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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**19 AUGUST 2018:**  
**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
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## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalm: Ps 33 (34):2-3, 10-15

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Date	Details	Service	Time
<b>Sunday 19 August</b>	<b>TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>Second Collection: Building Fund</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>9.30 am</b>
Tuesday 21 August	Memorial of St. Pius X, Pope Mass Intention: Lachlan MacNeil, R.I.P. (First Anniversary)	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 22 August	Memorial of Our Lady, Mother and Queen Mass Intention: Freddie Servadei, R.I.P.	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 23 August	Memorial of St. Rose of Lima, Virgin Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
<b>Sunday 26 August</b>	<b>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>Second Collection: Building Fund</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>9.30 am</b>

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Wisdom's Feast

The Wisdom of God has prepared a feast, we hear in today's First Reading.

We must become like children (see Matthew 18:3-4) to hear and accept this invitation. For in every Eucharist, it is the folly of the Cross that is represented and renewed.

To the world, it is foolishness to believe that the crucified Jesus rose from the dead. And for many, as for the crowds in today's Gospel, it is foolishness—maybe even madness—to believe that Jesus can give us His Flesh to eat.

Yet Jesus repeats himself with gathering intensity in the Gospel today. Notice the repetition of the words "eat" and "drink," and "my Flesh" and "my Blood." To heighten the unbelievable realism of what Jesus asks us to believe, John in these verses uses not the ordinary Greek word for eating but a cruder term, once reserved to describe the "munching" of feeding animals.

The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom (see 1 Corinthians 1:18-25). In His foolish love, He chooses to save those who believe that His Flesh is true food, His Blood, true drink.

Fear of the Lord, the desire to live by His will, is the beginning of true wisdom, Paul says in today's Second

Reading (see Proverbs 9:10). And as we sing in today's Psalm, those who fear Him shall not want for any good thing.

Again today in the liturgy, we are called to renew our faith in the Eucharist, to forsake the foolishness of believing only what we can see with our eyes.

We approach, then, not only an altar prepared with bread and wine, but the feast of Wisdom, the banquet of heaven—in which God our Saviour renews His everlasting covenant and promises to destroy death forever (see Isaiah 25:6-9).

Let us make the most of our days, as Paul says, always, in the Eucharist, giving thanks to God for everything in the name of Jesus, the bread come down from heaven. (Scott Hahn).

### Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

"The Eucharist is Jesus himself who gives himself entirely to us. *Nourishing ourselves* of Him and *abiding* in Him through Eucharistic Communion, if we do so with faith, *transforms our life*, transforms it into a gift to God and to our brothers and sisters."

## GENERAL NEWS

**St Joseph's Deanery Choir** – the first rehearsal of the Highland Deanery Choir will take place on **Wednesday 22 August at 7.00pm, at St. Mary's, Nairn**. No previous experience or music reading ability is required! For information, please e-mail Matthew McVey at: m.d.c.mcvey@outlook.com

**2 September: National Pilgrimage to Carfin** – in honour of St. John Ogilvie. The Pilgrimage Mass will be celebrated within the Grotto at 3.00 p.m. with Archbishop Philip Tartaglia of Glasgow as Principal Celebrant and Bishop Stephen Robson of Dunkeld as homilist. All Welcome.

**SATURDAY 8 SEPTEMBER: HIGHLAND DEANERY PILGRIMAGE** in honour of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – at Christ the King, Brora. Mass at 12 noon. Celebrant: the Most Reverend Mario Conti, Archbishop Emeritus of Glasgow, and former Bishop of Aberdeen. Please put this date in your diaries!

**Sunday 9 September: Annual Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair** – this annual pilgrimage will take place on from 2.00pm to 6.00pm at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, in Edinburgh. 2pm: Opening; 3pm: 'The Story of Margaret Sinclair, Servant of God'; 4.30 pm: Holy Mass.

## PARISH NEWS

**Looking for an early Christmas gift for someone (!!!)** – why not consider a copy of **Canon Peter Barry's new book, *Birds: What's in a Name?*** Canon Barry's entertaining and informative guide explains the meanings behind the names of more than 600 bird species around the world, many of which have fascinating origins and stories behind them. **We are currently taking orders, at a special discount price of only £15 – each copy is signed by the author, with a special message of your choice!** Sign up for a copy now, before they all 'fly' from the shelves!

**'Gaudete et Exsultate' Reading Group** – why not come along to our informal reading group, focusing on Pope Francis' new document on holiness, 'Gaudete et Exsultate'? The next meeting of the group will be on **Wednesday 22 August, from 7.00pm**. We will be looking at Chapter 3 of the document, which focuses on the Beatitudes (Matthew 5). If you would like to take part, please feel free to come along and join us – all welcome!

**Photo Exhibition at St. Columba's, sponsored by Justice & Peace Scotland/SCIAF** – Nearly 700,000 Rohingya refugees fled for their lives to Bangladesh last year, having experienced unimaginable horrors at the hands of the Myanmar military. They're now living in poverty in a giant refugee camp. Scottish photographer Simon Murphy travelled to the Kutupalong refugee camp in Bangladesh in December

to see SCIAF's work with Caritas Bangladesh to help some of the most vulnerable refugees. Whilst he was there, he took a series of powerful photographs to document the plight of this people. SCIAF's Director Alistair Dutton commented that: "Simon's pictures tell heart-breaking stories and give real insight into the nightmare the Rohingya people have been through. When you come face to face with his remarkable images it will be impossible not to be moved by them."

**The free exhibition will be at St. Columba's from Saturday 1 September – Tuesday 4 September.**

**Supporting the Parish** – Going away on your Summer holidays? Why not set up a Standing Order to assist the Parish financially, and ensure that you are contributing to the continual growth of St. Columba's each and every week?! It's quick and easy to do; just speak to Ewen, our Treasurer, or to Fr. Domenico.

**Hospital Admissions:** if you, or any member of your family, is to be admitted to hospital, and would like a visit from Fr. Domenico, please do inform him. Please note that it is neither the duty, nor, indeed, the policy, of hospitals to inform priests and ministers when congregation members are admitted; the responsibility is placed solely on family and friends.

**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:** Monday 20th August at 4.00pm: Gi Gi, Shona and Don. Would you like to help out? Only one hour a month! See Don for details.

**"90 Club" – Next Draw: Sunday 26 August** – there are a few numbers available; would you like one? Only £2 monthly! Ask Don for details.

**ST COLUMBA'S PRIZE BINGO: BEGINS AGAIN ON FRIDAY 7 SEPTEMBER!** – thereafter every first Friday until December. Items to give as prizes are always needed to make our fundraiser successful: chocolates, gift packs, wine, gift vouchers, shortbread, toiletries, aftershave, etc. (smaller items are given as line wins). Help on the evening is always gratefully accepted and appreciated! Thank You.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** + Anna Black + Audrey O'Connell + Amelia & John Drew + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Johnny Gallagher + Denise Maclean + Ellen Williams + Eva Zandre + Richard Karasek + Brian Carr + Catrina Greig +

**R.I.P:** + Donald Joseph Peteranna + Freddie Servadei

**Anniversaries:** + Lachlan MacNeil +