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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**1 JULY 2018:**

### **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

## **Mass Readings**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Psalm: Ps 29 (30):2,4-6,11-13

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

| Date             | Details   | Service   | Time                             |
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| Sunday 1 July    | <b>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b><br>Second Collection: Peter's Pence | <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b><br><b>Mass</b> | <b>9.00 am</b><br><b>9.30 am</b> |
| Tuesday 3 July   | <b>NO MASS</b>  | ---   | ---                              |
| Wednesday 4 July | <b>NO MASS</b>  | ---   | ---                              |
| Thursday 5 July  | <b>NO MASS</b>  | ---   | ---                              |
| Sunday 8 July    | <b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b><br>Second Collection: Sea Sunday    | <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b><br><b>Mass</b> | <b>9.00 am</b><br><b>9.30 am</b> |

### **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Arise!**

God, who formed us in His imperishable image, did not intend for us to die, we hear in today's First Reading. Death entered the world through the devil's envy and Adam and Eve's sin; as a result, we are all bound to die.

But in the moving story in today's Gospel, we see Jesus liberate a little girl from the possession of death.

On one level, Mark is recounting an event that led the disciples to understand Jesus' authority and power over even the final enemy, death (see 1 Corinthians 15:26). On another level, however, this episode is written to strengthen our hope that we too will be raised from the dead, along with all our loved ones who sleep in Christ (see 1 Corinthians 15:18).

Jesus commands the girl to "Arise!"—using the same Greek word used to describe His own Resurrection (see Mark 16:6). And the consoling message of today's Gospel is that Jesus is the Resurrection and the life. If we believe in Him, even though we die, we will live (see John 15:25–26).

We are called to have the same faith as the parents in the Gospel today—praying for our loved ones,

trusting in Jesus' promise that even death cannot keep us apart. Notice the parents follow Him even though those in their own house tell them there is no hope, and even though others ridicule Jesus' claim that the dead have only fallen asleep (see 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18).

Already in Baptism we've been raised to new life in Christ. And the Eucharist, like the food given to the little girl today, is the pledge that He will raise us on the last day. We should rejoice, as we sing in today's Psalm, that He has brought us up from the netherworld, the pit of death. And, as Paul exhorts in today's Second Reading, we should offer our lives in thanksgiving for this gracious act, imitating Christ in our love and generosity for others. (Scott Hahn)

### **Thought for the Day with Pope Francis**

"This is faith: to touch Jesus is to draw from Him the grace that saves."

## GENERAL NEWS

**TODAY (Sunday 1 July): Scalan Annual Pilgrimage:** Mass at the venerable house of Scalan, in the Braes of Glenlivet, **beginning at 4.00pm**. Scalan was the site of a hidden seminary, and during the 18<sup>th</sup> century, more than a hundred 'Heather Priests' were trained there. For those with sat navs, the postcode is **AB37 9JS**; this will take you to Chapeltown of Glenlivet – please walk, or ask for a lift from others, for the last 1½ miles.

**Friday 6 July: Priestly Ordinations of Deacon Emmet O'Dowd and Deacon Rafal Szweda at St. Mary's Cathedral in Aberdeen, at 6.00pm.** A coach has been organised for anyone wishing to travel to Aberdeen for this special Ordination Mass; the price is £10 each. The coach will depart from King Street (near St. Joseph's School) at 12.30pm, and will depart from Aberdeen after the Mass at approximately 9.30pm. If you would like to add your name to the list of those travelling on the coach, please phone St. Mary's Parish Office on (01463) 233519.

## PARISH NEWS

**Today's Second Collection: "Peter's Pence"**  
– In the first year of his Pontificate, Pope Benedict XVI stressed the proper meaning of this offering: "'Peter's Pence' is the most characteristic expression of the participation of all the faithful in the Bishop of Rome's charitable initiatives in favour of the universal Church. The gesture has not only a practical value, but also a strong symbolic one, as a sign of communion with the Pope and attention to the needs of one's brothers and sisters".

**A HUGE 'THANK YOU'** to the kind parishioner who did such a marvellous job of constructing the wooden fence at the entrance to the car park! Pearls for your heavenly crown!!

**Altar Servers:** we are always very happy to welcome more new recruits! Any child who has received First Holy Communion is encouraged to consider helping the Parish Liturgy by serving at Mass. Full training will be given! Please speak to Fr. Domenico to register your interest.

**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:** Tuesday 3rd July: Mary and Karen. Would you like to help out? Only one hour a month! See Don for details.

**"90 Club": JUNE WINNERS** – First Prize: Es Loftus; Second Prize: Anne O'Neil; Third Prize: Angus and Chrissie. Well done to our winners! Next draw: 29 July. You can join in the fun too; ask Don for details. Only £2 monthly!

**PRIZE BINGO: NEXT MEETING IN SEPTEMBER.** Non-perishable items to give as prizes are always needed. Thank you for your generosity! **Since last September, we have raised c. £ 3,500!** A sincere 'thank you' also to our marvellous helpers; your efforts are very much appreciated!

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

**R.I.P:** + Fr. Peter Macdonald + Lilly Datony +

**Anniversaries:** + Sister Eva Flannery + Julie-Anne Edwards +