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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**13 AUGUST 2017:  
NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, A**

## Sunday Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Kings 19:9,11-13

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 84 (85):9-14

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 13 August	<b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> Second Collection: Building Fund	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> Mass	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>9.30 am</b>
Tuesday 15 August	<b>ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Evening Prayer</b> Mass	<b>6.30 pm</b> <b>7.00 pm</b> <b>7.30 pm</b>
Wednesday 16 August	Wednesday of Week 19 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 17 August	Thursday of Week 19 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Sunday 20 August	<b>TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> Second Collection: Building Fund	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> Mass	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>9.30 am</b>

## 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sinking Fear

How do we find God in the storms and struggles of our lives, in the trials we encounter in trying to do His will?

God commands Elijah in today's First Reading to stand on the mountain and await His passing by. And in the Gospel, Jesus makes the disciples set out across the waters to meet Him.

In each case, the Lord makes himself present amid frightening tumult - heavy winds and high waves, fire and earthquakes.

Elijah hides his face. Perhaps he remembers Moses, who met God on the same mountain, also amid fire, thunder, and smoke (see Deuteronomy 4:10-15; Exodus 19:17-19). God told Moses no one could see His face and live, and He sheltered Moses in the hollow of a rock, as He shelters Elijah in a cave (see Exodus 33:18-23).

The disciples, likewise, are too terrified to look on the face of God. Today's Gospel is a revelation of Jesus' divine identity. Only God treads across the crest of the sea (see Job 9:8) and rules the raging waters (see Psalm 89:9-10). And the words of assurance that Jesus speaks – "It is I" – are those God used to identify himself to Moses (see Exodus 3:14; Isaiah 43:10).

Even Peter is too overcome by fear to imitate his Lord. His fears, Jesus tells him, are a sign of his lack of faith. And so it often is with us. Our fears make us doubt, make it hard to see His glory dwelling in our midst.

Yet, we should know, as we hear in today's Psalm, that His salvation is near to those who hope in Him. By faith we should know, as Paul asserts in today's Second Reading, that we are heirs to the promises made to His children, Israel. We must trust that He whispers to us in the trials of our lives - that He who has called us to walk along the way of His steps, will save us whenever we begin to sink. [Scott Hahn]

### Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

"This is an effective image of the Church: a boat which must brave the storms and sometimes seems on the point of capsizing. What saves her is not the skill and courage of her crew members, but faith which allows her to walk, even in the dark, amid hardships."

## GENERAL NEWS

**Saturday 26 August: St Ninian's Summer Fair, 12 noon to 3.00pm** – this fun-filled family day includes a barbeque lunch, with numerous stalls and events, raffles, a bouncy castle, and much more! Come along and join in the fun – all welcome!

**Sunday 3 September: National Pilgrimage to Carfin, 2017** – In Honour of Our Lady of Fatima, and with the Consecration of Scotland to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. **Mass begins at 3.00pm.** Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Philip Tartaglia; Homilist: Bishop Brian McGee.

**Saturday 23 September: "Jesus the Healer" – a Day of Recollection led by Fr Domenico, at St Mary's, Beaulieu.** The day begins at 10.30am, and includes: Holy Mass; Talk; Group Discussion; Lunch; Exposition and Adoration; and Sacrament of Confession. The day concludes with Benediction at 2.30pm.

## PARISH NEWS

**Welcome back!** – to all our parishioners who have been on holiday, or have been visiting relatives and friends during this Summer period. May you be refreshed and renewed in mind, body, and spirit!

**Hospital Visits:** if you or any member of your family are being admitted to hospital and would like a visit, please let Fr Domenico know.

**New Altar Servers?** – we are building an excellent team of youngsters as Altar Servers at St Columba's, and we are always very happy to welcome more new recruits! Any child who has received First Holy Communion is encouraged to consider helping the Parish Liturgy by serving at Mass. Full training will be given!

**Highland Deanery Day for Altar Servers: Saturday 19 August, from 10.30am – 4.00pm.** We have organised a special day for all Altar Servers on 19 August. **This is a 'MUST ATTEND event' for our present servers!** The Diocesan Master of Ceremonies, Mr George Brand, is coming from Aberdeen to instruct us all on the finer points of Serving; there will also be a special Mass, lunch, and time for friendship with other young people from across the Deanery!

**Friday 22–Sunday 24 September: "Filled to Overflowing" – Faith Formators' Retreat and Workshops,** held at St Columba's, Culloden. See the poster on the noticeboards for the full programme. For further details, or to register your interest, please e-mail [ogilvie@rcda.scot](mailto:ogilvie@rcda.scot), or phone 01343 547806.

**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 – Mary and Marie. Anyone offering to help to keep the church nice and clean only needs to give one hour a month. You won't be left on your own! Ask Don for details.

**"90 Club": JULY WINNERS!!** – First Prize: no.26: Anne Antoine; Second Prize: no.70: Marie Cumming; Third Prize: no.32: Eilidh Shaw. Next draw: 27 September. There are a few numbers still available if anyone would to join in – only £2 a month. All profits go to our Building Fund. Please ask Don for details.

**OUR PRIZE BINGO begins again on Friday 1 September!** Items to give as prizes are always required; they are much needed (chocolates, wine, toiletries, stationery, or any item you would like to win)! Can you help? Your support is essential! Very many thanks to all who contribute to make our fundraiser so successful!

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** + Anna Black + Audrey O'Connell + Amelia and John Drew + Ewen Macdonald Senior + Lachlan MacNeil + Rose Corbett + Murray Mackay +

**Anniversaries:** + Bill Esselmont + Virla MacLennan + Peter Tierney + Donald and Dorothy MacDonald + Jessie Williams +