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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

18th OCTOBER 2015

Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year B

Sunday Mass Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

Psalm: 32:4-5, 18-20, 22

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 18 October	Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year B (2nd Collection: World Mission Sunday)	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) Mass	09.00 09.30
Wednesday 21 October	Wednesday of Wk 29 in Ordinary Time B	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00 11.30
Thursday 22 October	St John Paul II – Memorial	Mass	19.30
Sunday 25 October	Thirtieth Sunday of the Year B (2nd Collection: Building Fund)	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) Mass	09.00 09.30

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available every Sunday before Mass, and at any other time upon request.

Pope Francis makes secret stop at new dorms for Rome's homeless

Vatican City, 16 October 2015 – After last night's Synod session, Pope Francis didn't go back to his residence at the St. Martha house as usual, but instead decided to pop by the Vatican's new dormitory for homeless men.

According to a communiqué from the Vatican, the Pope left for the dormitory shortly after the Synod's evening session yesterday closed at 7 p.m., taking off in his Fiat.

Located around the corner from the Vatican on Via dei Penitenzieri, the new shelter is called the "Gift of Mercy" house, and was inaugurated during a private Oct. 7 ceremony with a blessing and Mass with the dorm's first guests and volunteers in attendance, celebrated by Papal Almoner Archbishop Krajewski.

Furnished by the Papal Office of Charities and donations, the dorm is run by sisters from Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity, and was established with the help of the Jesuits.

Upon his arrival, Pope Francis was greeted by Archbishop Krajewski; the head of the Office of Papal Charities Msgr. Diego Ravelli; the Superior General of the Jesuits Fr. Adolfo Nicolás; Fr. Joachin Barrero, superior of The General Curia Community; three of Mother Theresa's sisters and some volunteers who manage the new structure.

Francis greeted each of the shelter's 30 guests individually in the common area before following them to the dormitory, visiting both their beds and other service areas, including, apparently, the laundry

room, according to photos from the event. The Vatican's communiqué noted that as the Pope greeted them, the guests were "visibly moved and happy with his visit."

With enough space to house 34 men, the shelter brings the Vatican's total capacity for housing the homeless up to 84.

Besides the "Gift of Mercy" house, the Missionaries of Charity also run the "Gift of Mary" home in the Vatican, a homeless shelter for women established by Pope John Paul II and Mother Teresa in the late 1980s. As part of their stay at the "Gift of Mercy" house, the men are invited to enjoy dinner every night at the "Gift of Mary" shelter, which houses 50 beds for women.

The sisters register each guest as they arrive between 6-7 p.m. Soon after, it's lights out, with a wake-up call at 6:15 a.m. After time for bed-making and personal hygiene, the dorm closes at 8 a.m. to give the sisters a chance to clean before the next night.

The new dorm is the latest in a string of charitable initiatives launched through the Papal Charities. Earlier this year, Pope Francis established showers, bathrooms and a barber shop inside the Vatican to serve the homeless population. (Catholic News Agency, 16 October 2015)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

May we never get used to the poverty and decay around us. A Christian must act.

GENERAL NEWS

St Mary's October Talks: each Wednesday during the month of October, Fr James Bell will present a 50-minute reflection, with prayer and discussion, in the Marian Room, at St Mary's, from 6.30pm until 7.20pm. The remaining topics are as follows:

Wed 21 October: The Divine Compassion

Wed 28 October: Apostolic Witness

PARISH NEWS

World Mission Sunday: today the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Your prayers and donations today will support the work of missionaries and young churches like the church in Mongolia, as they share faith, build churches, and provide healthcare and education, often in difficult and dangerous environments. The World Mission Sunday collection will support projects worldwide that bring God's love and message of dignity for all.

Parish Pastoral Council: St Columba's PPC will meet this **Thursday, 22 October**, after the evening Mass.

Friends of La Sainte Union (LSU): The Friends of L.S.U. continue to meet monthly for a time of shared reflection. The next gathering will take place on **Saturday 24th October, 2pm - 4pm** in St Columba's. All welcome.

'Faith in Film' Evening: this month's film is entitled **"Of Gods and Men"** (2010), and will be screened on **Wednesday 28 October, from 7.00pm**. Eight French monks live in harmony with their Muslim neighbours in a monastery near Tibhirine, in the mountains of Algeria, in the 1990s. When a crew of foreign workers is massacred by an Islamic fundamentalist group, fear sweeps through the region. The army offers them protection, but the monks refuse. Should they leave? Despite the growing menace in their midst, they slowly realize that they have no choice but to stay... come what may. **In French with English subtitles.** Certificate 15 (120 minutes).

