.

PARISH NEWS

Desperately Seeking Henry! – Our beloved vacuum cleaner Henry, who normally lives in the Plant Room, has left us quite suddenly, and we are bereft! Has he gone on his holidays? Is he on pilgrimage, or on a retreat? Is he making a home visit to one of our lucky parishioners? Wherever he is, he is sorely missed. Can you help? Have you seen Henry? If anyone knows of his whereabouts, please speak to Fr. Domenico.

Gift Aid: we have just received a Rebate of £5505.96, for the Tax Year 2018/19. This is wonderful news and a tremendous help to the parish. As long as you pay Income and/or Capital Gains Tax in the UK equal to the tax the church will reclaim, then

you are eligible to use Gift Aid. For every pound you donate, the parish receives an extra 25 pence, at no extra cost to you! Gift Aid is recorded through the weekly envelope system; for one-off payments, the yellow envelopes, located in the foyer, can also be used. Gift Aid is an extremely simple but very effective method of helping the Parish to grow. Why not Gift Aid your offerings, and help our Parish even more?!

“Thank You!” to an extremely kind benefactor who **recently donated £3000.00** to the Parish. Because the donation was Gift Aided, we can claim an extra 25%, or £750, giving us a benefaction of £3750.00 in total! God bless you!

Highland Foodbank – Harvest Appeal: Your donations help to provide emergency food and support to local people in crisis. As part of our Harvest Appeal, we would be grateful for the following items: * **Long Life Juice** * **Tins of Potatoes** * **Tins of Mince/Stew** * **Oatcakes/Crackers** * **Tins of Ham** * **Shower Gel/Shampoo.** Please leave these items in the plastic box at the front door of the church. Thank you!

Confirmations 2020 – preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin in the Autumn. **If you are starting S1 this year, or if you are already in Secondary School,** please register initial interest with Fr. Domenico. A meeting will be held in early October.

BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP: the group is on holiday just now, and will return after the Summer break.

CLEANING TEAM – Monday 12th August at 1.30 pm: Isobel, Margaret and Don. If anyone would like to join in and help, please speak to Don. It's only once a month, and it helps to keep our church fresh and clean!

“90 Club”: Next Draw is on **Sunday 25 August.** You could be in with a chance of winning one of three great prizes.. if you have a ticket! Ask Don for details!

PARISH BINGO – Our fabulous prize Bingo will soon return, in September! Non-perishable items can still be handed in for storing. Your continuing support is greatly appreciated!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Vinnie Walton + Michael Good + Laura Johnstone + Fr. George Hutcheon + Norman Wood + Helen Macdonald + John Macdonald +

R.I.P: + Thomas Burns MacDonald + Tom Strachan + Peggy Murray + Baxter Murray +

Anniversaries: + Donald and Dorothy MacDonald +