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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

1 APRIL 2018:

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Acts 10: 34, 37-43

Psalm: Ps 117 (118): 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4

Gospel: John 20: 1-9

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 1 April	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 3 April	Easter Tuesday	NO MASS	-
Wednesday 4 April	Easter Wednesday	NO MASS	-
Thursday 5 April	Easter Thursday	NO MASS	-
Sunday 8 April	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Easter Sunday: A New Morning



The tomb was empty. In the early morning darkness of that first Easter, there was only confusion for Mary Magdalene and the other disciples. But as the daylight spread, they saw the dawning of a new creation.

At first they didn't understand the Scripture, today's Gospel tells us. We don't know which precise Scripture texts they were supposed to understand. Perhaps it was the sign of Jonah, who rose from the belly of the great fish after three days (see Jonah 1:17).

Or maybe Hosea's prophecy of Israel's restoration from exile (see Hosea 6:2). Perhaps it was the psalmist who rejoiced that God had not abandoned him to the nether world (see Psalm 16:9-10).

Whichever Scripture it was, as the disciples bent down into the tomb, they saw and they believed. What did they see? Burial shrouds in an empty tomb. What did they believe? That God had done what Jesus said He would do—raised Him up on the third day (see Mark 9:31; 10:34).

What they saw and believed, they bore witness to, as today's First Reading tells us. Peter's speech is a summary of the gospels—from Jesus' baptism in the Jordan to His hanging on a tree (see Deuteronomy 21:22-23), to His rising from the dead.

We are children of the apostles, born into the new world of their witness. Our lives are now "hidden with Christ in God," as today's Second Reading says. Like them, we gather in the morning on the first day of the week—to celebrate the Eucharist, the feast of the empty tomb.

We rejoice that the stones have been rolled away from our tombs, too. Each of us can shout, as we do in today's Psalm: "I shall not die, but live." They saw and believed. And we await the day they promised would come—when we, too, "will appear with Him in glory." (Scott Hahn)

GENERAL NEWS

Vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday: Deanery Day of Healing and Devotion at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stratherrick [IV2 6UL] on Saturday 7 April. The programme for the day is as follows:

10.00am: Gather in the chapel house: tea/coffee.

10.30am: Church – Prayer and Praise [Fr Bell]

10.40am: The Compassionate Heart of Jesus:

A Spiritual Conference [Fr Tony Nye SJ]

11.05am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

11.10am: Litany and Guided Meditation [Fr Bell]

11.25am: Confession & Conferences [All Priests]

12.00pm: Angelus [Daughters of Divine Love]

12.15pm: The Balm of Mercy: An Introduction [Fr Domenico Zandre]

Laying on of Hands and the Balm of Mercy

1.00pm: Relaxation

1.15pm: Lunch

2.30pm: Spiritual Groups (Faith Sharing)

3.00pm: Exposition, Chaplet of Divine Mercy

3.15pm: Conferences and Confessions

4.00pm: Mass – Vigil of the Solemnity of Divine Mercy [Fr Andrzej Harden SJ]

5.00pm: Tea and Depart

22th–24th May 2018: Pluscarden Pentecost Lectures – *“You Have Come to Mount Sion”*: *The Christian Pilgrimage in the Letter to the Hebrews*. Four talks by Fr. Richard Ounsworth OP. For full details of the talks, see the poster on the front page of our parish website.

PARISH NEWS

Thank you for your support and encouragement during the Lenten Period and the Triduum. We had great numbers at our weekly meetings on Dante, and attendance at our Holy Week liturgies has increased, compared to last year. Long may it continue! I am indebted to a large number of people who helped to make this liturgical season so prayerful. Thank you! May you and your families be filled with every grace and blessing. A Happy and Holy Easter to you all!

Light of the North magazine – the new Spring edition is now available! Be sure to collect your copy! There are some photos and features on Inverness and the Highland Deanery (we always punch above our weight!!). Please

consider making a donation towards the cost of each copy. All donations go to the Parish!

Mary Magdalene at Eden Court! – The new movie on the life of Mary Magdalene, starring Rooney Mara and Joaquin Phoenix, will be screening at Eden Court cinema, from Friday 20 April – Thursday 26 April. Certificate 12A.

Weekly Offertory Envelopes: there are still a few envelopes for the new financial year (April onwards) are now available in the entrance foyer. Please do pick them up and use them in the coming year. Thank you!

RETURN OF SCIAF WEE BOXES – Please return these boxes to us from Easter Sunday onwards. The UK government is matching, pound-for-pound, all donations given to our WEE BOX appeal made before the 8th May. Every pound you save will go even further to helping our brothers and sisters around the world to survive and thrive. **WEE BOX PACKS are available in the entrance foyer – please take one home.**

Cleaning Team: Tuesday 3rd April, 4.00pm – Shona GiGi and Don, and anyone else who would like to come along. Can you help? Only one hour a month! See Don for details.

‘EASTER RAFFLE’ DRAW TODAY! – Draw after Mass! £1 for a strip of five, name/phone number on the back, please.

“90 Club” March Winners: 1st – Jean Hay (No. 30); 2nd – Laura Fraser (No. 34); 3rd – Sam Reilly (No. 76). Congratulations to our Winners! You could join them: there are still some numbers available. Only £2 monthly. Please ask Don. Many thanks for the £70 donation to funds.

Prize Bingo: FRIDAY 27 APRIL – ‘eyes down’ at 7.00pm. Family fun for all! A warm welcome awaits you. Items to give as prizes are always needed. Thank you for your support!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Audrey O’Connell + Rose Corbett + Amelia & John Drew + Murray Mackay + Peter Simpson + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Johnny Gallagher + Denise Maclean + Ellen Williams + Eva Zandre

Anniversaries: + Margaret Miller + Velma Batty + Eleanor Bongor + June Olga Hall +