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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**16 APRIL 2017:
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

Sunday Mass Readings

1st Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

Psalm: Ps 117 (118):1-2, 16-17, 22-23

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 16 April	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 18 April	Easter Tuesday	NO MASS	-
Wednesday 19 April	Easter Wednesday	NO MASS	-
Thursday 20 April	Easter Thursday	NO MASS	-
Sunday 23 April	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

HE HAS RISEN! ALLELUIA!



Pietro Perugino, *Resurrection* (1499-1500)

PASCHAL SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended:
combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain,
yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary:
say what thou didst see
upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen:
he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen
from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio (= Pope Francis) – “Removing the Stone”

“The women, who loved Jesus so much, got up very early to go and anoint his dead body. They were convinced: he was dead. It was over. A beautiful illusion was over. It was time to face life and go on as well as they could. But love had brought them to this, and here they were, concerned about who would open the tomb for them: a rounded stone, turned to seal the entrance to the sepulchre. It was a very large stone. This worried them. They discussed it. “Who will roll away the stone for us?” (Mk 16: 3). The rest we know: They found the stone removed, the angel announced that Jesus was alive, and then they ran away, trembling, saying nothing to anyone because they were dying of fright. As I was listening to the Gospel, I thought of the centuries we have relived here today, with the reading of the history of salvation, the Jewish people, the People of God—all those centuries of history are dashed and collapse before a stone that it seems that no one can move. All the promises of the prophets, the enthusiasms and hopes, end here, dashed on a stone. And I thought of the history of our lives. We all have our history, with pros and cons, good and bad. Not centuries, but years and years of histories. And we all have our faith in Jesus. And then I wonder: How often is our Christian life nothing more than going along and worrying about who is going to move a stone for us? And this is how we pass through life! Will this work out, or won’t it? How can we manage this matter or that other one? Always facing a stone—which we realise that we can’t move! And this ties us down, takes away our freedom, and keeps us from flying! It doesn’t allow us to be ourselves. How many times, hours, days, weeks, months, and years are spent wondering who is going to move the stone for us? This is a fiasco. When someone says to us: “Look, the stone has been moved; look, the one you were looking for is alive, at your side,” we are seized by fear and take off like a shot! We prefer the safety of wondering who is going to move the stone to the danger of having him alive at our side! May we instead be inspired at each moment by something new, daring, and creative! All this is inspired in us by the life of the Risen One. Today, looking at these women, let us ask ourselves about our own lives. Let us ask ourselves if we are convinced that the stone has been moved away and there is no one inside. And if you are truly convinced, why are you wasting time worrying about who is going to remove the difficulty for you? You have him living at your side—the Risen One! He is alive! He is with us! Instead of feeling the sadness of worrying about who is going to move the stone of difficulty, you will feel the wonder of the encounter with him, and it will transform your life! ... let us say to Jesus: “Lord, may I feel the wonder of meeting you. Let me not entangle my life in questions about whether this or that will happen, or if I will or won’t be able to do something. Instead, may I feel the happiness, the wonder, the joy, and the amazement of knowing you are risen, living at my side, and may I know that this is not a piece of fiction.” Two paths remain for us: We either believe in the stone that seals the tomb, wondering who is going to move it, or we believe that he has already left the tomb and accompanies us. What we are celebrating today is the latter: He is alive. May we let ourselves meet him so that our lives might be transformed. Amen.” (Easter Vigil Homily, Cathedral of Buenos Aires, 11 April 2009)

GENERAL NEWS

Sunday 23 April: Divine Mercy Sunday – afternoon of guided devotions at St Mary’s, Inverness. The programme is as follows:

- 2.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 - Guided meditation on the Mercy of God (English & Polish)
 - Opportunity for Confession
 - 3.00 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet
 - 3.20 pm: Address/Spiritual Conference
 - 3.45 pm: Afternoon Prayer
 - 4.00 pm: Benediction
 - 4.10 pm: Solemn Veneration of the Image and Act of Consecration
- See the poster on the notice board.

PARISH NEWS

CATHOLICISM – Wednesday 26 April, from 7.00pm – “World Without End: The Last Things”. Explore the Church’s conviction that life here and now is preparation for an extraordinary world that is yet to come – a supernatural destiny. Bishop Barron presents the Catholic vision of death, judgment, heaven, hell and purgatory as he journeys to Florence, Ireland and Rome. The vision of the Church sees beyond this world and invites us to consider a world without end. Bishop Barron shows how this vision is supported by the mystery and truth of the Resurrection of Jesus.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: there will be a meeting at St Columba’s on **SATURDAY 22 APRIL at 11.00am**, for all those who have expressed an interest in attending our

10th Anniversary Pilgrimage. Booking Forms will be available. Please do let me know if you can make it.

Cleaning Team: Tuesday 18 April at 4.30pm: Shona and Ji Ji. Assistance is always gratefully accepted.

GRAND EASTER RAFFLE! – DRAW TODAY! Get your tickets before Mass; £1.00 for a strip of five. Please include your name and phone number on the back! Good luck!

“90 Club” – NEXT DRAW: SUNDAY 30 APRIL. Good luck!. There are a few tickets left; only £2 per month! 3 prizes to be won. See Don for details

PRIZE BINGO: NEXT ‘EYES DOWN’ – FRIDAY 28th APRIL at 7pm – come and join in the laughter and fun! Many thanks to all who donate items to give as prizes; your continued support is very much appreciated. Without your help, we would not be so well supported by the local community. Thank you!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black + Audrey O’Connell + Amelia Drew + John Drew + Leslie Murray + Frances Boyle + Ewen Macdonald Snr + Brian Murray + Lachlan MacNeil + Louisa and Suzanne Williams + Cath Maclean + Eilidh McPherson + Morag Macintyre + Mary Johnstone

R.I.P.: Elizabeth Kinder + Anacleto Pagliari

Anniversaries: + Isobel Campbell + Peggy Martin + Bridget Cuminsky + Donald Macdonald + Flora Macdonald