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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

15TH NOVEMBER 2015
33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Sunday Mass Readings

1st Reading: Daniel 12:1-13
Psalm: 15:5. 8-11
2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14. 18
Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 15 November	Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year B (2nd Collection: Mary's Meals)	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) Mass	09.00 09.30
Tuesday 17 November	St Elizabeth of Hungary - Memorial	Mass	19.30
Wednesday 18 November	St Fergus – Optional Memorial (Diocese of Aberdeen)	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00 11.30
Thursday 19 November	Thursday of the 33 rd Week in Ord Time	Mass	19.30
Friday 20 November	Friday of the 33 rd Week in Ord Time	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00 11.30
Sunday 22 November	SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (2nd Collection: Building Fund)	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) Mass	09.00 09.30

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available 30 minutes before each Mass.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) – The End of the World

In this, the second-to-the-last week of the Church year, Jesus has finally made it to Jerusalem. Near to His passion and death, He gives us a teaching of hope--telling us how it will be when He returns again in glory.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of a long talk in which He describes tribulations the likes of which haven't been seen "since the beginning of God's creation" (see Mark 13:9).

First, human community--nations and kingdoms--will break down (see Mark 13:7-8). Then the earth will stop yielding food and begin to shake apart (13:8). Next, the family will be torn apart from within and the last faithful individuals will be persecuted (13:9-13). Finally, the Temple will be desecrated, the earth emptied of God's presence (13:14).

In today's reading, God is described putting out the lights that He established in the sky in the very beginning--the sun, the moon and the stars (see also Isaiah 13:10; 34:4). Into this "uncreated" darkness, the Son of Man, in Whom all things were made, will come.

Jesus has already told us that the Son of Man must be humiliated and killed (see Mark 8:31). Here He describes His ultimate victory, using royal-divine images drawn from the Old Testament--clouds, glory, and angels (see Daniel 7:13). He shows Himself to be the fulfilment of all God's promises to save "the elect," the faithful remnant (see Isaiah 43:6; Jeremiah 32:37). As today's First Reading tells us, this salvation will include will include the bodily resurrection of those who sleep in the dust. We are to watch for this day,

when His enemies are finally made His footstool, as today's Epistle envisions. We can wait in confidence knowing, as we pray in today's Psalm, that we will one day delight at His right hand forever.

Our Second Collection: Mary's Meals

"Every child deserves an education – and enough to eat. Our vision is that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education and that all those who have more than they need, share with those who lack even the most basic things" (Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, Mary's Meals Founder and CEO). Today, Mary's Meals provides nutritious daily meals to 989,791 children across four continents. Its vision is for every child to receive a daily meal in a place of education. The global average cost of feeding a child for a whole school year is just £12.20. Every donation made by 28 December 2015 will be doubled by the UK government. There's never been a better time to help feed the children.

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

"Poverty in the world is a scandal. In a world where there is so much wealth, so many resources to feed everyone, it is unfathomable that there are so many poor persons. Poverty is the flesh of the poor Jesus, in that child who is hungry, in the one who is sick, in those unjust social structures. Go forward; look there upon the flesh of Jesus." (7 June 2013)

GENERAL NEWS

Installation Mass for the Daughters of Divine Love: on Saturday 21st November at 11.00am, in St Mary's, Inverness. Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB will be presiding at this Mass, together with Priests from throughout the Deanery, to welcome the arrival of the Nigerian Sisters to Inverness. Come along and join us!

Catenian Christmas Dinner: Friday 4 December:

7.00pm for 7.30pm, until midnight, at the Inverness Golf Club, on Culcabock Road. Licensed Bar and Raffle. £25.00 per head. For tickets, please contact Tony Lightfoot (tel: 236495) or Joe Campbell (tel: 790888).

Jubilee Year of Mercy: Inaugural Opening of the Holy Doors at St Mary's, Inverness, on Monday 14 December at 7.00pm. Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB will be presiding at this Mass, together with Priests from throughout the Deanery. All welcome.

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Month of the Holy Souls: November is the month when we remember our dearly departed. If you would like to have any deceased relatives or friends remembered at Mass during November, please place their names in the brown envelopes in the foyer and hand them in to the sacristy. All names will be placed in front of the altar, and a selection will be read out at every Mass. All offerings will be donated to our Building Fund.

