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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**- GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY -**

## Sunday Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 13: 14. 43-52  
Psalm: Ps 99: 1-3. 5  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Revelation 7: 9. 14-17  
Gospel: John 10: 27-30

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 17 April	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - (2nd Collection: Seminarians' Fund)</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) Mass</b>	<b>9.00am 9.30am</b>
Tuesday 19 April	Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Eastertide	Mass	7.30pm
Wednesday 20 April	Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Eastertide	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am 11.30am
Thursday 21 April	Memorial of St Maelrubha (Diocese of Aberdeen)	Mass	7.30pm
Friday 22 April	Friday of the Fourth Week of Eastertide	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am 11.30am
Sunday 24 April	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Second Collection: Pope Francis' Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine)</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) Mass</b>	<b>9.00am 9.30am</b>

### **Good Shepherd Sunday – Pope Francis' message to the Staff and Students of the Pontifical Scots College, on the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the College's Founding as a Seminary**

Dear Members of Staff and Seminarians of the Pontifical Scots College, I am pleased to welcome you today, as together we commemorate the four hundredth anniversary of the transformation of the Pontifical Scots College into a seminary for priestly formation. This anniversary is significant not only for the many years it marks, but even more so because we recall the fidelity of the sixteen men who, on 11 March 1616, were resolute in their determination to return to Scotland as priests to preach the Gospel. That decision was born of a martyr's blood.

The martyrdom of Saint John Ogilvie, which was meant to silence the Catholic faith, instead was an impetus for its promotion and for defending the Church's freedom to remain in communion with the See of Peter. The "yes" proclaimed by the sixteen men four hundred years ago was eloquent not simply for their good intentions, but rather because they persevered, and prepared themselves in every way, returning to Scotland to face the hardships that awaited them, even if it meant becoming martyrs themselves. Theirs was a life which sought the joys and peace that Christ alone could offer. Looking out at you today, I can see that, through the grace of God, the martyrdom of Saint John and the courage of those sixteen men has borne fruit in your beloved homeland.

We too are living in a time of martyrdom, and in the midst of a culture so often hostile to the Gospel. I urge you to have that same selfless spirit as your predecessors did. Love Jesus above all things! Let your "yes" be marked by a firm resolve to give yourselves generously to your priestly formation, so that your years in Rome may prepare you to return to Scotland and to offer your lives completely. If you have this same passion as your brothers from four hundred years ago, that same love for the Church and Scotland, you will honour the history and sacrifices we recall today. You will also become in this moment a sign to the Scottish people, especially the youth, if you encounter them in their everyday lives, if you reach out to those who are furthest from Christ. Show them, each and every one, that God is always with us and that his mercy endures for ever.

In this Jubilee of Mercy, I pray that the Lord may grant you the courage and grace to be faithful to his will, by being dedicated to prayer, by loving Jesus, especially in the Holy Eucharist, and by entrusting yourselves to the care of Mary our Mother. Upon you and all the faithful in Scotland, I willingly impart my Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of strength and peace in the Lord. God bless you all! (Apostolic Palace, 14 April 2016).

– For photographs of the Audience, see our website! –

## GENERAL NEWS

**Inverness Justice and peace group: Next meeting: 4 May**  
The next meeting of the group will take place on **4 May, from 7.30pm-9.00pm**, at the Olive Grove cafe in the Crown area of Inverness. We will be following the SCIAF study material on Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Laudato Si*. If you would like more information, please contact [jillkent@me.com](mailto:jillkent@me.com).

## PARISH NEWS

**Good Shepherd Sunday (17 April 2016):** Today is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We are blessed to have SEVEN men who are studying to be Priests in our Diocese:

**Deacon Peter Macdonald; Andrew Niski; Emmet O'Dowd; Rafal Sweda; Christopher Doig; Dominic Nwaigwe; Malachy Eze.**

Please pray for these men, as they continue to respond with joy to the call of the Lord. Each of our seminarians should be supported and cherished, and we are lucky to have them; however, we would rejoice to have more! Please do consider offering a daily prayer for an increase in Priestly Vocations to our Diocese. Another way that you can help is to consider a financial contribution to our Diocesan Seminarians' Bursary Fund. **The annual cost to the Diocese of training each Seminarian is around £25,000.** This covers their university tuition costs, their accommodation, and their food, books, and travel costs. Our Second Collection today will be to help with the training costs of these men.

