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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

16 JUNE 2019:
SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
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Mass Readings

1st Reading: Proverbs 8: 22-31
 Psalm: Ps 8: 4-9
 2nd Reading: Romans 5: 1-5
 Gospel: John 16: 12-15

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 16 June	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 18 June	Tuesday of Week 11 in Ordinary Time	NO MASS - APOLOGIES	---
Wednesday 19 June	Wednesday of Week 11 in Ordinary Time	NO MASS - APOLOGIES	---
Thursday 20 June	Thursday of Week 11 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 21 June	St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am 12 noon
Saturday 22 June	St. John Fisher, Bishop, & St. Thomas More, Martyrs	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	10.30 am 11.00 am
Sunday 23 June	SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI ~ FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS ~ Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity: Glorious Processions

In today's Liturgy we're swept through time in glorious procession—from before earth and sky were set in place to the coming of the Spirit upon the new creation, the Church.

We begin in the heart of the Trinity, as we listen to the testimony of Wisdom in today's First Reading. Eternally begotten, the first-born of God, He is poured forth from of old in the loving delight of the Father.

Through Him the heavens were established, the foundations of the earth fixed. From before the beginning, He was with the Father as His "Craftsman," the artisan by which all things were made. And He took special delight, He tells us, in the crowning glory of God's handiwork—the human race, the "sons of men."

In today's Psalm, He comes down from heaven, is made a little lower than the angels, comes among us as "the Son of Man" (see Hebrews 2:6–10).

All things are put under His feet so that He can restore to humanity the glory for which we were made from the beginning, the glory lost by sin. He tasted death that we might be raised to life in the Trinity, that His name might be made glorious over all the earth. Through the Son, we have gained grace and access in the Spirit to the Father, as Paul boasts in today's Second Reading (see Ephesians 2:18).

The Spirit, the Love of God, has been poured out into our hearts—a Spirit of adoption, making us children of the Father once more (see Romans 8:14–16). This is the Spirit that Jesus promises in today's Gospel.

His Spirit comes as divine gift and anointing (see 1 John 2:27), to guide us to all truth, to show us "the things that are coming," the things that were meant to be from before all ages—that we will find peace and union in God, we will share the life of the Trinity, we will dwell in God as He dwells in us (see John 14:23; 17:21). (Scott Hahn)

GENERAL NEWS

TODAY – Sunday 16 June: Mass at Scalan Seminary – this annual event at Scalan, near Tomintoul in the Braes of Glenlivet, takes place **TODAY at 4.00 p.m.** In previous years the Mass was always held on first Sunday in July. The reason for this change is that we are celebrating the 250th anniversary of the consecration of Bishop George Hay, which took place at Scalan, and in secret because of the Penal Laws, on Trinity Sunday 1769. **Drivers:** those driving from Inverness area are best to drive to Grantown on Spey and taking the A939 road to Tomintoul. Scalan is a short distance from Tomintoul, following the B9008 to Dufftown. Just beyond Auchnarrow, about five miles later, Scalan is signposted on the right on an unclassified but good road, with passing places. **For those on satellite systems, AB37 9JS is a useful postcode.** It should get you to Chapelton of Glenlivet. After passing the Church of Our Lady, the whisky distillery and the water-bottling plant, all on your right, the road becomes a country track. Coaches have to stop here, but cars and minibuses can continue to within walking distance of the house. Sensible shoes are required, and one should be prepared for any weather. It is always a great gathering of pilgrims from across Scotland, and especially from the Aberdeen Diocese. All welcome. **The Principal Celebrant and Homilist will be our own Bishop Hugh Gilbert, OSB.**

Saturday 29 June: Stratherrick Day of Recollection, for the Immaculate Heart of Mary – a Day of Reflection and Prayer based on poetry and prose about Our Lady, with passages from: St. Luke, Blessed John Duns Scotus, Gerard Manley Hopkins, Thomas Merton, and George Mackay Brown. There will be a miscellany of words and music in the morning, with Mass before lunch in the church. Fr. Andrzej Niski will preside, with Deacon Dominic Nwaigwe as Homilist. After lunch, there will be a Rosary Walk to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Highlands, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, A Litany of Our Lady, Free Intercessory Prayers, Vespers, and Benediction. See the poster on the noticeboard.

Sunday 30 June: Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Pluscarden Abbey – Mass at 3.00pm (be seated by 2.30pm). This year marks the Year of the Catechist. The programme for the day is as follows:

1.00pm-2.30pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

(Lady Chapel), and **Sacrament of Confessions**
(St. Benedict's Retreat)

3.00pm: Pilgrimage Mass and Procession

(Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul).

There will be testimonies from catechists and pupils before the Mass, and the Diocesan children's schola will be singing, under the direction of John Horton.

Monday 1 July: Mass of Thanksgiving for Joyce Webster – Joyce has worked for the Diocese of Aberdeen for over twenty years, under three different

bishops. To mark her retirement, at the beginning of July, and to thank her for her many years of faithful service, we are organising a Mass and buffet reception for her, with a number of special guests in attendance. **The Mass will take place in St. Mary's Cathedral, in Huntly Street, Aberdeen, on Monday 1 July at 6.00pm.** All welcome.

PARISH NEWS

NEXT WEEK: First Holy Communions (Corpus Christi). Please continue to pray for Annrose, Caitlin, Calum, Emily, Katie, and Ruby, as they prepare for their special day!

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 meets on Mondays, from 9.30am to 11.30am. Why not come along and join in the fun?!

CLEANING TEAM –Monday 17 June at 12 noon: CAN YOU HELP US?! Please see the notice in the front lobby with weeks 1 to 4 with cleaning times; all of them are on Mondays. 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" – Next draw SUNDAY 30 June. There is still time to join in and get your number! Please speak to Don.

Next Prize Bingo: FRIDAY, 28 JUNE! – 'eyes down' at 7.00pm. Family fun for all! A warm welcome awaits you. The bingo success is all down to the many wonderful items that you hand in; please do keep them coming! Thank you!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Vinnie Walton + Michael Good + Laura Johnstone + Fr. James Bell + Fr. George Hutcheon + Norman Wood +

R.I.P: + Elspeth Angus + Leslie Murray + Noel McIlpatrick + Mary O'Boyle + Theresa Keyes +

Anniversaries: + Cardinal Thomas Winning + Vincent Lowe +