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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

### 18 JUNE 2017: SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

## Sunday Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 147: 12-15, 19-20

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17

Gospel: John 6: 51-58

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 18 June	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 20 June	Tuesday of Week 11 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 21 June	Memorial of St Aloysius Gonzaga	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 22 June	Optional Memorial of St Thomas More and St John Fisher	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Sunday 25 June	~ FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS ~ Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

## Corpus Christi: The Apse Mosaic in the Basilica of San Clemente in Rome



“When the twelfth-century apse mosaic of San Clemente was created, there was as yet no feast of Corpus Christi. The sense of that day is, however, wonderfully represented here. For it shows, indeed, how the Eucharist spans the world and transforms it. The Eucharist belongs not only in the Church and to a closed community. The world should become eucharistic, should live in the vine of God. But that is Corpus Christi: to celebrate the Eucharist cosmically; to carry it even to our streets and squares so that the world, from the fruit of the new vine, may receive healing and reconciliation through the tree of life of the Cross of Jesus Christ. We celebrate the feast in this sense. Its procession is like a loud call to the living God: Yes, fulfil your promises. Let your vine grow over the earth, and let it become the place of reconciled life for us all. Detoxify this world through the waters of life, through the wine of your love. Do not let your earth shatter from hate and from man’s presumption of omniscience. You, Lord, are yourself the new heaven, the heaven in which God is a man. Give us the new earth in which we men become branches of you, the tree of life, steeped in the waters of your love and taken up into the ascent to the Father, who alone is the true progress we all await.” (Pope Benedict XVI, *Images of Hope*, 2006).

## GENERAL NEWS

**Saturday 24 June: Day of Renewal at Stratherrick: "In the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary".** Come and join us from 10.00 am onwards:

- ❖ Morning Prayer
- ❖ Recollection
- ❖ Rosary Procession
- ❖ Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Highlands
- ❖ Lunch with BBQ
- ❖ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with healing prayers and anointing with the balm of mercy
- ❖ Benediction
- ❖ Tea and depart.

All welcome! See you there!

**Sunday 25 June: Diocesan Pilgrimage to Pluscarden –**

This event provides a perfect opportunity for a beautiful liturgy, and for relaxing in the grounds of Pluscarden Abbey, with the chance to meet people from other parishes within the Diocese. At the conclusion of the Mass, which will be led by Bishop Hugh Gilbert, there will be a Marian procession to the garden in front of St Benedict's Retreat, weather permitting of course. We look forward to the participation of a good number of parishioners in the day's liturgy, particularly in the singing and readings of the Mass, also during the procession into the garden. The programme for the day will be as follows:

- 1.00pm–3.00pm: Exposition in the Lady Chapel.
- 1.00pm–3.00pm: Individual confessions available in the parlours at St. Benedict's Retreat.
- 3.30pm: Mass (please note the time) followed by a Marian procession, with hymns and devotions in the garden facing St Benedict's Retreat.

## PARISH NEWS

**Singing Group:** would you like to be involved in an informal singing group in our parish? The purpose of the group would be to meet every so often with the musicians, to look at new hymns and help with singing at the Sunday Mass. We are hoping to begin this group in September. If this sounds ideal to you (no pun intended!), please speak to Fr Domenico, or to Kirsteen and the other musicians.

**'HAPPY FATHERS' DAY'!!** – We ask the Good Lord on this special day to bless all fathers as they care for their families: may He give them strength, wisdom, tenderness, and patience; may He support them in the work they have to do, and may He protect those who look to them. Amen.

**THIS WEEK: Roadworks on Murray Road, 19-23 June:** I have received a communication from Tom McLaughlan, the Project Manager at Compass Construction, informing me that Compass will be making a connection to the drain in Murray Road. This will involve closing off half

the road and setting up traffic lights and a temporary diversion for pedestrians. The manhole is opposite the entrance to St Columba's, but on the other side of the road. Traffic lights will be set up on Monday 19 June, with the work due to be completed by Friday 23 June. Thus, it should not impede access in any way for the Sunday Mass, but there may be slight disruption for our midweek Masses (i.e., delays at traffic lights).

**NEXT WEEK: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** We have seven children who are preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time next Sunday, 25 June: Molly, Caitlyn, Thomas, Ava, Keira, Joel, and Olivier. Please do keep these children in your thoughts and prayers at this time. It is a great consolation for us to be able to support them in their spiritual journeys; in this way, we truly grow as a community of faith.

**Wednesday 21 June onwards, at 7.00pm: Living Faith Scripture Course: "From Genesis to Jesus – Unlocking the Bible"** – This informal course will give an overview of the Old and New Testaments, and will take the form of visual presentations, with discussion and Bible reading! Come and join us! All welcome!

**Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?** Each year thousands of adults choose to become Catholics. They come from different backgrounds, and for different reasons: some are already Christians from other traditions; some are from another faith, or no faith at all; some are non-Catholics who have been coming regularly to Mass for years with their Catholic spouses or relatives. If you would like to know more about the Catholic faith, please speak to Fr Domenico.

**Cleaning Team:** Tuesday 20 June: Mary and Marie. Anyone offering to help to keep the church nice and clean only needs to give one hour a month. You won't be left on your own! Ask Don for details.

**"90 Club": DRAW NEXT WEEK, Sunday 25 June!** Good luck to all those who have a number. Would you like to join in? There are a few numbers left – only £2 a month – and will be on display in the entrance foyer after Mass.

**PRIZE BINGO: NEXT EYES DOWN ON FRIDAY 30 JUNE, at 7.00PM!** Last chance before the holidays! There will be a break over the months of July and August. Non-perishable items to give as prizes are much needed (chocolates, wine, toiletries, stationery, or any item you would like to win)! Can you help? Many thanks to all who contribute to make our fundraiser so successful!

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** + Anna Black + Audrey O'Connell + Amelia and John Drew + Ewen Macdonald Senior + Lachlan MacNeil + Rose Corbett + Murray Mackay +

**RIP:** + Frances Boyle +

**Anniversaries:** + Margaret Smith +