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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

15 DECEMBER 2019:
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A
(Psalter: Week 3)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10
 Psalm: Ps 145 (146): 6-10
 2nd Reading: James 5: 7-10
 Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 15 December	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (p. 36) Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 17 December	Of the Day Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.00 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 18 December	Of the Day Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	10.00 am 11.00 am
Thursday 19 December	Of the Day Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	6.30 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 20 December	Of the Day Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	10.00 am 11.00 am 11.30 am 12 noon
Saturday 21 December	Of the Day Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation ** Rosary ** Mass	9.45 am 10.40 am 11.00 am
Sunday 22 December	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (p. 40) Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

"Rejoice in the Lord Always!" – Our new Parish Sunday Missals

I have purchased a large number of New Sunday Missals from CTS (Catholic Truth Society). This represents a significant investment for the parish, but it has numerous long-term benefits.

- First and foremost, **price**: by purchasing Sunday Missals, **we save £1,500** over the cost of the full set of Mass books. (£2,700 as opposed to £4,200). To offset the costs, **you might like to make a contribution** to the parish to help us.
- Secondly, **durability**: these hardback volumes should last considerably longer than their paperback replacements.
- From a liturgical perspective, these Sunday Missals contain **the NEW translation of the Mass** (up until now, we have been using the pre-2011 translation). Now, the prayers and prefaces used by the Priest at Mass **will match exactly** with what you have in front of you. This will allow for ease of following the sacred liturgy.
- **Uniformity**: everyone will have the same version – we will literally be singing from the same hymn-sheet (or praying from the same prayerbook!).
- **Clarity**: the Order of Mass can be found in the centre of the book, in the section with red edging.
- **Presentation**: beautiful full-colour pages of sacred art to introduce the liturgical seasons.
- **Devotional Use**: you will see in these new Missals that there are a number of unique features: preparatory prayers for Mass, to help you to focus on what is taking place at the altar; prayers of thanksgiving after Mass; devotions such as the Stations of the Cross, and prayers before the Blessed Sacrament; together with the texts of Masses for special occasions and needs. There are also introductions to major Feasts and Solemnities, with biographical information on the saints.

I hope that these books will help you in your participation of the Holy Mass, and will offer you the opportunity to enter ever deeper into the Mystery of our Faith. With prayers and blessings, *Fr. Domenico.*

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Today's Liturgy (CTS Sunday Missal) –
p. 36: Readings and Proper Prayers
p. 541: Creed
p. 549: Preface I of Advent
p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer (EP) II / p. 611: EP III
p. 631: Communion Rite

Mass Times During the Christmas Period –
Tues 24 Dec at 11.00pm: Carols

11.30pm: Christmas Vigil Mass

Wed 25 Dec at 10.30am: Christmas Day Mass

Thurs 26 Dec at 7.30pm: St. Stephen

Fri 27 Dec at 11.00pm: St. John the Evangelist

Sat 28 Dec at 11.00am: The Holy Innocents

Sun 29 Dec at 9.30am: The Holy Family

Tues 31 Dec at 7.30pm: Pope St. Silvester

Wed 1 Jan at 10.30am: Mary, Mother of God

***Admirabile Signum:* Pope Francis' new Apostolic Letter** on the meaning and importance of the Nativity Scene, **can be purchased in the entrance foyer for £3.50.** In this letter, Pope Francis transforms what is often an overlooked part of the season into the very focal point of our devotion at Christmas.

Sacrament of Confession – please note that the Sacrament of Confession will **be available for ONE HOUR before every weekday Mass.** Why not take the opportunity to prepare yourself spiritually for the birth of Jesus?

Christmas Flowers – we are blessed with the generosity and talents of parishioners, who always provide us with such beautiful flowers for Christmas. Would you consider helping us with a donation, which will go towards making our church even more beautiful, and fitting for celebrating the birth of Our Saviour?

ST. COLUMBA'S CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE – Thursday 19 December, 7.00pm – 8.00pm. Back by popular demand – a date for your diaries! As per last year, we will be hosting a service of your favourite Christmas carols, with community singing, together with seasonal Scripture readings, with festive food and drink provided (non-alcoholic mulled wine, mince pies, and other goodies). We will have the children of St. Joseph's RC School joining us, together with a special appearance by The Three (Highland) Priests! Donations at the door – suggested offerings are: £5 for adults; kids go free! All proceeds go towards our Building Fund.

Why not invite some friends and come along?!! Spread a little festive cheer!

CONFIRMATIONS 2020: We have now completed the first block of classes for Confirmation 2020. The dates for the next block are as follows: **9, 16 and 23 January.** As before, these are on Thursdays, and we will meet at 6.30pm for 30 minutes. If you have any difficulty with the dates just let Ewen or Helen know.

Highland Foodbank: November to January – Your donations help to provide emergency food and support to local people in crisis. As part of their Winter Appeal, the Highland Foodbank would be grateful for donations of the following items: * **Cartons of Long Life Fruit Juice** * **Small Washing Powder/Gel** * **Tins of Corned Beef** * **Tins of Ham** * **Jam.** Please leave these items in the box at the front door of the church. Thank you!

BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP: the group is meeting **tomorrow (Monday 16 December)**, at St. Columba's Meeting Room, 9.30am-11.30am. We are always looking for new members to join in the fun!

CLEANING TEAM – Monday 16th December at 12 noon: Don only. Would you like to help out too? Any help would be greatly appreciated!

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE – tickets on sale now! Raffle drawn after Mass on Christmas Day. Prizes and raffle books are on the table in the entrance foyer; only £1 for a strip of five tickets. Please write your name and phone number on the back of each ticket. There are **FIVE** great prizes to be won! **GOOD LUCK!!**

90 CLUB: Draw next Sunday, 29 December, after morning Mass.

FUNDRAISER BINGO – On 6th December we raised the amazing sum of £570!! The Bingo returns on **Friday 31 January 2020, at 7.00pm.** Your generosity with the items we give as prizes has made this fundraiser so successful and popular!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Angus Johnson + Michael Good + Laura Johnstone + Fr. George Hutcheon + Norman Wood + John Macdonald + Alec Mackintosh + Katie Mary Fraser + Fr. Richard Reese + John Smith + Stuart MacLennan +

Anniversaries: + Joe Smith + Kerry Green +