Confirmation Classes: A reminder that there is one more session this month on Thursday 19th November, 6.30pm - 7.15pm. We will be learning more about the Bible. It is important that candidates attend these classes.

Thank you! We have much to be grateful for here at St Columba's. Thank you, first of all, to the anonymous donor who gave £124.18 towards our Building Fund last week. We extend our gratitude to the family of Peggy Horne, R.I.P. Donations at her Requiem Mass totalled £181.52. A wonderful gesture indeed. Finally, another anonymous donor very kindly purchased the Banner of the Divine Mercy of Jesus for St Columba's. It is a particularly appropriate gift for the parish during our Year of Mercy. May we all learn to trust in the infinite mercy of Christ. God bless each of you for your great generosity.

Year of Mercy: Evening of Reflection at St Columba's: the second of our Evenings will take place on **Wednesday 18 November, beginning at 7.00 pm.** The format will be as follows: a short talk, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, some quiet time, and concluding with Benediction. This week's Wednesday Reflection is entitled: **'Pope Francis, the Pontiff of Mercy'**. Come and join us!

'Faith in Film' Evening: this month's film is entitled **"Fireproof"** (2008), and will be screened on **Wednesday 25 November, from 7.00 pm onwards.** An ideal follow-up to the Church's recent Synod on the Family, "Fireproof" tells the story of fireman Caleb Holt. At work, he lives by the old fire-fighter's adage: "never leave your partner behind". At home, in the cooling embers of his marriage, he lives by his own rules. His job is to rescue others. Now Caleb is ready to tackle his toughest job ever... rescuing his wife's heart.

Voted "Inspirational Movie of the Year", and described as a "challenging reminder of what it takes to win in marriage". Certificate PG (120 minutes).

Day of Reflection at Stratherrick: led by Fr Domenico on **8 December (Immaculate Conception)**, to mark the beginning of the Year of Mercy. The Day will begin at 10.00am, and conclude at approx. 4.00pm. Details to follow. Lunch will be provided. If you would like to attend, please contact Therese Finlay on 01456 486678, for catering purposes. All welcome!

Christmas Carol Service, Wednesday 9 December, from 7.30pm onwards: we will be hosting a service of your favourite Christmas carols, together with seasonal Scripture readings, here at St Columba's, with festive food and drink provided (mulled wine, mince pies, and other goodies). More details soon.

Children's Christmas Party: Saturday 12 December, 2.00pm – 4.00pm. Our DJ is booked, and we have spoken to Santa to see if he can take time out of his busy schedule to visit our children!

Christmas Hamper Raffle tickets go on sale this morning: £1 for a strip of five. The draw will be held after Christmas Morning Mass. Good Luck!

Church cleaning: Mary and Marie Cumming, Wednesday at 1.00pm.

'90 Club – the draw takes place next week, on **Sunday 29th November.** You can still join in this fund-raiser: only £2 monthly! Please ask Don for details.

Prize Bingo: eyes down **Friday 6th December at 7.00pm.** Items to give out as prizes are always required. Thank you, as always, for your support. **Why not join us at our next Bingo? A warm welcome awaits you. Great fun for all!**

FINANCES

No. 1 Account	£ 278.80
Building Fund	£ 781.44
(of which, an individual donation	£124.18)
Donations at the Funeral Mass of Peggy Horne	£181.52
– Thank you for your generosity and support –	

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Audrey O'Connell + Anna Black + Leslie Murray + Michelle Campbell + Laura Johnstone + Amelia Drew

Anniversaries: Jack Johnstone + Pat Grout + Annie Jasinski + Effie Kennedy

GROUPS AND DEVOTIONS

The Secular Franciscan Order meets at 2.00 pm on the second Saturday of each month at St Columba's, Culloden. Contact Helen MacGilp (01463 792149). Visit www.ofsgb.org.uk.

Prayer and Praise Group every Thursday at St Columba's after 7.30pm Mass in the Lady Chapel. Call Brian (01463 790255) for details.