### What is 'The Scots College' in Rome?

The Scots College in Rome was founded by Pope Clement VIII in 1600, at a time when Catholic instruction and preaching were illegal in Scotland. On 10th March 1616, the Pontifical Scots College became a seminary. In his Private Audience to those present last Thursday (14 April), Pope Francis held up as a model of committed priesthood the martyred Scottish Jesuit Saint John Ogilvie, who died for the faith in 1615. The saint was hanged at Glasgow Cross for clandestinely celebrating Mass in the homes of the few Catholics remaining in Scotland and for refusing to pledge allegiance to King James VI. In 1616, inspired by Ogilvie's determined ministry, the College's first 16 students vowed to return to Scotland as priests to follow in his footsteps. Pope Francis said that the martyrdom of Saint John Ogilvie, "which was meant to silence the Catholic faith, instead was an impetus for its promotion and for defending the Church's freedom to remain in communion with the See of Peter. The 'yes' proclaimed by the sixteen men four hundred years ago was eloquent not simply for their good intentions, but rather because they persevered, and prepared themselves in every way, returning to Scotland to face the hardships that awaited them, even if it meant becoming martyrs themselves." May we persevere in our prayers for more priests, and for encouraging vocations to the priesthood in our Diocese!

**Congratulations!** to **Malachy Dewhurst & Euan Fleming** on receiving the Sacrament of Baptism at St Columba's, on Saturday 15 April. May the Good Lord bless you always.

### Pope Francis' Plea for Humanitarian Aid in Ukraine

The Holy Father has asked for a Special Collection to be taken next Sunday (**5th Sunday of Easter**) for humanitarian aid in **Ukraine**. I will mention more about this next week.

### **\*\* AMORIS LAETITIA (THE JOY OF LOVE) \*\***

**Pope Francis' new document, on Love in the Family**, brings together the results of the two Synods on the Family convoked by Pope Francis in 2014 and 2015. This teaching document, known as a Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation, is striking both in terms of its length and its detail (some 264 pages, with over 325 paragraphs arranged in 9 chapters). **It can be read on the St Columba's website**, together with a summary of the document and other relevant articles. Please do check it out!

**Year of Mercy: Evening of Reflection at St Columba's:** the next of our Year of Mercy Evenings of Reflection will take place on **Wednesday 20 April, beginning at 7.00 pm**. The format will be as follows: a short talk, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, some quiet time, and concluding with Benediction. This month's Reflection is entitled: **'The Corporal Works of Mercy'**. Come and join us!

**Sainsburys "Active Kids" Vouchers:** St Josephs' Primary School is collecting Active Kids vouchers to help them to purchase sports and cooking equipment. If you shop at Sainsburys, please pick up these vouchers, and drop them in to our box in the foyer, **by 6 May at the latest**. Thank you!

### **Reconciliation and Holy Communion classes:**

Thursdays, 5.30pm - 6.00pm. Meet on 14, 21, 28 April.

### **Confirmation classes:**

Thursdays, 6.30pm - 7.15pm. Meet on 21 & 28 April.

**Enrolment of candidates for Confirmation - Sunday 24th April, during the 9.30am Mass.**

**Church cleaning:** Tuesday at 4.30pm: Shona and GiGi. Anyone able to assist will be very welcome.

**"90 Club":** Draw NEXT SUNDAY, after Mass (**Sunday 24th April**). Good luck to all who have a ticket(s). You too can be in the draw! If you would like to participate, please ask Don for details.

**Prize Bingo: our PRIZE BINGO returns on Friday 29 April.** Eyes down at 7.00pm. Thank you to everyone who has donated goods for prizes: without your valuable help, we would not have the success that we do. **HELP ALWAYS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED TO SET UP AND TIDY AWAY.** Thank you for your support.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** + Anna Black + Audrey O'Connell + Amelia Drew + John Drew + Cathy Thomson + Marie Coyle + Mary Innes + Leslie Murray + Ian Angus + Rebecca Angus + David White +

**Anniversaries:** + Peggy Martin + Flora Morrison + Cecilia MacDonald + Donald MacDonald + Olin Van Reenan +