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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**11 NOVEMBER 2018:
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

Mass Readings

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17: 10-16

Psalm: Ps 145 (146): 7-10

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9: 24-28

Gospel: Mark 12: 38-44

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 11 November	THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Second Collection: Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	Sacrament of Confession Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 13 November	Diocesan Memorial of St. Machar, Bishop	Sacrament of Confession Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 14 November	Wednesday of Week 32 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Confession Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 15 November	Memorial of St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor	Sacrament of Confession Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Sunday 18 November	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Confession Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year: The Widow's Faith

We must live by the obedience of faith, a faith that shows itself in works of charity and self-giving (see Galatians 5:6). That's the lesson of the two widows in today's liturgy.

The widow in the First Reading isn't even a Jew, yet she trusts in the word of Elijah and the promise of his Lord. Facing sure starvation, she gives all that she has, her last bit of food—feeding the man of God before herself and her family.

The widow in the Gospel also gives all that she has, offering her last bit of money to support the work of God's priests in the Temple.

In their self-sacrifice, these widows embody the love that Jesus last week revealed as the heart of the Law and the Gospel. They mirror the Father's love in giving His only Son, and Christ's love in sacrificing Himself on the cross.

Again in today's Second Reading, we hear Christ described as a new high priest and the suffering servant foretold by Isaiah. On the cross, He made sacrifice once and for all to take away our sin and bring us to salvation (see Isaiah 53:12).

And again we are called to imitate His sacrifice of love in our own lives. We will be judged, not by how much we give—for the scribes and the wealthy contribute far more than the widow. Rather, we will

be judged by whether our gifts reflect our livelihood, our whole beings, all our heart and soul, mind and strength.

Are we giving all that we can to the Lord—not out of a sense of forced duty, but in a spirit of generosity and love (see 2 Corinthians 9:6–7)?

Do not be afraid, the man of God tells us today. As we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord will provide for us, as He sustains the widow.

Today, let us follow the widows' example, doing what God asks, confident that our jars of flour will not grow empty, nor our jugs of oil run dry.

(Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

“In her poverty, [the widow] understood that having God, she has everything; she feels totally loved by Him and in turn loves Him totally.. The measurement is not the quantity but the fullness. It is not a question of the wallet, but of the heart..”

(*Angelus* address, 8 November 2015)

GENERAL NEWS

Ogilvie Centre Formation Events

A men's retreat will take place in November:

Men's Retreat – 23 – 25 November

The retreat is hosted at Kilcoy Castle, Muir of Ord.

For further information or reservations, please contact Sr. Anna Christi at Ogilvie@rcda.scot.

Gabriel Society: Tuesday 27 November at 7.00pm

in the Marian Room, 32 Huntly Street – Kit Fraser, a local writer and businessman, will be speaking on the subject of 'Secret Spirit: Depression and Prayer'. All welcome.

PARISH NEWS

St. Columba's Culloden 10th Anniversary Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – this evening, some 29 pilgrims, the majority of whom are parishioners at St. Columba's, will be commencing their journey to the Holy Land. Please do keep us in your prayers, and pray for a safe and spiritually fruitful pilgrimage. Rest assured that we will offer our thoughts and prayers for all of you, as we visit the land where Jesus walked. You can find the full itinerary of our pilgrimage on our parish website at: <http://www.stcolumbasculloden.org/parish-holy-land-pilgrimage-november-2018.html>. We will also be posting photographs and comments on Facebook: www.facebook.com/stcolumbasculloden.

Fr. Domenico is already making plans for forthcoming pilgrimages in 2019 and 2020, with potential destinations such as Barcelona (Sagrada Familia) and Montserrat in Autumn 2019 (cost approx. £1,000), and the Passion Play at Oberammergau in Autumn 2020 (c. £1,400). If you are interested in either of these pilgrimages, please do let him know!

FAITH IN FILM EVENING: 'PARKLAND' – Wednesday 21 November at 7.00pm. On the eve of the 55th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, we will screen 'Parkland', a film that weaves together the perspectives of a handful of ordinary individuals, suddenly thrust into extraordinary circumstances. The young doctors and nurses at Parkland Hospital, the Dallas Chief of the Secret Service; the unwitting cameraman who captured what became the most watched and examined film in history; the FBI agents who nearly had the gunman within their grasp; the brother of Lee Harvey Oswald, left to deal with his shattered family; and JFK's security team, witnesses to both the President's death and Vice-President Lyndon Johnson's rise to power over a nation whose innocence was forever altered. Certificate: 15; duration 95 minutes.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT – a date for your diaries! The St. Columba's Christmas Carol Concert will take place on **Wednesday 5 December, from 7.00pm-8.00pm**. This year, we are hosting the children and staff of St. Joseph's RC Primary School, who will be entertaining us with seasonal and sacred music. They will be joined by community Christmas carol singing (that means you!), together with seasonal Scripture readings. We will have special guests joining us, and there is a rumour that the "Three (Highland) Priests" may also be making an appearance! All this, with festive food and drink provided (non-alcoholic mulled wine, mince pies, and other goodies). Donations at the door, please: £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!

ST COLUMBA'S CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY – Saturday 8 December. More details to follow.

BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP – The group meets at St. Columba's every Monday, from 9.30am to 11.30am. Why not come along and join in the fun?!

Cleaning Team: Monday 12th November at 12 noon: Shona, JiJy, and Don. Can you help us? Helping just one hour a month would lighten the load of others who do assist to keep the church nice and clean. See Don or Fr. Domenico for details.

90 Club: NEXT DRAW – 25 November. Remember: "you have to be in it to win it!" Only £2 a month! Please speak to Don.

PRIZE BINGO: FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER – 'EYES DOWN' AT 7.00PM! – We are short of non-perishable items for prizes (toiletries, gift sets, store vouchers, wine, spirits, chocolates, boxes of biscuits, etc.). Can you help us? A sincere 'thank you' for all of the items that have been handed in; these are very important to us, and are much appreciated. Your support is instrumental in making the Bingo such a success for the parish!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Audrey O'Connell + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Johnny Gallagher + Denise Maclean + Ellen Williams + Eva Zanre + Vinnie Walton + Laura Johnstone +

Anniversaries: + William Hay + Anna Campbell + Alex MacDonald + Margaret Anne Welsh + Michael and Manji Dannish +