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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

16TH OCTOBER 2016
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY
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Sunday Mass Readings

1st Reading: Exodus 17:8-13
Psalm: Ps 120:1-8
2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2
Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 16 October	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Second Collection: Building Fund)	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00am 9.30am
Tuesday 18 October	Feast of St Luke	Mass	7.30pm
Wednesday 19 October	Memorial of St John de Brébeuf and Companions	Service of the Word & Holy Communion Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am 11.30am
Thursday 20 October	Thursday in the Twenty-Ninth Week of the Year	Mass	7.30pm
Sunday 23 October	THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Second Collection: Mission Sunday)	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00am 9.30am

Pope Francis' Five-Finger Prayer

Using the fingers on your hand, start with the thumb and pray these intentions in this order:

1.) The thumb is the closest finger to you. So start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember. To pray for our dear ones is a 'Sweet Obligation.'

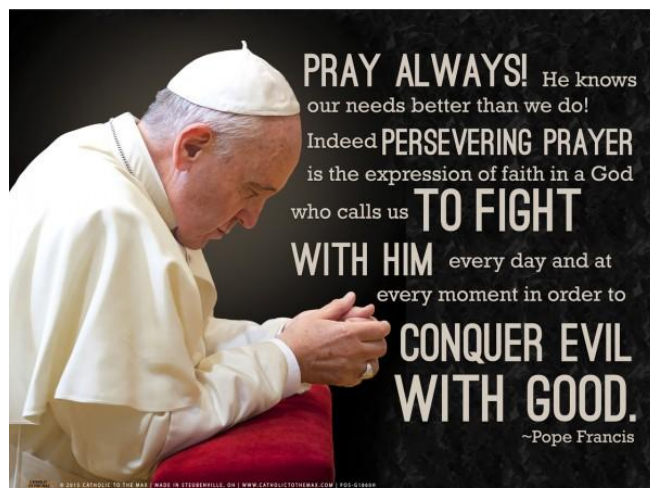
2.) The next finger is the index. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you, and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers.

3.) The following finger is the 'tallest.' It reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority. They need God's guidance.

4.) The fourth finger is the ring finger. Even though it may surprise you, it is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray

for the weakest, the sick, or those plagued by problems. They need your prayers.

5.) And finally we have our smallest finger, the smallest of all. Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. When you are done praying for the other four groups, you will be able to see your own needs but in the proper perspective, and also you will be able to pray for your own needs in a better way.



GENERAL NEWS

The Gabriel Society: Meeting on Friday 21 October, at 7.30pm, in the Marian Room. **Fr James Crampsey SJ**, former Provincial of the British Province of the Jesuits, and current Superior of the Jesuit community at Lauriston in Edinburgh (for further details, see the following site: <http://www.jesuit.org.uk/profile/james-crampsey-sj>). He will talk on: **“The Documents of Pope Francis: An Ignatian Perspective”**.

Inter-Denominational Day of Praise and Testimonies, for the feast day of St John Paul II – **Saturday 22 October**, at **St Mary’s, Beaulieu**. 10.30 am: Mass; 11.15 am–1.00 pm: praise, worship, and testimonies. For all ages! See the posters.

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Altar Servers’ Practice – Tuesday 18 October: There will be a practice for our NEW altar servers here at St Columba’s, on **Tuesday 18 October**, from **4.30pm to 5.15pm**.

Faith in Film returns! - Wednesday 19 October, from 7.00pm: *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*. This is a timeless story of innocence lost and humanity found, set amidst the horrors of the Holocaust in World War II. Based on the best-selling novel by John Boyne, *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* is a remarkable and inspiring story about the power of the human spirit that will capture your heart and engage your mind. Certificate: 12 (c. 90 minutes).

Sunday 23 October 2016 – World Mission Sunday: Next Sunday, Pope Francis invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. World Mission Sunday is a special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the mission of the Church. By supporting World Mission Sunday you are directly helping missionaries in Rwanda and around the world to help heal the broken-hearted.

“Mary’s Meals” fund-raising Coffee Morning at St Columba’s, Saturday 29 October, 10.00am to 12 noon. Home baking, raffle, bottle stall, and more. Entry by donation. **We need volunteers to help make this a really successful event**: providing home bakes, setting up; helping to serve teas, coffees, etc., on the day; kitchen team; clearing up. **Please do consider helping, and sign up on the list in the foyer**.

Morning of Renewal for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – Saturday 19 November, 10.00am – 1.00pm. This is an opportunity for ALL Readers and Extraordinary Ministers – **from St Columba’s and further afield** – to come together for a morning of reflection and renewal. There will be several short presentations, time for prayer, and Question-and-Answer Sessions. Please spread the word.

New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: we need to commission new Extraordinary Ministers. Fr Domenico has already approached several people about this; if asked, please do consider offering yourself for this important ministry. Full training will be given!

Preparation for First Holy Communion, 2016-2017: if your child is of approx. P3 age at Primary School, and you would like to discuss the possibility of him/her being

prepared to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion in Summer 2017, please see Fr Domenico.

Drama Group for Children (approx. 5-10 years old): This initiative has been suggested to me by one of our parishioners. If you would like to help with a simple drama group for our younger children, with the aim of putting together a small production at Christmas and Easter-time, please speak to Fr Domenico.

Gardeners required: if you’d like to help maintain the beautiful appearance of the church grounds, please speak to Don – we need your help!

Church cleaning – Monday 17th October: Margaret and Marie. New volunteers always welcomed – please consider offering your time to help clean our beautiful church!

“90 Club”: The next draw will take place on **Sunday 30 October**. There are a few tickets still available; £2.00 monthly. Please ask Don.

PRIZE BINGO – The next Fundraiser Bingo will be on **FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER!!** ‘Eyes down’ at 7.00pm. Items to give out as prizes are always needed (ten single-line prizes; ten ‘full house’ prizes; plus Raffle prizes). Many thanks to all who donated such marvellous gifts.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Audrey O’Connell + Amelia Drew + Leslie Murray + Rhona MacGregor +

Anniversaries: + Eva Giubarelli + Alastair McInnes + Matt Hamilton + Ron MacLeod

GROUPS AND DEVOTIONS

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

Prayer and Praise Group every Thursday in the Lady Chapel at St Columba’s, after the 7.30pm Mass.

Inverness Catenian Circle meet on the Second Monday of every month, at 7.30pm (**next meeting: 14 November**). The meeting is followed by dinner at the Craigmonie Hotel, Annfield Road, Inverness. Contact Donald (07780 603045). Visit www.catenians.co.uk.

The Knights of St Columba meets on the first Monday of every month in the Marian Room at St. Mary’s, at 7.30 pm (**next meeting: 7 November**): contact Neil Munro (01463 232095). Visit www.ksc.org.uk.

St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) meets every fortnight, on Sundays, in the Marian Room at St Mary’s, at 10.00 am (**next meeting: 30 October**). Visit www.svp.org.uk.

St Columba’s Parent & Toddler Group – I have spoken with several Mums who are keen to take this initiative forward. Would you like to join them? Simply see me after Mass, to arrange a suitable morning for you all.