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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

14 JULY 2019:
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
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Mass Readings

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 30: 10-14
Psalm: Ps 68 (69): 14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37
2nd Reading: Colossians 1: 15-20
Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 14 July	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Second Collection: Sea Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 16 July	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 17 July	Wednesday of Week 15 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 18 July	Thursday of Week 15 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 19 July	Friday of Week 15 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Sick and Retired Priests	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am 12 noon
Saturday 20 July	Saint Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	10.30 am 11.00 am
Sunday 21 July	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Go And Do Likewise

We are to love God and our neighbour with all the strength of our being, as the scholar of the Law answers Jesus in this week's Gospel.

This command is nothing remote or mysterious—it's already written in our hearts, in the book of Sacred Scripture. "You have only to carry it out," Moses says in this week's First Reading.

Jesus tells His interrogator the same thing: "Do this and you will live."

The scholar, however, wants to know where he can draw the line. That's the motive behind his question: "Who is my neighbour?"

In his compassion, the Samaritan in Jesus' parable reveals the boundless mercy of God—who came down to us when we were fallen in sin, close to dead, unable to pick ourselves up.

Jesus is "the image of the invisible God," this week's Second Reading tells us. In Him, the love of God has come very near to us. By the "blood of His Cross"—by bearing

His neighbours' sufferings in His own body, being Himself stripped and beaten and left for dead—He saved us from bonds of sin, reconciled us to God and to one another.

Like the Samaritan, He pays the price for us, heals the wounds of sin, pours out on us the oil and wine of the sacraments, entrusts us to the care of His Church, until He comes back for us.

Because His love has known no limits, ours cannot either. We are to love as we have been loved, to do for others what He has done for us—joining all things together in His Body, the Church.

We are to love like the singer of this week's Psalm—like those whose prayers have been answered, like those whose lives have been saved, who have known the time of His favour, have seen God in His great mercy turn toward us.

This is the love that leads to eternal life, the love Jesus commands today of each of us—"Go and do likewise." (Scott Hahn)

GENERAL NEWS

Monday 22 July at 7.30pm: Classical Concert at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness – Chamber Philharmonia Cologne are offering a classical concert, including pieces from Vivaldi, Mozart, C.P.E. Bach, Saint-Saens, and Borner. Tickets available at Inverness iCentre, 36 High Street (Tel. 252401). Tickets also available at the door one hour prior to the concert (cash sales only).

2-5 August: Monastic Experience Weekend at Pluscarden Abbey – The monks of Pluscarden Abbey are offering a special opportunity to experience at first hand what monastic life is about, during the weekend of Friday 2 August to Monday 5 August 2019. There will be no charge for the weekend. The invitation is extended to single young men, Catholics who practise their faith, aged 18 to 35. Anyone who is interested in attending should get in touch with Fr. Benedict: novicemaster@pluscardenabbey.org

Saturday 17 August: Day of Recollection and Healing at Stratherrick, for the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady – A series of reflections and music on the theme of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The programme is as follows:
10:00a.m. Register.
10:30a.m.–4:30 p.m. Marian Hymns, Reflections, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Angelus, Confessions, Mass, Rosary Walk, Exposition, Litany & Benediction. All welcome!

The Relics of St. Thérèse: coming to our Diocese! – In an extraordinary spiritual gift to all of us, the relics of the Little Flower, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, will be coming to our Diocese, 9-11 September 2019.
The dates are as follows:

- Monday 9th September at 7.00pm: Arrival at St. Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen.
- Tuesday 10th September: at St. Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen.
- Wednesday 11th September at 11.00am: Arrival at Pluscarden Abbey.
- **Wednesday 11th September**
- **5.00pm: Arrival at St. Mary's, Inverness**
- **7.00pm: Mass with the Relics**
- **Overnight Vigil with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, and other devotions.**
- **Thursday 12th September: 10.00am Mass with the school children**
- **12 noon: Angelus and departure of the relics**

18-25 September: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Fr. Andrew Niski. A place of prayer, reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration, inspired by the profound experience of the presence of our Heavenly Mother, the Queen of Peace. **Flying out of Inverness with BA, cost £600 – B&B, flight and transfers included.** First-time pilgrims warmly welcomed – contact Fr. Niski for more details and to book a place: niski.a@gmail.com; 07749732781.

PARISH NEWS

Saturday 27 July – FUNDRAISER BINGO – Smithton Hotel, at 7.00pm: this special fundraising

event is in aid of wee Reece Mitchell, a young boy who is suffering from Batten's Disease (a terminal illness of the nervous system). All welcome.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2020! – See the Gospel come to life by following the footsteps of Jesus in the Holy Land. From Galilee to Jerusalem, you will find yourself immersed in spirituality and culture. The full itinerary promises to bring the faithful pilgrim an unforgettable experience, including a non-stop return flight from London Luton to Tel Aviv airport (there is also a departure option from Manchester), a touring coach and professional local guide throughout, as well as en-suite accommodation at the 4* Rimonim Hotel in Nazareth and 3* Star Hotel in Bethlehem. **Dates: 23rd – 30th April 2020 (8 Days / 7 nights).** Depart: London Luton (there is also an option to depart from Manchester). **Cost: from £1,094** per person, *Half Board*. To book your place, please phone 01793 608844. **To secure your place at this special price of £1,094, book by 31st July 2019. Speak to Fr. Domenico for further details.**

Confirmations 2020 - preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin in the autumn. **If you are starting S1 this year, or if you are already in Secondary School,** please register initial interest with Fr. Domenico. A meeting will be advertised for early October.

Highland Foodbank – June and July: 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 Potatoes** * **Tins of Tomatoes** * **Tins of Fruit** * **Tins of Ham.** Please leave these items in the plastic box at the front door of the church. Thank you!

BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP: the group is on holiday just now, and will return after the Summer break.

CLEANING TEAM – Monday 15th July at 1.30pm: Isobel, Margaret, and Don. If anyone would like to join in and help on any of the days, please speak to Don. It's only once a month, and it helps to keep our church fresh and clean!

"90 Club" – JUNE DRAW: 1st Prize – no.24 (Kirsteen); 2nd Prize – no.56 (John); 3rd Prize – no.44 (Anne-Marie). **NEXT DRAW: SUNDAY 28th JULY!** You can also take part, as there are a few numbers still available; only £2 monthly, with three prizes to be won. Ask Don for details.

PARISH BINGO – Our June Bingo raised a wonderful £371!! Our fabulous monthly Fundraiser Bingo will return in the Autumn. Your continuing support is greatly appreciated!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Vinnie Walton + Michael Good + Laura Johnstone + Fr. George Hutcheon + Norman Wood + Dr. Helen Macdonald + John Macdonald +

Anniversaries: + Bob Black + Tony Murphy + Alexander MacKinnan + Lizzy Gardener + George Cameron +