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**17 FEBRUARY 2019:
SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)**

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Jeremiah 17: 5-8
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 1: 1-4, 6
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20
Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 17 February	SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 19 February	Tuesday of Week 6 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 20 February	Wednesday of Week 6 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 21 February	St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 22 February	Feast of the Chair of Peter	NO MASS - APOLOGIES	---
Saturday 23 February	St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	10.30 am 11.00 am
Sunday 24 February	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Sixth Sunday of the Year: The Beatitudes and Divine Justice

This year, during the Sundays in Ordinary Time, the path is marked by readings from Luke's Gospel. Today it brings us to "a level place" (Lk 6: 17), where Jesus stops with the Twelve and where a crowd of other disciples and people who had come from everywhere gather to listen to him. This is the setting for the proclamation of the "Beatitudes" (Lk 6: 20-26; cf. Mt 5: 1-12). Jesus, lifting up his eyes to his disciples, says: "Blessed are you poor.... Blessed are you that hunger.... Blessed are you that weep.... Blessed are you when men hate you... when they cast out your name" on account of me. Why does he proclaim them blessed? Because God's justice will ensure that they will be satisfied, gladdened, recompensed for every false accusation in a word, because from this moment he will welcome them into his Kingdom. The Beatitudes are based on the fact that a divine justice exists, which exalts

those who have been wrongly humbled and humbles those who have exalted themselves (cf. Lk 14: 11). In fact, the Evangelist Luke, after repeating four times "blessed are you", adds four admonitions: "Woe to you that are rich.... Woe to you that are full now.... Woe to you that laugh now" and: "Woe to you, when all men speak well of you", because as Jesus affirms, the circumstances will be reversed; the last will be first, and the first will be last (cf. Lk 13: 30). This justice and this Beatitude are realized in the "Kingdom of Heaven", or the "Kingdom of God", which will be fulfilled at the end of times but which is already present in history. Wherever the poor are comforted and admitted to the banquet of life, there God's justice is already manifest. This is the work that the Lord's disciples are called to carry out also in today's society. (Pope Benedict XVI, *Angelus* Address, 14 February 2010)

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Midweek Masses – Please note that there will be **no Mass this Friday**; Fr. Domenico has a meeting in Glasgow, and there are no other priests available. Apologies!

Children's Liturgy – there is no children's liturgy today; Ewen and his assistants are away. They will see the children next week again!

Parish House Phone: please note that there is now a phone installed in the new Parish House. The number is: 794993. It will be included on the front of every Newsletter from now onwards.

Car parking: once again, please refrain from parking at the entrance to our car park, or on the pavement. Our neighbours at Smithton Church have kindly granted us permission to use their own car park, if ours is full. Please consider parking there, to ease congestion in our own car park. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Sacramental Preparation for First Holy Communion in 2019 – classes will take place on **Thursdays at 5.30pm**, lasting for 30 minutes. The dates for this term are as follows:

- February 21st and 28th
- March 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th
- April 4th

First Holy Communions will take place on **Sunday 23 June 9.30am**. If you have any questions please get in touch with Helen.

“The Seven Last Words of Jesus on the Cross”:
Lenten Reflections at St. Columba's – The Seven Last ‘Words’ of Jesus Christ from the cross are actually 7 short phrases that Jesus uttered on Calvary. We shall be examining each one of these seven phrases, or ‘words’, throughout Lent, on the following **Wednesday evenings, at 7.00pm**:
13 March – Introduction; First ‘Word’
20 March – Second and Third ‘Words’
27 March – Fourth and Fifth ‘Words’
3 April – Sixth and Seventh ‘Words’

Lenten Station Masses – the Station Masses for Lent 2019 are as follows:

8 March St. Mary's, Inverness
15 March St. Vincent's, Tain
22 March St. Ninian's, Inverness
29 March St. Joachim's, Wick
5 April St. Mary's, Beaulieu
12 April St. Columba's, Culloden

Monday 11 March: Jubilarians' Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen, at 12 noon. Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB invites all clergy,

religious, parishioners, and friends to come together for a Mass for our Jubilarians:
Rt Rev Peter Moran (Bishop Emeritus) 60 years
Very Rev Peter Canon Barry 50 years
Rev Derick McCulloch 25 years
Deacon John Woodside 25 years

Pilgrimage to Northern Spain: 2-6 September 2019 – Fr. Domenico is happy to take additional names, if anyone is still interested.

Pilgrimage to the Oberammergau Passion Play, 20-27 July 2020 – We already have **22 people signed up** for this pilgrimage! Fr. Domenico has an option to take **up to 33 pilgrims** to Oberammergau. The price is £1,600 – this includes a return flight from Edinburgh to Munich, airport transfers, seven night's half-board accommodation, and a full excursion programme, with guides, together with the Oberammergau Passion Play tickets. Brochures and booking forms are forthcoming. Please see Fr. Domenico if you would like to register your interest for this pilgrimage.

BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP: NO MEETING THIS WEEK – due to school half-term; the group resumes next Monday, 25 February, from 9.30am to 11.30am. Why not come along and join in the fun?!

Cleaning Team – Monday 18 February at noon: Marie and Don. Would you like to help us in 2019? Helping just one hour a month would lighten the load of others who keep the church nice and clean. See Don for details.

90 CLUB: DRAW NEXT WEEK, Sunday 24 February – good luck to all who have a number. There are still a few numbers available if you would like to try your luck. Ask Don for details.

NEXT PRIZE BINGO: THIS FRIDAY, 22nd February – ‘eyes down’ at 7.00pm. ALL WELCOME. Items to give as prizes are always needed; thank you for all the wonderful items that come in: these make our fund raiser so successful.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Johnny Gallagher + Ellen Williams + Vinnie Walton + Michael Good +

Anniversaries: + Mary & Joe Sharkey + Jack Hasterick + Jim Murray + Moira McGoogan +