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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

11 JUNE 2017:

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Sunday Mass Readings

1st Reading: Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9

Responsorial Psalm: Daniel 3: 52-55

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

Gospel: John 3: 16-18

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 11 June	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 13 June	Memorial of St Anthony of Padua	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 14 June	Wednesday of Week 10 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 15 June	Thursday of Week 10 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Sunday 18 June	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

The Blessed Trinity: “A Life of Communion and Perfect Love”

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, which leads us to contemplate and worship the divine life of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: a life of communion and perfect love, origin and aim of all the universe and of every creature: God. We also recognize in the Trinity the model for the Church, in which we are called to love each other as Jesus loved us. And love is the concrete sign that demonstrates faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And love is the badge of the Christian, as Jesus told us: “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (Jn 13:35). It’s a contradiction to think of Christians who hate. It’s a contradiction. And the devil always seeks this: to make us hate, because he’s always a troublemaker; he doesn’t know love; God is love!

We are all called to witness and proclaim the message that “God is love”, that God isn’t far and insensitive to our human affairs. He is close to us, always beside us, walking with us to share our joys and our sorrows, our hopes and our struggles. He loves us very much and for that reason he became man, he came into the world not to

condemn it, but so the world would be saved through Jesus (cf. Jn 3:16-17). And this is the love of God in Jesus, this love that is so difficult to understand but that we feel when we draw close to Jesus. And he always forgives us, he always awaits us, he loves us so much. And we feel the love of Jesus and the love of God.

The Holy Spirit, gift of the Risen Jesus, conveys divine life to us and thus lets us enter into the dynamism of the Trinity, which is a dynamism of love, of communion, of mutual service, of sharing. A person who loves others for the very joy of love is a reflection of the Trinity. A family in which each person loves and helps one another is a reflection of the Trinity. A parish in which each person loves and shares spiritual and material effects is a reflection of the Trinity.

(Pope Francis, *Angelus*, 15 June 2014).

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“If you see charity, you see the Trinity.”
(St. Augustine)

GENERAL NEWS

Saturday 24 June: Day of Renewal at Stratherrick: “In the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary”. Come and join us from 10.00 am onwards:

- ❖ Morning Prayer
- ❖ Recollection
- ❖ Rosary Procession
- ❖ Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Highlands
- ❖ Lunch with BBQ
- ❖ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with healing prayers and anointing with the balm of mercy
- ❖ Benediction
- ❖ Tea and depart.

All welcome! See you there!

PARISH NEWS

A HUGE ‘THANK YOU’ TO ST NINIAN’S!

We have received a cheque from the Parish of St Ninian’s for the magnificent sum of £5,000, as a contribution to our Building Fund. This is a wonderfully generous gesture by one of our sister parishes, and it is greatly appreciated! Thank you most sincerely to Fr John Allen and to all the community at Culduthel Road!

SCIAF Wee Boxes: The SCIAF Wee boxes have raised £205.83. This is in addition to our Lenten Appeal of £221.91 in March. Thank you for your support of the official charity of the Catholic Church in Scotland.

Singing Group: would you like to be involved in an informal singing group in our parish? The purpose of the group would be to meet every so often with the musicians, to look at new hymns and help with singing at the Sunday Mass. We are hoping to begin this group in September. If this sounds ideal to you (no pun intended!), please speak to Fr Domenico, or to Kirsteen and the other musicians.

First Holy Communion – Sunday 25 June:

We currently have seven children who are preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday 25 June: Molly Anderson, Caitlyn Doherty, Thomas Fraser, Ava Marshall, Keira McGroarty, Joel Reid, and Olivier Ulas. Please do

keep these children in your thoughts and prayers at this time. It is a great consolation for us to be able to support them in their spiritual journeys; in this way, we truly grow as a community of faith.

Wednesday 21 June onwards, at 7.00pm: Living Faith Scripture Course: “From Genesis to Jesus – Unlocking the Bible” – This informal course will give an overview of the Old and New Testaments, and will take the form of visual presentations, with discussion and Bible reading! Come and join us! All welcome!

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?

Each year thousands of adults choose to become Catholics. They come from different backgrounds, and for different reasons: some are already Christians from other traditions; some are from another faith, or no faith at all; some are non-Catholics who have been coming regularly to Mass for years with their Catholic spouses or relatives. If you would like to know more about the Catholic faith, please speak to Fr Domenico.

Cleaning Team: Tuesday 13 June: Ji Ji and Shona. Extra help is needed in cleaning our church. Can you offer just one hour a week? See Don for details.

“90 Club”: Next Draw Sunday 25 June. Would you like to be a winner?! There are numbers still available; only £2 monthly. See Don for details.

PRIZE BINGO: NEXT EYES DOWN – FRIDAY 30 JUNE! Last chance before the holidays! There will be a break over the months of July and August. Our prize box is getting very low – items to give as prizes are much needed (chocolates, wine, toiletries, stationery, or any item you would like to win)! Can you help? Many thanks for your continued support!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Audrey O’Connell, Amelia and John Drew, Ewen Macdonald Senior, Lachlan MacNeil, Rose Corbett, Frances Boyle, Murray Mackay

Recently Departed: Miriam Campbell (Beaully), Neil Munro (St Mary’s, Inverness)

Anniversaries: Cardinal Thomas Winning (2001)