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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

1 SEPTEMBER 2019:
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
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Mass Readings

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3: 19-21, 30-31

Psalm: Ps 67: 4-7, 10-11

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24

Gospel: Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 1 September	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 3 September	St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church	NO MASS AT ST. COLUMBA'S	---
Wednesday 4 September	Wednesday of Week 22 in Ordinary Time (Mass Intention: Denise McNiven, Health & Personal Intentions)	NO MASS AT ST. COLUMBA'S	---
Thursday 5 September	Thursday of Week 22 in Ordinary Time	NO MASS AT ST. COLUMBA'S	---
Friday 6 September	Friday of Week 22 in Ordinary Time	NO MASS AT ST. COLUMBA'S	---
Saturday 7 September	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Mass Intention: Catrina Greig, RIP First Anniversary)	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	10.30 am 11.00 am
Sunday 8 September	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Bishop Hugh's Pastoral Letter on the Visit of the Relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux, 30 August 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, the idea of venerating someone's bodily remains may not be appealing, even though there is good warrant for it in Scripture and Christian tradition. But the key is this: when we venerate relics, we venerate a *person*: someone who lived holiness in a bodily life and will rise embodied from the dead. So, it is *Thérèse in person* who comes to visit us. This can only be an occasion of grace. She was a remarkable person. She died in 1897. Her life was short. It was limited in scope and opportunity. Her schooldays were unhappy. She lost her mother when she was four and her father was incapacitated from the time she was sixteen. She entered the local Carmelite convent when she was fifteen and lived from then on in strict enclosure. Her spiritual life passed largely in the half-light and latterly in darkness. Tuberculosis claimed her when she was 24. 'If you only knew what this young nun is suffering,' said the doctor. Perhaps similar lives are not rare. Her gift to us, though, is the way she lived it. She lived it with Christ, fully alive. She lived it with inner luminosity and courage. It became a life transformed, complete and whole, rich in meaning, its limits turned into opportunities. Quietly revolutionary in her attitudes, she broke new paths. She was one of those 'mere children' to whom the Father revealed the kingdom (cf. Mt 11:25). She left behind the fear that marked the faith of many at that time, and made straight for the heart of the Father of mercies. She realised the

kind of disciple Jesus wanted: poor in spirit, pure of heart, full of trust rather than self-reliance, confident of forgiveness, small, a child – the marks of her famous 'way'. She grasped the occasions for love of Christ and neighbour hidden in ordinary life. She used love's power to transfigure the negative into the positive. She expressed all this in her writings. Her sense of the universal reach of prayer and her dark night of faith brought her close to her atheist contemporaries; she understood them from the inside and carried them. She even re-imagined heaven and foresaw it as an occasion for further loving: 'I will spend my heaven doing good on earth.' Her last words, 'My God, I love you', were the sign of victory. Her life, and her subsequent renown, perfectly illustrate today's Gospel: 'Anyone who humbles themselves will be exalted.'

Her relics arrived in Scotland on 30th August and will be venerated at Carfin this Sunday. They will visit our diocese from the 9th to the 12th September. They will be available for veneration at St Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen from the 9th to the 11th, at Pluscarden Abbey on the afternoon of the 11th, and at St Mary's, Inverness, from the evening of the 11th to the 12th. For more than a century St Thérèse has been experienced by people as someone close, a 'citizen of heaven' very much alive and on our side. May her visit be a blessing to our bewildered country, to our struggling Church and to each of us!
(Right Reverend Hugh Gilbert OSB, Bishop of Aberdeen)

GENERAL NEWS

The Relics of St. Thérèse: coming to our Diocese! – In an extraordinary spiritual gift to all of us, the relics of the Little Flower, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, will be coming to our Diocese, **9-11 September 2019**.

The dates are as follows:

- Monday 9th September at 7.00pm:
Arrival at St. Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen.
- Tuesday 10th September:
at St. Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen.
- Wednesday 11th September at 11.00am: Arrival at Pluscarden Abbey.
- **Wednesday 11th September**
- **5.00pm: Arrival at St. Mary's, Inverness**
- **7.00pm: Mass with the Relics**
- **Overnight Vigil with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, and other devotions.**
- **Thursday 12th September: 10.00am Mass with the school children**
- **12 noon: Angelus and departure of the relics**

Saturday 28 September: Renaissance Choral Music at Pluscarden Abbey at 8.00pm – The choral group *Musick Fyne* will perform the magnificent Mass 'Laetatus Sum' for three four-part choirs, as well as beautiful motets by Tomas Luis de Victoria. Admission £10, in aid of the Abbey's charitable works. All welcome!

PARISH NEWS

Congratulations to Anna Black, one of our parishioners, whose birthday is today! Many happy returns, Anna – we raise a glass to your good health! **Last week was also the birthday of Benjamin Krop**, one of our excellent Altar Servers, who had an enjoyable time with friends at Aviemore to celebrate his big day!

Light of the North – The Summer issue is now available in the foyer; please take one. There are articles on the Diocesan pilgrimage to Pluscarden (p. 4), and the recent Annual Mass at Scalan Seminary (p. 9), Remember that all donations to LOTN go to the parish!

Friday 20 September, 7-9 pm – "Baptised and Sent: Living and Passing on the Catholic Faith". We are delighted to be able to host internationally renowned speaker **David**

Wells, for what will surely be an engaging and inspiring evening, and an ideal preparation for Missionary Month in October. **As hosts, we will be responsible for providing refreshments for this evening's event. There is a sign-up sheet in the entrance foyer; please do indicate if you can help in any way.**

Highland Foodbank – Harvest Appeal: Your donations help to provide emergency food and support to local people in crisis. As part of our Harvest Appeal, we would be grateful for the following items: * **Long Life Juice** * **Tins of Potatoes** * **Tins of Mince/Stew** * **Oatcakes/Crackers** * **Tins of Ham** * **Shower Gel/Shampoo**. Please leave these items in the plastic box at the front door of the church. Thank you!

BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP: the group meets every Monday morning in the Meeting Room, from 9.30am to 11.30am. Come along and join in the fun!

CLEANING TEAM – Monday 2nd September at 12 noon: Don only. Could someone offer a kind hand to assist? It is a lot of work for one person! Any help would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to Don.

"90 Club": AUGUST WINNERS – First Prize: Linda Gallagher; Second Prize: Eilidh Shaw; Third Prize: Mary MacNeil. Congratulations to our winners! Our next draw will take place on Sunday 29 September. You can join in too – just as Don. Only £2 monthly for a ticket.

PARISH BINGO RETURNS THIS FRIDAY! – 6 September: eyes down at 7.00pm. A great family night out, with refreshments during the interval. Items for prizes are always greatly appreciated!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Vinnie Walton + Michael Good + Laura Johnstone + Fr. George Hutcheon + Norman Wood + Helen Macdonald + John Macdonald +

Anniversaries: + Walter Grant + Mary Cassey + Fiona Dickson + John Timmons + Amelia Drew + Mary Vincent + Catrina Greig +