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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**17 NOVEMBER 2019:
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C**

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Malachi 3: 19-20
Psalm: Ps 97 (98): 5-9
2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12
Gospel: Luke 21: 5-19

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 17 November	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME World Day of the Poor Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 19 November	Tuesday of Week 33 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 20 November	Wednesday of Week 33 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 21 November	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: Richard Green R.I.P. (Second Anniversary)	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 22 November	Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am 12 noon
Saturday 23 November	Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Rosary Mass	10.15 am 10.40 am 11.00 am
Sunday 24 November	SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: "Today" is The Day

It is the age between our Lord's first coming and His last. We live in the new world begun by His life, death, Resurrection, and Ascension, by the sending of His Spirit upon the Church. But we await the day when He will come again in glory.

"Lo, the day is coming," Malachi warns in today's First Reading. The prophets taught Israel to look for the Day of the Lord, when He would gather the nations for judgment (see Zephaniah 3:8; Isaiah 3:9; 2 Peter 3:7). Jesus anticipates this day in today's Gospel. He cautions us not to be deceived by those claiming "the time has come." Such deception is the background also for today's Second Reading (see 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3).

The signs Jesus gives His Apostles seem to already have come to pass in the New Testament. In Acts, the Letters, and Revelation, we read of famines and earthquakes, the Temple's

desolation. We read of persecutions—believers imprisoned and put to death, testifying to their faith with wisdom in the Spirit. These "signs," then, show us the pattern for the Church's life—both in the New Testament and today.

We too live in a world of nations and kingdoms at war. And we should take the Apostles as our "models," as today's Second Reading counsels. Like them we must persevere in the face of unbelieving relatives and friends, and forces and authorities hostile to God. As we do in today's Psalm, we should sing His praises, joyfully proclaim His coming as Lord and King. The Day of the Lord is always a day that has already come and a day still yet to come. It is the "today" of our Liturgy.

The Apostles prayed *marana tha*—"O Lord come!" (see 1 Corinthians 16:22; Revelation 22:20). In the Eucharist He answers, coming again as the Lord of hosts and the Sun of Justice with its healing rays. It is a mighty sign—and a pledge of that Day to come. (Scott Hahn)

GENERAL NEWS

30 November 2019: 'The Missionary Spirit of Jesus': A Discussion by the Emmanuel Community, at St. Mary's Beaulieu, from 10.30am-1.30pm. The programme is as follows (see poster):
10.30am: Tea/coffee and Introduction
11.00am: Mass
11.50am-12.40pm: Presentation
12.45pm-1.05pm: Discussion
1.10pm: Convene and Conclusions
1.30pm: Lunch and Dismissal

PARISH NEWS

November – Month of the Holy Souls: November is the month when we remember our dearly departed. If you would like to have any deceased relatives or friends remembered at Mass during November, please place their names in the brown envelopes in the foyer, and hand these in to the Sacristy. All names will be placed in front of the altar, and a selection will be read out at every Mass. All offerings received will be donated to our Building Fund.

1 December: 'Bacon Butty Morning' for Mary's Meals – delicious bacon rolls will be available after Sunday Mass on Sunday 1 December. All monies will go towards the charity Mary's Meals.

Thursday 5 December: St. Columba's Parish Council Meeting – the meeting will take place after the evening Mass. Please let Fr. Domenico know if you can attend; any items for the Agenda to be sent to him.

"Joy to the World": Marian Reflections for Advent – 4, 11, 14 December. A series of talks, discussions, and meditations on God's plan for salvation, seen through the eyes of Mary of Nazareth. The programme is as follows:

Wednesday 4 December at 7.00pm: The Annunciation
Wednesday 11 December at 7.00pm: The Visitation
Saturday 11 December, 12 noon-4.00pm: The Nativity
More details to follow. Please spread the word!

Christmas Flowers – we are blessed with the generosity and talents of parishioners, who always provide us with such beautiful flowers for Christmas. Would you consider helping us with a donation, which will go towards making our church even more beautiful, and fitting for celebrating the birth of Our Saviour?

Highland Foodbank: November to January – Your donations help to provide emergency food and support to local people in crisis. As part of their Winter Appeal, the Highland Foodbank would be grateful for donations of the following items: * **Cartons of Long Life Fruit Juice** * **Small Washing Powder/Gel** * **Tins of Corned Beef** * **Tins of Ham** * **Jam**. Please leave these items in the plastic box at the front door of the church. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY – Saturday 7 December, 2.00pm – 4.00pm. Santa has been notified, and has promised us that he will come to visit St. Columba's! There will be music, games, surprises, and much more! All children very welcome! **NB. A D.J. with a Disco Unit is wanted for our children's Christmas Party; if you know of someone, please speak to Don now!**

ST COLUMBA'S CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE – Thursday 19 December, 7.00pm – 8.00pm. Back by popular demand – a date for your diaries! As per last year, we will be hosting a service of your favourite Christmas carols, with community singing, together with seasonal Scripture readings, with festive food and drink provided (non-alcoholic mulled wine, mince pies, and other goodies). We will have the children of St. Joseph's RC School joining us, together with a special appearance by The Three (Highland) Priests! Donations at the door– suggested offerings are: £5 for adults; kids go free! All proceeds go towards our Building Fund. Why not invite some friends and come along?!! Spread a little festive cheer!

BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP: the group meets **tomorrow (Monday 18 November)**, in the Meeting Room at St. Columba's, from 9.30am to 11.30am. We are always looking for new members to join in the fun!

CLEANING TEAM – Monday 18th November: Esther and Don. Would you like to help out too? Any help would be greatly appreciated!

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE – our Yuletide hamper is ready: only £1 for a strip of five tickets. Please write your name and phone number on the back of each ticket. There are FIVE great prizes to be won! GOOD LUCK!!

90 CLUB DRAW – NEXT WEEK, 24th NOVEMBER, AFTER MORNING MASS. There are still a few numbers available; why not try your luck, and help the parish? Ask Don for details.

CHRISTMAS BINGO FUNDRAISER – FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER: eyes down at 7pm. Come along and join in our festive Bingo. There are some wonderful items to be won. To help keep the event successful, please continue handing in items to give as prizes. Ideal items include: gift vouchers, toiletries, chocolates, wine, and other unusual things. Thank you for your generous support.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Angus Johnson + Michael Good + Laura Johnstone + Fr. George Hutcheon + Norman Wood + John Macdonald + Alec Mackintosh + Katie Mary Fraser + Fr. Richard Reese +

R.I.P: + Margaret Marshall +

Anniversaries: + Richard Green + Christina Johnstone + Patrick McGlade + Anastasia MacLeod +