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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**16 SEPTEMBER 2018:
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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Mass Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 5-9

Psalm: Ps 114: 1-6, 8-9

2nd Reading: James 2: 14-18

Gospel: Mark 8: 27-35

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 16 September	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Confession Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 18 September	Tuesday of Week 24 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Kenneth MacIntyre, R.I.P. (Anniversary)	Sacrament of Confession Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 19 September	Wednesday of Week 24 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Millie Drew, R.I.P. (Recently Departed)	Sacrament of Confession Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 20 September	Memorial of St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon and Companions Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Confession Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 21 September	FUNERAL MASS OF CATRINA GREIG, R.I.P.	Mass	10.00 am
Sunday 23 September	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Confession Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 'Who Do you Say I Am?'

Today's Gospel presents us Jesus who, on his way towards Caesarea Philippi, asks the disciples: "Who do people say I am?" (Mk 8:27). ... Jesus looks at the Apostles and asks again: "But who do you say that I am?" (v. 29). This is the most important question, which Jesus directly addresses to those who have followed him, to verify their faith. Peter, in the name of all, exclaims candidly: "You are the Christ" (v. 29). Jesus is struck by Peter's faith, and recognises that it is the fruit of grace, a special grace of God the Father. Then he openly reveals to the disciples what awaits him in Jerusalem, which is that "the Son of man must suffer many things... be killed, and after three days rise again" (v. 31).

On hearing this, Peter, who had just professed his faith in Jesus as Messiah, is shocked. He takes the Master aside and rebukes him. And how does Jesus react? He in turn rebukes Peter, with very harsh words: "Get behind me, Satan!" — he calls him Satan! — "You think not as God does, but as men do" (cf. v. 33). Jesus sees in Peter, as in the other disciples — and in each one of us! — that temptation by the Evil One opposes the grace of the Father, that he wants to deter us from the will of God. Announcing that he must suffer, be

put to death in order to then rise, Jesus wants his followers to understand that he is a humble Messiah, a servant... turning toward the whole crowd there, He declares that one who wishes to become his disciple must accept being a servant, as He has made himself a servant, and cautions: "If anyone want to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me" (v. 34).

To undertake the discipleship of Jesus means to take up your cross — we all have one — to accompany him on his path, an uncomfortable path that is not of success or of fleeting glory, but one which takes us to true freedom, to that which frees us from selfishness and sin. It is necessary to clearly reject that worldly mentality which places one's "I" and one's own interests at the centre of existence. That is not what Jesus wants from us! Instead Jesus invites us to lose our life for him and for the Gospel, to receive it renewed, fulfilled and authentic. We are certain, thanks to Jesus, that this path leads us to the resurrection, to the full and definitive life with God. (Pope Francis, Angelus Address, St. Peter's Square, 13 September 2015)

GENERAL NEWS

Saturday 22 September: The Clachan Comar Mass – Drive through the village of Cannich, and cross the River Glass. Near Kerrow is the old graveyard of Clachan Comar. There will be car parking available, adjoining the Clachan. **Mass begins at 11.00 am.** Homilist: Very Rev. James Bell. A light lunch will be provided afterwards in Marydale Parish Hall. This is an outdoor celebration so you are advised to dress accordingly! All welcome.

PARISH NEWS

FUNERAL MASS OF CATRINA GREIG, R.I.P. - Catrina's Funeral Mass will take place at **St. Columba's on Friday 21 September at 10.00am**; thereafter to Kilvean Cemetery for the Committal and Interment. Clare and Jimmy have asked to have a Reception after the Funeral at St. Columba's, since so many of the people that they know here in Inverness are parishioners, and are part of their 'extended family'. We will need two teams of volunteers: one team to rearrange the furniture in the church, to create a space / dining arrangements for family members and well-wishers; the other team to take care of catering. There is a sign-up sheet in the entrance foyer; please do offer to assist in any way that you can. Clare, Jimmy, Daniel and Calum are very appreciative of all the messages of sympathy they have received; please do continue to keep them in your prayers at this time.

BABY AND TODDLERS GROUP: This will be starting again following the October holiday. Watch this space for further details!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: CLASSES We have 3 meetings left: 2 classes, together with a full rehearsal with the candidates. Please note the new time: Thursdays, 5.45 – 6.15pm. Classes take place on 20 and 27 September. Rehearsal during the class on 4 October. Confirmations will be on Sunday 7 October during the 9.30am Mass.

HIGHLAND FOODBANK HARVEST APPEAL: Your donations help to provide three days of emergency food and support to local people in crisis. We would be grateful for the following items: * Breakfast Cereal * Tins of Tomatoes * Tins of Corned Beef * Jars of Instant Coffee * Cartons of Long Life Juice * Toothpaste/Toothbrushes. Please leave them in the plastic box at the front door of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

NEW ITEMS in our Piety Stall! Do you know of any young people preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation? We have a number of different gift ideas for you! Looking for a 2019 diary? Why not pick up a copy of our slimline Catholic diaries,

suitable for jacket pockets and handbags, with all of the saints' days and holidays included! Beginning to think about Christmas? We already have a stock of Christmas cards and gifts for you! Have a browse after Mass!

Celebrating 100 years of Catholic Education in Scotland: There are new opportunities in Aberdeen for University Students and Teachers, for the academic year 2018–2019. For those studying to become a teacher, the new courses include the Catholic Teachers' Certificate in Religious Education, accredited by the St. Andrew's Foundation at the University of Glasgow. For those who are currently teaching, there is the new 'Setting out on the Road' course, which leads to the Catholic Teacher's Certificate, as well as other online courses. Please see the poster and information booklets in the entrance foyer.

Hospital Admissions: if you, or any member of your family, is to be admitted to hospital, and would like a visit from Fr. Domenico, please do inform him. Please note that it is neither the duty, nor, indeed, the policy, of hospitals to inform priests and ministers when congregation members are admitted; the responsibility is placed solely on family and friends.

Cleaning Team: Monday 17th September at 4.00pm – Shona and Jijy. Would you like to help them? Only one hour a month! See Don for details.

"90 Club" – Next draw: 30 September – There are a few remaining numbers available; would you like one? Only £2 monthly! Ask Don for details.

NEXT PRIZE BINGO: FRIDAY 5 OCTOBER AT 7.00PM! – We are looking for any non-perishable items for prizes (toiletries, gift packs, store vouchers, wine, spirits, chocolates, boxes of biscuits, etc.). A sincere 'thank you' for all of the items that have been handed in; these are very important to us, and are much appreciated. Your support is instrumental in making the Bingo such a success for the parish! Why not come along and join us in the family fun?!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Audrey O'Connell + John Drew + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Johnny Gallagher + Denise Maclean + Ellen Williams + Eva Zandre + Richard Karasek + Brian Carr +

R.I.P.: + Catrina Greig +

Anniversaries: + Sheena McCulloch + Janet MacDonald + Hector MacPhee + Mary MacKinnon +