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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

16 FEBRUARY 2020:
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year A (II); Psalter: Week 2)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 15: 16-21

Psalm: Ps 118 (119): 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 2: 6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5: 17-37

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 16 February	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 707) Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 18 February	Tuesday of Week 6 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 19 February	Wednesday of Week 6 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 20 February	Thursday of Week 6 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 21 February	St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am 12 noon
Saturday 22 February	Feast of the Chair of St. Peter	Sacrament of Reconciliation ** Rosary ** Mass	10.15 am 10.40 am 11.00 am
Sunday 23 February	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 712) Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

‘Querida Amazonia’: Pope Francis’ Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation – The Highlights

Pope Francis has just issued an important document entitled “Querida Amazonia,” or “Beloved Amazon.” It is a Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation, that is, the Holy Father’s summing-up of the Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazonian Region, which took place in October of last year, to reflect on cultural, ecological and religious issues facing the Amazon.

First, Pope Francis dreams of a region that **fights for the “rights of the poor,”** especially those of the “original peoples” of the area. The pope takes aim at businesses, both national and international, that harm the Amazon and fail to respect the rights of the original peoples and bluntly labels such actions as “injustice and crime.”

Second, Pope Francis hopes for a world and a church that will **recognise the distinctive cultural riches of the Amazon.** In many places in the region, the globalized economy endangers or threatens “human, social and cultural richness.” So these distinctive cultures must be nourished, protected and celebrated.

Third, “Querida Amazonia” reiterates some of the most important themes from the pope’s magisterial encyclical on creation, “Laudato Si’.” Grounding his appreciation for

the environment in a reverence for God’s creation, he **reminds us that everything is connected:** “The care of people and the care of ecosystems,” he says, “are inseparable.” We should, says the pope about the Amazon, “love it, not simply use it.”

Fourth, the pope turns his reflections to the church in the Amazon, and **repeatedly stresses “inculturation.”** In proclaiming the Gospel, the church “constantly reshapes her identity through listening and dialogue with the people, the realities and the history of the land in which she finds herself.”

Finally, the pope looks at **the questions surrounding the Eucharist.** There are many remote places in the region where the Eucharist is not celebrated for long stretches of time because of the lack of a priest. And, as Francis notes, the Eucharist “makes the church.” So he asks for greater participation of laypeople, for example, in “exercising the pastoral care” of parishes and encourages women to contribute their gifts to the church, “in a way that is properly theirs.” He also asks for prayers for more priestly vocations and calls for more missionary priests. (Adapted from *America Magazine*, 12 February 2020).

GENERAL NEWS

The Gabriel Society: 'February with Duns Scotus' – The Life and Teaching of Blessed John Duns Scotus, with film and discussion, in the Marian Room, 32 Huntly Street, at 7.00pm, on the following Tuesdays: 18, 25 February. All welcome.

29 February 2020: 'Jesus, the Power of Forgiveness' – A half-day workshop at St. Mary's, Beaulieu, led by Fr. Keith Herrera (Administrator, St. Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen). The programme for the day is as follows:
10.30 am: Tea/Coffee; Introductions
11.00 am: Holy Mass
11.50 am: Presentation/Talk
12.45 pm: Discussion
1.10 pm: Convene and Conclusion
1.30 pm: Lunch and Dismissal

18-20 May 2020: Pilgrimage to Iona – led by Fr. Max Nwosu and Fr. James Anyaegbu (St. Mary's, Beaulieu). Price: £245 B&B (sharing); £295 B&B (single room supplement). The cost includes ferry crossings, fuel, B&B on Iona and at Oban. Bring your own food and refreshments for the evening on Iona; at Oban we dine out (not covered in the price). For details, contact Donald Shaw on: 07766 702973.

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Today's Liturgy (CTS Sunday Missal): Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A (p. 707) –
p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 707: Readings and Proper Prayers
p. 541: Creed
p. 567: Preface I of The Sundays in Ordinary Time
p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II
p. 631: Communion Rite

Thank you! to the extremely generous Benefactor who gifted the parish a cheque for £2,000! This donation will go to the charity Lucky2BHere, who will be supplying us with an Automated External Defibrillator, together with Emergency Life Support training for over 30 people. Fr. Domenico is waiting to hear from the Inverness team re. a date for the training, and the handing over of the equipment. Watch this space.

Safeguarding Training – There will be **Part 2 Induction** training in the meeting room at St Columba's on **Saturday 29th February at 11am**, for those of you who missed last Monday's course. This Part 2 Induction training is for all those who are PVG checked and working as volunteers in our church, and have not yet undergone this training.

Friday 21 February, at 7.30pm: 'The City of Florence in Dante's Divine Comedy' – A presentation given by Fr. Domenico to the Highland Italian Circle, at the Highland Bowling Club, 7 Auldcastle Road, Inverness, IV2 3PZ. All welcome!

Parking – our car park is getting quite busy on Sundays, due to increased attendance, which is wonderful! Remember that we also have permission to use our neighbours' car park at Smithton Church across the road.

Lent Station Masses 2020 – Fridays at 7.00pm:

28 February: St Mary's, Nairn
6 March: St Aidan's, Aviemore *
13 March: Immaculate Conception, Stratherrick
20 March: St. Columba's, Culloden
27 March: Our Lady and St. Bean, Cannich *
3 April: Christ the King, Brora
* Principal Celebrant: Bishop Hugh Gilbert, OSB.

'The Mysteries of the Passion' – a series of Lenten Reflections at St. Columba's, complete with readings from Holy Scripture and images from the Holy Land, offering a fresh perspective on the five Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. The Reflections take place on **Wednesdays at 7.00pm** throughout the Lenten season. The programme is as follows:

4 March: The Agony in the Garden
11 March: The Scourging at the Pillar
18 March: The Crowning with Thorns
25 March: The Carrying of the Cross
1 April: The Crucifixion

All welcome. Please spread the word!

Baby and Toddlers' Group: the group will be having a **break tomorrow**, due to the Half Term, and will resume activities on **Monday 24 February, from 9.30am to 11.30am**. We are looking for new children to join the group, and to take part in the fun! Why not come along?

Cleaning Team – Monday 17 February at 1.30pm: Isobel, Margaret, and Don. Would you like to help out too?! See Don for details.

90 Club – DRAW NEXT WEEK! Three prizes to be won. Would you like to take part? There are a few numbers left; please see Don for details. Only £2 monthly.

Next Fundraiser Prize Bingo: Friday 28 February! Eyes down at 7.00pm. ALL WELCOME. Thanks for your help with the lovely items handed in, to give as prizes; they are greatly appreciated!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Angus Johnson + Michael Good + Laura Johnstone + Norman Wood + Katie Mary Fraser + John Smith + Margaret and Stuart MacLennan + Jeanette Catto + John Macdonald + Evelyn MacGregor + Mary Ritchie +

Anniversaries: + Johnnie Gallagher +