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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**20 JANUARY 2019:  
SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 62: 1-5

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95 (96): 1-3, 7-10

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

Gospel: John 2: 1-11

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 20 January	SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 22 January	Tuesday of Week 2 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Mary Sartori, R.I.P.	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 23 January	Wednesday of Week 2 in Ordinary Time  Reception into the Church of Audrey O'Connell, R.I.P.	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am  5.00 pm
Thursday 24 January	Funeral Mass of Audrey O'Connell, R.I.P.  St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	10.00 am  7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 25 January	Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle Mass Intention: Sr. Barbara Campbell, R.I.P.	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Saturday 26 January	Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	10.30 am 11.00 am
Sunday 27 January	THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Second Collection: Justice and Peace Scotland		9.00 am 9.30 am

## Second Sunday of the Year: The Wedding Feast at Cana

This Sunday's Gospel presents the prodigious event that occurred at Cana, a village in Galilee, during a wedding feast also attended by Mary and Jesus, with his first disciples (cf. Jn 2:1-11). The Mother points out to her Son that the wine has run out, and, after responding that his hour had not yet come, Jesus nevertheless accepts her request and gives to the bride and groom the best wine of the entire feast. The Evangelist underlines that this was the first of the signs Jesus performed; it "manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him" (v. 11).

Miracles, thus, are extraordinary signs that accompany the Good News and have the purpose of causing or strengthening faith in Jesus. In the miracle performed at Cana, we are able to glimpse an act of benevolence on the part of Jesus toward the bride and groom, a sign of God's blessing on the marriage. The love between a man and a woman is therefore a good path through which to live the Gospel, that is, to set out with joy on the path of holiness.

Yet the miracle at Cana does not pertain only to spouses. Every human person is called to encounter the Lord in his or

her life. Christian faith is a gift which we receive in Baptism and which allows us to encounter God. Faith intersects times of joy and pain, of light and darkness, as in every authentic experience of love. The narrative of the wedding at Cana invites us to rediscover that Jesus does not present himself to us as a judge ready to condemn our faults, nor as a commander who imposes upon us to blindly follow his orders; he is manifest as Saviour of mankind, as brother, as our elder brother, Son of the Father: he presents himself as he who responds to the expectations and promises of joy that dwell in the heart of each one of us.

Thus we can ask ourselves: do I really know the Lord like this? Do I feel him close to me, to my life? Am I responding to him on the wavelength of that spousal love which he manifests each day to everyone, to every human being? It is about realizing that Jesus looks for us and invites us to make room in the inner reaches of our heart.

(Pope Francis, Angelus Address, 17 January 2016)

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**Audrey O'Connell R.I.P.** – The arrangements for Audrey's funeral are as follows:

- **Wednesday 23 January at 5.00pm:**  
Reception of Audrey at St. Columba's
- **Thursday 24 January at 10.00am:**  
Funeral Mass, followed by interment at Kilvean Cemetery.

Audrey, and her husband Brian O'Connell, were well-known faces in the congregation, and everyone is very welcome to attend and to pay their respects.

**Parking:** a gentle reminder to you to refrain from parking at the entrance to our car park, or on the pavement. Please do remember that our neighbours at Smithton Church have kindly granted us permission to use their own car park, if ours is full. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing patience.

**Friday and Saturday Masses** – Fr. Domenico is now offering **Mass on Friday and Saturday mornings** as well. See overleaf for times of Masses.

**Pilgrimage to Northern Spain: 2-6 September 2019 – this is now FULL!** Fr. Domenico is happy to take names for our reserve list, if anyone is still interested.

**Pilgrimage to the Oberammergau Passion Play, 20-27 July 2020** – Since 1634, the entire town of Oberammergau, in Bavaria (Southern Germany), has been involved in organising and performing a play re-enacting the passion and death of Christ. This Passion Play is mounted every ten years! Fr. Domenico has an option to take **up to 33 pilgrims** to this spectacular event, courtesy of McCabe Pilgrimages. We will be flying from Edinburgh to Munich, and staying across the border in the Austrian Tyrol, where we will spend five nights in a country hotel, between the villages of Lofer and St. Martin. The pilgrimage includes visits to churches and Marian shrines (Maria Kirchentel), an opportunity to walk along the Jacobsweg (part of the Camino de Santiago), visits to Lake Achensee and Lake Pillersee, and a full day excursion, with guided tour, of the beautiful city of Salzburg. All this is a prelude to a two-night stay in Oberammergau, with guaranteed top grade tickets to the Passion Play, as well as lunch on the day of the performance. The price is £1,600 – this includes a return flight from Edinburgh to Munich, airport transfers, seven night's half-board accommodation, and a full excursion programme, with guides, together with the Oberammergau

Passion Play tickets. Brochures and booking forms are forthcoming. Again, please see Fr. Domenico if you would like to register your interest for this pilgrimage.

**Preparation for First Holy Communion in 2019:** if your child is of approximately P3 age at Primary School, and you would like to discuss the possibility of him/her being prepared to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and of Holy Communion in Summer 2019, please see Fr. Domenico.

**Highland Foodbank – December and January:** Your donations help to provide emergency food and support to local people in crisis. During these winter months, we would be grateful for the following items: \* Jars of Coffee \* Packets of Oatcakes \* Tins of Corned Beef \* Cartons of Long Life Fruit Juice \* Tins of Ham. Please leave them in the plastic box at the front door of the church. During the recent Highland Foodbank Harvest Appeal, St. Columba's Culloden donated 71kgs of food. Thank you for your generosity!

**BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP** – The group has resumed its weekly meetings, on Mondays from 9.30am to 11.30am. Why not come along and join in the fun?!

**Cleaning Team** – Would you like to help us in 2019? Helping just one hour a month would lighten the load of others who keep the church nice and clean. See Don for details.

**90 CLUB – Next draw 27 January!** New members are always welcome to join in the fun. **THREE PRIZES TO BE WON EVERY MONTH!** Please speak to Don.

**PRIZE BINGO IS BACK NEXT WEEK! – FRIDAY 25 JANUARY 2019** (thereafter the last Friday of the month until June) – 'EYES DOWN' AT 7.00PM! – Why not join us for our fun-filled Bingo evening?! A sincere 'thank you' for all of the items that have been handed in; these are very important to us, and are much appreciated.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** + Anna Black + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Johnny Gallagher + Ellen Williams + Eva Zanre + Vinnie Walton + Laura Johnstone + Michael Good +

**R.I.P.:** + Audrey O'Connell +

**Anniversaries:** + Mary Eleanor McKeever + Margaret Coryn + William Loftus + Cyril Ainsley + Sister Barbara Campbell, LSU + Theresa McKelvie +