Weekday Mass Provision at St Columba's

From the week beginning 9 November onwards, the weekday Mass provision at St Columba's will be as follows:

Tuesday Mass: 7.30 pm;

Wednesday Mass: 11.00 am; Exposition: 11.30 am ff.

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Friday Mass: 11.00 am; Exposition: 11.30 am ff.

During the forthcoming Jubilee Year of Mercy, the **Sacrament of Penance will be available 30 minutes before each Mass.**

Christmas Cards and Gifts: we have placed orders with CBC distributors and with the Apostleship of the Sea for festive cards and gifts. Visit our Piety Stall and stock up on shopping for the forthcoming festive season!

Home and Hospital Visits: if you know of anyone who is sick and/or housebound, and who would appreciate a visit from their Parish Priest, please do let Fr Domenico know. Similarly, if you are aware of anyone who is about to go to, or is already in, hospital, then please do inform Fr Domenico. The hospital authorities do not inform clergy, so

it is the responsibility of family and friends to do so. Many thanks.

Supporting St Columba's – can you help the Parish? We are looking for volunteers to help us with a variety of tasks, including the following: catechists, altar servers, readers at Sunday Mass, hospitality ministry (ushers and helping distribute and tidy away hymn books), kitchen duties, church cleaners. Are you able to offer a little of your spare time to help the Parish? Please speak to Fr Domenico.

Church cleaning: Wednesday at 1.00pm – Mary and Marie Cumming.

Gardening: Evening gardening is now finished for the season. Very many thanks to our grass cutting and weeding teams for keeping our grounds so beautiful and tidy!

'90 Club': our next draw takes place next week, on Sunday 25 October. Are you paid and up-to-date? Would you like to join us? There is still time to join in! There are three nice prizes to be won. Please see Don for details. Please do take a number – only £2 monthly!

Prize Bingo – 6 November: Eyes down at 7.00pm. Fun for all the family! Items to give out as prizes always required; please help if you can (e.g., chocolates, toiletries and perfumes, wine, boxed biscuits, unwanted gifts, vouchers, and anything else you think might make a nice prize to win). Thank you for all the support you give. **Why not come along and join us at this fund-raising initiative?!**

FINANCES

St Columba's no. 1	£ 233.62
St Columba's Building Fund	£ 197.73

– Thank you for your generosity and support –

St Columba's Accounts

General Running Account:

Sort Code: 80-91-26

Account No: 00809358

Building Account:

Sort Code: 80-91-26

Account No. 00809390

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Audrey O'Connell + Anna Black + Peggy Horne + Leslie Murray + Mary Gribben + Michelle Campbell

Anniversaries: Alastair MacInnes + Matt Hamilton + Ron MacLeod + Mary Brown

GROUPS AND DEVOTIONS

The Secular Franciscan Order meets at 2.00 pm on the second Saturday of each month at St Columba's, Culloden. Contact Helen MacGilp (01463 792149). Visit www.ofsgb.org.uk.

Prayer and Praise Group every Thursday at St Columba's after 7.30pm Mass in the Lady Chapel. Call Brian (01463 790255) for details.

Inverness Catenian Circle meet on the Second Monday of the month at 7.30 pm. Meeting followed by dinner in the Craigmorie Hotel, Annfield Road, Inverness. Contact Donald (07780 603045.) Visit www.thecatenians.co.uk.

The Year of Mercy (I): booklets – in order to prepare ourselves for the forthcoming Year of Mercy instituted by Pope Francis, I have ordered a number of booklets from CTS. The booklets contain information on the Year of Mercy, together with prayers and lots of spiritual and practical ideas on how to get the most out of the year. These will be available next month, price only 50p each.

The Year of Mercy (II): evenings of reflection – I will be organising a series of evenings focusing on the Year of Mercy, and will include topics such as:

- What is the Year of Mercy?
- Pope Francis – the Pontiff of Mercy
- The Mercy of God in Holy Scripture
- The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy

More details to follow – watch this space!

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Day of Reflection at Stratherrick: for the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Catenian Christmas Dinner

Mary's Meals

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