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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**12 FEBRUARY 2017:
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A**

Sunday Mass Readings

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 15: 16-21

Psalm: Ps 118 (119): 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5: 17-37

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 12 February	SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Second Collection: Catholic Education	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 14 February	FEAST OF ST CYRIL & ST METHODIUS	Evening Prayer Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 15 February	Wednesday of Week 6 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 16 February	Thursday of Week 6 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Sunday 19 February 2017	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Saint Valentine's Day Advice: Pope Francis on the Secret of a Loving Relationship

Speaking to engaged couples on Saint Valentine's Day in 2014, Pope Francis offered the following helpful advice:

"Growing in love together is an art, a patient, beautiful, fascinating journey. It does not end once you have won each other's love... Rather, it is precisely there where it begins!

This journey of every day has a few rules that can be summed up in three phrases:

May I...?

This is the polite request to enter the life of another with respect and care. One should learn how to ask: may I do this? Would you like for us to do this? Should we take up this initiative, to educate our children in this way? Do you want to go out tonight? ... In short, to ask permission means to know how to enter with courtesy into the lives of others. Pay attention to this: to know how to enter with courtesy into the lives of others. It's not easy, not easy at all. Sometimes, however, manners are used in a heavy way, like hiking boots! True love does not impose itself harshly and aggressively... courtesy kindles love.

Thank you!

It seems so easy to say these words, but we know that it is not. But it is important! We teach it to children, but then we ourselves forget it! Gratitude is an important sentiment! ... in married life, it is important to keep alive the awareness that the other person is a gift from God — and for the gifts of God we say thank you!

I'm sorry!

In life we err frequently, we make many mistakes. We all do... Let us learn to acknowledge our mistakes and to ask for forgiveness. "Forgive me if today I raised my voice"; "I'm sorry if I passed without greeting you"; "excuse me if I was late"; "if this week I was very silent"; "if I spoke too much without ever listening"; "excuse me if I forgot"; "I'm sorry I was angry and I took it out on you"... We can say many "I'm sorry"s every day... We all know that the perfect family does not exist, nor a perfect husband or wife... we won't even speak about a perfect mother-in-law! Perhaps you were mad, perhaps plates flew, but please remember this: never let the sun go down without making peace! Never, never, never! This is a secret, a secret for maintaining love and making peace. Pretty words are not necessary... Sometimes just a simple gesture and... peace is made... If we learn to say sorry and ask one another for forgiveness, the marriage will last and move forward."



GENERAL NEWS

R.I.P. – Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Waldemar Rytel, Fr Piotr's father**, who died unexpectedly on Thursday night. Let us also remember Fr Piotr and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

Tues 28 February at 7.00pm: Gabriel Society Talks – in the St Mary's Presbytery, at 30 Huntly Street. *Approaching Lent – Addresses & Discussion* Fr Andrew Niski: "Discipline" & Fr James Bell: "Mercy". At 8.30 pm, there will be Shrove Tuesday pancakes & tea/coffee/infusions.

Saturday 11 March at 7.30pm – Knights of St. Columba Social Evening Fundraiser for Missio Scotland – in St. Mary's Hall, Huntly Street. Dancing to John Gordon. Licensed Bar and Raffle. Tickets £5 (60 tickets). Available from Neil Munro or Gary Fraser.

Lent Station Masses 2017 (Fridays, at 7.00pm)

3 March	St Ninian's, Inverness
10 March	St Mary's, Inverness
17 March	Our Lady & St Bean, Marydale
24 March	St Vincent's, Tain *
31 March	St Columba's, Culloden
7 April	St Anne's, Thurso

* Principal Celebrant: Bishop Hugh Gilbert, OSB. In addition, **Bishop Hugh will dedicate the new outdoor altar at Stratherrick, at 12 noon on Saturday 25 March.**

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Orkney: 900th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of St Magnus – 28th to 30th July 2017. A weekend of talks, visits to the island of Egilsay and Birsay, and the celebration of Mass in St Magnus Cathedral. See the poster in the foyer. Those who are interested in attending should go to www.magnus900.co.uk for further details. Updates will be posted on the Diocesan website. Please note that pilgrims will need to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements; please have a look at www.visitororkney.com, which provides a valuable guide for visitors.

PARISH NEWS

Congratulations! – to Theresa and Iain Hamilton, who celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary today! Wishing you many more happy years together!

Today is Catholic Education Sunday – this marks the start of a week when we celebrate the importance of educating children and young people in the Faith. We are asked to reflect on how we are "developing as a community of faith and learning" in our homes, schools and parishes. Today's Second Collection will be taken up for the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service.

FIRS Valentine Lunch: The FIRS lunch has now been scheduled for **Tuesday 14 February**. Please be seated in the University Dining Room for **12.15pm**.

Wednesday 15 February, at 7.00 pm – "CATHOLICISM": Episode 3: "That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought: The Ineffable Mystery of God" – Bishop Barron considers St. Anselm's description of God as "that than which nothing greater can be thought," and goes on to explain St. Thomas Aquinas' arguments which support the claim that God truly exists. He also speaks from the Catholic tradition about the nature of God and the challenging question of evil and the existence of God. To provide a vision of the ineffable majesty and mystery of God, Bishop Barron invites us to the heights of the Sinai desert and makes his way to mysterious Istanbul, walks the glittering streets of Paris and then captivates the viewer with the glories of the Sistine Chapel in Rome.

Parish Pilgrimages led by Fr Domenico in 2017 & 2018: Several parishioners have asked about the possibility of a Pilgrimage to **Rome in late September/October of 2017**, with a trip to the **Holy Land in November 2018**, to mark the 10th Anniversary of the dedication of our church. Are YOU interested? We would need at least 12 people to make the pilgrimage feasible. Please speak to Fr Domenico! Watch this space for further details.

Cleaning Team: Tuesday 14 February, at 4.30pm – Margaret and Don.

"90 Club" – New members are welcome to join in; only £2 per month! The list of available numbers is on the table at the front door. Prize draw takes place after Mass on the last Sunday of the month. See Don for further details.

Prize Bingo: Next 'eyes down' on Friday 24th February at 7.00 pm. A family fun night! Items to give as prizes are always needed (toiletries, chocolates, wine/spirits, anything else you would like to win yourself!). Many thanks for your continued support – it is greatly appreciated!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black + Audrey O'Connell + Amelia Drew + John Drew + Leslie Murray + Jane Green + Frances Boyle + Ewen Macdonald Snr + Brian Murray + Lachlan MacNeil + Williams family + Cath Maclean

R.I.P.: Waldemar Rytel + Agnes Strachan

Anniversaries: Anne-Marie Grout + Chris Waters + Colin Buckley + Darren Burgess + Garry Tindall