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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

18 AUGUST 2019:
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
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Mass Readings

1st Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9
 Psalm: Ps 32 (33):1, 12, 18-20, 22
 2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
 Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 18 August	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 20 August	St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church Funeral Mass of Baxter Murray RIP (St. Mary's) Priestly Ordination of Deacon Dominic Nwaigwe	* NO MASS AT ST. COLUMBA'S * Funeral Mass at St. Mary's, Inverness Ordination Mass at St. Mary's	--- 12 noon 6.00 pm
Wednesday 21 August	St. Pius X Pope Mass Intention: Lachlan MacNeil RIP (Anniversary) Mass of Thanksgiving of Fr. Dominic Nwaigwe	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St. Mary's, Inverness	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am 6.00 pm
Thursday 22 August	Our Lady, Mother and Queen Mass Intention: James Zanrè RIP (Anniversary)	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 23 August	Friday of Week 20 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Thomas Burns MacDonald RIP (Month's Mind Mass)	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am 12 noon
Saturday 24 August	FEAST OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE Mass Intention: Private Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	10.30 am 11.00 am
Sunday 25 August	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Consuming Fire

Our God is a consuming fire, the Scriptures tell us (see Hebrews 12:29; Deuteronomy 4:24). And in this week's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of fire to describe the demands of discipleship.

The fire He has come to cast on the earth is the fire that He wants to blaze in each of our hearts. He made us from the dust of the earth (see Genesis 2:7) and filled us with the fire of the Holy Spirit in Baptism (see Luke 3:16).

We were baptised into His death (see Romans 6:3). This is the baptism our Lord speaks of in the Gospel this week. The baptism with which He must be baptised is His passion and death, by which He accomplished our redemption and sent forth the fire of the Spirit on the earth (see Acts 2:3).

The fire has been set, but it is not yet blazing. We are called to enter deeper into the consuming love of God. We must examine our consciences and our actions, submitting ourselves to the revealing fire of God's Word (see 1 Corinthians 3:13).

In our struggle against sin, we have not yet resisted to the point of shedding our own blood, Paul tells us in this week's Second Reading. We have not undergone the suffering that Jeremiah suffers in the First Reading this week.

But this is what true discipleship requires. To be a disciple is to be inflamed with the love of the God. It is to have an unquenchable desire for holiness and zeal for the salvation of our brothers and sisters.

Being His disciple does not bring peace in the false way that the world proclaims peace (see Jeremiah 8:11). It means division and hardship. It may bring us to conflict with our own flesh and blood. But Christ is our peace (see Ephesians 2:14). By His Cross He has lifted us up from the mire of sin and death—as He will rescue the prophet Jeremiah (see Jeremiah 38:10). And as we sing in the Psalm this week, we trust in our deliverer. (Scott Hahn)

GENERAL NEWS

Deacon Dominic Nwaigwe – Priestly Ordination:

Thanks be to God, Deacon Dominic will be ordained to the Priesthood at St. Mary's Inverness **this Tuesday, 20 August 2019 at 6.00pm**. Please continue to pray for him and for his family in Nigeria, who are supporting him in their prayers.

The Relics of St. Thérèse: coming to our Diocese!

– In an extraordinary spiritual gift to all of us, the relics of the Little Flower, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, will be coming to our Diocese, 9-11 September 2019.

The dates are as follows:

- Monday 9th September at 7.00pm:
Arrival at St. Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen.
- Tuesday 10th September:
at St. Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen.
- Wednesday 11th September at 11.00am:
Arrival at Pluscarden Abbey.
- **Wednesday 11th September**
5.00pm: Arrival at St. Mary's, Inverness
7.00pm: Mass with the Relics
- **Overnight Vigil with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, and other devotions.**
- **Thursday 12th September: 10.00am Mass with the school children**
- **12 noon: Angelus and departure of the relics**

18-25 September: Pilgrimage to Medugorje with Fr. Andrew Niski. A place of prayer, reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration, inspired by the profound experience of the presence of our Heavenly Mother, the Queen of Peace. **Flying out of Inverness with BA, cost £600 – B&B, flight and transfers included.** First-time pilgrims warmly welcomed – please contact Fr. Andrew for more details and to book a place: niski.a@gmail.com; 07749732781.

PARISH NEWS

Friday 20 September, 7-9 pm – “Baptised and Sent: Living and Passing on the Catholic Faith”.

We are delighted to be able to host internationally renowned speaker **David Wells**, for what will surely be an engaging and inspiring evening, and an ideal preparation for Missionary Month in October. It is a real privilege to have a speaker of David's calibre at St. Columba's – please spread the word about this special event!

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2020! – See the Gospel come to life by following the footsteps of Jesus in the Holy Land. From Galilee to Jerusalem, you will find yourself immersed in spirituality and culture. The full itinerary promises to bring the faithful pilgrim an unforgettable experience,

including a non-stop return flight from London Luton to Tel Aviv airport (there is also a departure option from Manchester), a touring coach and professional local guide throughout, as well as en-suite accommodation at the 4* Rimonim Hotel in Nazareth and 3* Star Hotel in Bethlehem. **Dates: 23rd – 30th April 2020 (8 Days / 7 nights).** Depart: London Luton (there is also an option to depart from Manchester). **Cost: from £1,094** per person, *Half Board*. To book your place, please phone 01793 608844. **Speak to Fr. Domenico for further details.**

Highland Foodbank – Harvest Appeal: Your donations help to provide emergency food and support to local people in crisis. As part of our Harvest Appeal, we would be grateful for the following items: * **Long Life Juice** * **Tins of Potatoes** * **Tins of Mince/Stew** * **Oatcakes or Crackers** * **Tins of Ham** * **Shower Gel/Shampoo**. Please leave these items in the plastic box at the front door of the church. Thank you!

Confirmations 2020 – preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin in the Autumn. **If you are starting S1 this year, or if you are already in Secondary School**, please register initial interest with Fr. Domenico. A meeting will be held in early October.

BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP: the group is on holiday just now, and will return after the Summer break.

CLEANING TEAM – Monday 19th August at 4.00pm: Shona, Jijy and Don. If anyone would like to join in and help, please speak to Don. It's only once a month, and it helps to keep our church fresh and clean!

“90 Club”: Next Draw is on **Sunday 25 August**. Get your number(s) today from Don; only £2 monthly!

PARISH BINGO – Our fabulous prize Bingo will soon return, in September! Non-perishable items can still be handed in for storing. Your continuing support is greatly appreciated!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Vinnie Walton + Michael Good + Laura Johnstone + Fr. George Hutcheon + Norman Wood + Helen Macdonald + John Macdonald +

R.I.P: + Baxter Murray + Jim Herbison +

Anniversaries: + George Bicknell + Mary O'Connor Bicknell +