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14 APRIL 2019:
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION, YEAR C

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7
 Psalm: Ps 21 (22): 8-9, 17-20, 23-24
 2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11
 Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 14 April	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION Second Collection: Holy Places	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 16 April	Tuesday of Holy Week Mass Intention: Donald MacDonald R.I.P. (Recently Deceased: 08/04/19)	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 17 April	Wednesday of Holy Week Mass Intention: Michael Joseph MacKinnon R.I.P. (Anniversary Today)	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Screening of 'The Passion of the Christ'	10.00 am 11.00 am 11.30 am 7.00 pm
Thursday 18 April	MAUNDY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Watching at the Altar of Repose & Night Prayer	6.30 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 19 April	GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION	Liturgy of the Passion Stations of the Cross & Veneration	3.00 pm 7.00 pm
Saturday 20 April	HOLY SATURDAY / EASTER VIGIL	Blessing of Food (in English) Easter Vigil	11.00 am 8.30 pm
Sunday 21 April	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Palm Sunday of the Passion

"What is written about Me is coming to fulfilment," Jesus says in today's Gospel (see Luke 22:37). Indeed, we have reached the climax of the liturgical year, the highest peak of salvation history, when all that has been anticipated and promised is to be fulfilled.

By the close of today's long Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished, the new covenant will be written in the blood of His broken body hanging on the cross at the place called the Skull. In His Passion, Jesus is "counted among the wicked," as Isaiah had foretold (see Isaiah 53:12). He is revealed definitively as the Suffering Servant the prophet announced, the long-awaited Messiah whose words of obedience and faith ring out in today's First Reading and Psalm.

The taunts and torments we hear in these two readings punctuate the Gospel as Jesus is beaten and mocked (see Luke 22:63-65; 23:10-11, 16), as His hands and

feet are pierced (see Luke 23:33), as enemies gamble for His clothes (see Luke 23:34), and as three times they dare Him to prove His divinity by saving Himself from suffering (see Luke 23:35, 37, 39).

He remains faithful to God's will to the end, does not turn back in His trial. He gives Himself freely to His torturers, confident that, as He speaks in today's First Reading: "The Lord God is My help . . . I shall not be put to shame."

Destined to sin and death as children of Adam's disobedience, we have been set free for holiness and life by Christ's perfect obedience to the Father's will (see Romans 5:12-14, 17-19; Ephesians 2:2; 5:6).

This is why God greatly exalted Him. This is why we have salvation in His Name. Following His example of humble obedience in the trials and crosses of our lives, we know we will never be forsaken, that one day we too will be with Him in Paradise (see Luke 23:42). Seeing and Believing. (Scott Hahn)

GENERAL NEWS

Divine Mercy Sunday 2019 at St. Mary's, 30 Huntly Street, Inverness, from 2.45pm-4.30pm. The special liturgy for Divine Mercy Sunday is as follows:

- ❖ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Adoration
- ❖ Sacrament of Confession
- ❖ Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- ❖ Holy Rosary
- ❖ Veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy

All welcome.

PARISH NEWS

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed in any way to making our Station Mass at St. Columba's such a huge success! We had a packed church, with 172 souls participating in our Lenten liturgy. So many of our parishioners were involved – it was a real joy to see, and shows what we can achieve together! God bless you all!

Assistance for Holy Week liturgies – we are looking for people to assist us with our Holy Week liturgies; in particular, we need:

- **Readers**
- **Extraordinary Ministers**
- **Servers**
- **Volunteers for Holy Thursday Washing of the Feet**

Can you help? Please do come to the Sacristy and put your name down **in advance**, or speak to Fr. Domenico and/or the Sacristans.

Today's Second Collection: The Holy Places –

Every day, young Christian families in the Holy Land try to live upright lives, centred on the teachings of Jesus, just as we do. These Christians, living where Christ walked and taught, lived and died, still live in a land of war, death and destruction. The work of the Franciscan Friars for these native Christians, for the poor, and for the pilgrims who come to visit, depends greatly on your support. Please be as generous as you can to the people of the Holy Land, and to the Friars who preserve the Shrines and Holy Places.

Traditional Blessing of Food – this custom takes place on the morning of Holy Saturday. The custom of blessing food for Easter arose from the discipline of fasting throughout Lent and the special Easter fast during the Easter Triduum. Easter Sunday was the first day when meat, eggs, and other foods could again be eaten. This is an opportunity for you to have food blessed, which will be consumed over the Easter period: eggs, bread, hams, sausages, and other meats (sweets for the children), etc. The food is usually presented in a wicker basket. Why not get your children involved in decorating this, and in painting their own eggs?! The short blessing will be

conducted in English, and is for the whole parish community. Why not come along as a family?

'THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST' will be shown on **Wednesday 17 April from 7.00pm**, as part of our regular FAITH IN FILM series. Certificate: 18 (2 hours 15 mins).

RETURN OF SCIAF WEE BOXES – Please return these boxes to us from Easter Sunday onwards. The UK government is matching, pound-for-pound, all donations given to our WEE BOX appeal made before the 8th May. Every pound you save will go even further to helping our brothers and sisters around the world to survive and thrive. **WEE BOX PACKS are available in the entrance foyer – please take one home.**

Highland Foodbank – April and May: Your donations help to provide emergency food and support to local people in crisis. During these months, we would be grateful for the following items: * Tins of Vegetables * Cartons of Long Life Fruit Juice * Washing Powder (small) * Shaving Foam / Razors. Please leave them in the plastic box at the front door of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP: NO MEETINGS for the next two weeks (Easter break).

Cleaning Team – Monday 15th April at 12 noon: Marie and Don. Would you like to help us in 2019? Helping just one hour a month would lighten the load of others who keep the church nice and clean. See Don for details.

EASTER BUNNY RAFFLE – Tickets now on sale in the front hall: **only £1 per strip of 5 tickets** – chocolates and wine to be won also. Please write your name and phone number on the back of the tickets. **DRAW ON EASTER SUNDAY AFTER MASS – GOOD LUCK!!**

90 CLUB – Next draw on **Sunday 28th April**. Would you like the chance to win one of our prizes? Don has the details.

NEXT PRIZE BINGO: Friday 26th April – Items to give as prizes are always needed. We are a little short of items at the moment. Thank you for your support.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Vinnie Walton + Michael Good + Elspeth Angus + Magda Maclean + Laura Johnstone +

Anniversaries: + Francis Black + Isobel Campbell + Peggy Martin +