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**17 MARCH 2019:
 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)**

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102 (103): 1-4, 6-8, 11
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12
 Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 17 March	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Second Collection: Catholic Education	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 19 March	SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 20 March	Wednesday of Week 2 of Lent	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 21 March	Thursday of Week 2 of Lent Mass Intention: Charles Faulkener, RIP (Anniversary)	Sacrament of Reconciliation * Stations of the Cross * Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 22 March	Friday of Week 2 of Lent	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am 12 noon
Saturday 23 March	Saturday of Week 2 of Lent Mass Intention: Mary MacCormick, RIP (Anniversary)	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	10.30 am 11.00 am
Sunday 24 March	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Second Sunday of Lent: The Glory in Sight

In today's Gospel, we go up to the mountain with Peter, John, and James. There we see Jesus "transfigured," speaking with Moses and Elijah about His "exodus." The Greek word "exodus" means "departure." But the word is chosen deliberately here to stir our remembrance of the Israelites' flight from Egypt.

By His death and resurrection, Jesus will lead a new Exodus—liberating not only Israel but every race and people; not from bondage to Pharaoh, but from slavery to sin and death. He will lead all mankind, not to the territory promised to Abraham in today's First Reading, but to the heavenly commonwealth that Paul describes in today's Second Reading.

Moses, the giver of God's law, and the great prophet Elijah, were the only Old Testament figures to hear the voice and see the glory of God atop a mountain (see Exodus 24:15–18; 1 Kings 19:8–18).

Today's scene closely resembles God's revelation to Moses, who also brought along three companions and

whose face also shone brilliantly (see Exodus 24:1; 34:29). But when the divine cloud departs in today's Gospel, Moses and Elijah are gone. Only Jesus remains. He has revealed the glory of the Trinity—the voice of the Father, the glorified Son, and the Spirit in the shining cloud.

Jesus fulfils all that Moses and the prophets had come to teach and show us about God (see Luke 24:27). He is the "chosen One" promised by Isaiah (see Isaiah 42:1; Luke 23:35), the "prophet like me" that Moses had promised (see Deuteronomy 18:15; Acts 3:22–23; 7:37). Far and above that, He is the Son of God (see Psalm 2:7; Luke 3:21–23).

"Listen to Him," the Voice tells us from the cloud. If, like Abraham, we put our faith in His words, one day we too will be delivered into "the land of the living" that we sing of in today's Psalm. We will share in His resurrection, as Paul promises, our lowly bodies glorified like His. (Scott Hahn)

GENERAL NEWS

Lenten Station Masses – the remaining Station Masses for Lent 2019 in our Highland Deanery are as follows:

22 March St. Ninian's, Inverness
29 March St. Joachim's, Wick
5 April St. Mary's, Beauly
12 April St. Columba's, Culloden

PARISH NEWS

Today's Second Collection: Catholic Education – Today's Second Collection will be taken up for the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service. It is a reminder to us of the importance of educating our children and young people in the Faith. We are asked to reflect on how we are "serving the common good" in our homes, schools and parishes.

Weekly Offertory Envelopes: the envelopes for the new financial year (April onwards) are now available in the entrance foyer.

THIS WEEK – "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:**

20 March – Introduction; First 'Word'
27 March – Second and Third 'Words'
3 April – Fourth and Fifth 'Words'
10 April – Sixth and Seventh 'Words'

Men's Breakfast Club – Saturday 30 March at 10.30am: Calling ALL MEN! - Several of us in the Highlands are forming a Breakfast Club for men. We would hope to have a traditional Scottish breakfast once a month. This invitation is for you, the men, and it is an occasion to meet and eat in Catholic fellowship. The first Breakfast Meeting will be at St. Columba's, Culloden, on Saturday 30 March at 10.30am. We hope that further meetings would be at different parishes, to give the greatest possible opportunities for participation. Please get in touch with me, Eric Hanna, if you need information or clarification: Eric Hanna at 07960340334 or ericthanna@googlemail.com.

Mother's Day: 31 March! – We have a great selection of gifts at our Piety Stall to celebrate Mother's Day. Why not have a look at our selection, and purchase a gift for the wonderful Mother in your life?!

Stations of the Cross: each Thursday evening during Lent – **beginning Thursday 7 March** – we will pray the Stations of the Cross, from 7.00pm, before the Evening Mass.

SCIAF WEE BOX APPEAL – Every Lent, the time between Ash Wednesday and Easter, thousands of Catholics in Scotland save money in their SCIAF WEE BOX to help give a hand up to people living in poverty. Donations to the WEE BOX have helped people in countries like Uganda where a generation of young people have been left without hope, trapped in extreme poverty. Together we are helping them to be independent,

support themselves and their families, and have real hope for the future. By collecting your loose change, or giving up a treat like chocolate or wine and putting what you save into a WEE BOX, you can make a lasting difference to families in some of the world's poorest countries. **WEE BOX PACKS are available in the entrance foyer – please take one home.**

'Genesis to Jesus': The St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology are offering a **FREE online study course**, which you can watch in the convenience of your own home! *Genesis to Jesus* presents the whole sweep of salvation history, and helps you make sense of the Bible! By the end of Lent, you'll understand the importance of Easter as the eighth day of creation in light of God's unified plan for our salvation. For further information, please visit the following link: <https://stpaulcenter.com/#>

FREE Daily Lent Reflections - Would you like a deeper, more powerful Lent this year? Then sign up for Bishop Robert Barron's FREE daily Lent reflections at LentReflections.com. Each day, from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday, the creator and host of the CATHOLICISM Faith Formation programme will send you a short reflection, straight to your inbox. There's simply no better way to super-charge your Lent. Be sure to sign-up at LentReflections.com!

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

- March 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.

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 18th March at 12 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 – NEXT DRAW: 31 MARCH – There are still a few numbers available if you would like to try your luck. Ask Don for details.

NEXT PRIZE BINGO: FRIDAY, 29TH MARCH – 'eyes down' at 7.00pm. ALL WELCOME. Non-perishable items are always needed, to give as prizes; thank you for all the wonderful items that come in: these make our fundraiser so successful. Thank you for yours support.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Vinnie Walton + Michael Good +

R.I.P: + Monsignor Robert McDonald + Elsie Heinowski

Anniversaries: + Maureen Harkins + Veronica Smith + Charles Faulkener + Mary MacCormick +