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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

Mass Readings

1st Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Psalm: Ps 97 (98):1-4

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

13 OCTOBER 2019:

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
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Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 13 October	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 15 October	Saint Teresa of Avila, Virgin and Doctor Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 16 October	Wednesday of Week 27 in Ordinary Time	NO MASS AT ST. COLUMBA'S	---
Thursday 17 October	Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 18 October	FEAST OF SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am 12 noon
Saturday 19 October	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation ** Rosary ** Mass	10.15 am 10.45 am 11.00 am
Sunday 20 October	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Returning Thanks

A foreign leper is cleansed and in thanksgiving returns to offer homage to the God of Israel. We hear this same story in both the First Reading and Gospel today.

There were many lepers in Israel in Elisha's time, but only Naaman the Syrian trusted in God's Word and was cleansed (see Luke 5:12-14). Today's Gospel likewise implies that most of the ten lepers healed by Jesus were Israelites—but only a foreigner, the Samaritan, returned.

In a dramatic way, we're being shown today how faith has been made the way to salvation, the road by which all nations will join themselves to the Lord, becoming His servants, gathered with the Israelites into one chosen people of God, the Church (see Isaiah 56:3-8).

Today's Psalm also looks forward to the day when all peoples will see what Naaman sees—that there is no God in all the earth except the God of Israel.

We see this day arriving in today's Gospel. The Samaritan leper is the only person in the New Testament who personally thanks Jesus. The Greek word used to describe his "giving thanks" is the word we translate as "Eucharist." And these lepers today reveal to us the inner dimensions of the Eucharist and sacramental life.

We, too have been healed by our faith in Jesus. As Naaman's flesh is made again like that of a little child, our souls have been cleansed of sin in the waters of Baptism. We experience this cleansing again and again in the Sacrament of Penance—as we repent our sins, beg and receive mercy from our Master, Jesus. We return to glorify God in each Mass, to offer ourselves in sacrifice—falling on our knees before our Lord, giving thanks for our salvation.

In this Eucharist, we remember "Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David," Israel's covenant king. And we pray, as Paul does in today's Second Reading, to persevere in this faith—that we too may live and reign with Him in eternal glory. (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

How many times do we say "Thank you" to those who help us, to those close to us, to those who accompany us through life? Often we take everything for granted! This also happens with God. It is easy to approach the Lord to ask for something, but to return and give thanks..."

GENERAL NEWS

Retreat for Busy Women: 25-27 October 2019 – Women are busy people! With many demands made on their time and resources, women need an opportunity to step aside and recharge their spiritual, emotional, and physical strength from time to time. The Ogilvie Centre is happy to offer a yearly retreat for Women at Kilcoy Castle on the Muir of Ord. For registration, contact: ogilvie@rcda.scot.

Encounter Christ Retreat: 8-10 November 2019 – A renewing and inspiring weekend for women aged 18-30. Hosted by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, at Greyfriars Convent, Elgin. To register, contact Sr. Mary Gianna at op@rcda.scot.

20 October 2019: World Mission Sunday – Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all creation – 'Together we are Mission'. You will be able to Gift Aid your donations by using envelopes provided by Missio. For more information, visit missio.org.uk Thank you.

Extraordinary Missionary Month, October 2019 – There is an Official Prayer for this special month, which the Holy Father has asked us to recite on Fridays, after the midday Angelus:

*Heavenly Father,
when your only begotten Son Jesus Christ
rose from the dead,
he commissioned his followers
to "go and make disciples of all nations"
and you remind us that through our Baptism
we are made sharers in the mission of the Church.*

*Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit
to be courageous and zealous
in bearing witness to the Gospel,
so that the mission entrusted to the Church,
which is still very far from completion,
may find new and efficacious expressions
that bring life and light to the world.*

*Help us make it possible for all peoples
to experience the saving love
and mercy of Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever. Amen.*

Ogilvie Centre for New Evangelisation and Catechesis: The Ogilvie Centre exists to encourage, strengthen and build the faithful in encountering

Christ, becoming intentional disciples, and using their gifts to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It does this by providing on-going support and resources for evangelisation, catechesis and adult faith formation. For information, go to: <https://ogilvie.rcda.scot/>

PARISH NEWS

October: Month of the Rosary – to mark the Marian month of October, and to increase the devotional life of the parish, **we will pray the Rosary together each Saturday, before Mass, from 10.45am-11.00am.** The Sacrament of Confession will be available from 10.15am-10.45am.

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 or 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!

BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP: the group meets **tomorrow (Monday 14 October)**, in the Meeting Room at St. Columba's, from 9.30am to 11.30am. Since we are now in the School Holidays, older children can come along too, and get involved in painting and games! We are always looking for new members to join in the fun – please spread the word!

CLEANING TEAM – Monday 14th October at 4.00pm: Shona, Jijy, and Don. Would you like to help out too? Any help would be greatly appreciated!

"90 Club" – Next Draw: 27 October. Would you like to have a number in this draw? There are a few remaining numbers waiting for names to go next to them..! Only £2 monthly, with three prizes to be won. Ask Don for details.

Prize Bingo – Next evening: Friday 1 November. £447 was raised last week! To help keep the event successful, please continue handing in items to give as prizes. Ideal items include: gift vouchers, toiletries, chocolates, wine, and other unusual things. Thank you for your generous help and support.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Angus Johnson + Vinnie Walton + Michael Good + Laura Johnstone + Fr. George Hutcheon + Norman Wood + John Macdonald + Alec Mackintosh + Katie Mary Fraser +

R.I.P: + Mark Kelly +

Anniversaries: + Frankie Bills + Eva Giubarelli +