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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2015 (FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT) – SUNDAY 3RD JANUARY 2016 (SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY)

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 20 December	Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) Mass	09.00 09.30
Tuesday 22 December	Advent feria by date	Mass	19.30
Wednesday 23 December	Advent feria by date	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00 11.30
Thursday 24 December	CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS	Carol Service Midnight Mass	23.00 23.30
Friday 25 December	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	Christmas Day Mass	10.30
Sunday 27 December	Feast of the Holy Family	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) Mass	09.00 09.30
Tuesday 29 December	Christmas Octave by date	NO MASS	–
Wednesday 30 December	Christmas Octave by date	NO MASS	–
Thursday 31 December	Christmas Octave by date	NO MASS	–
Friday 1 January 2016	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00 11.30
Sunday 3 January	SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) Mass	09.00 09.30



“This Christmas, let us ask Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, to help us see in our neighbour the face of Jesus, God made man.”

- Pope Francis

GENERAL NEWS

Hogmanay Party! – Come along and usher in the New Year in style, at the grand Hogmanay Party in St Mary's Hall, on Thursday 31 December, from 8.00pm until 2.30am! Live music from The Brothers Band and DJ Coli. Food will be available, but please feel free to bring along something to eat and drink (NO bar). Dress code: formal. Ticket prices: £20.00 per person. Tickets are available at the back of St Mary's church, after each Sunday Mass, and also from the Parish Office; contact PJ on 01463 233519.

PARISH NEWS

Wishing you all a joyous and peaceful Christmas, with good health and prosperity in the coming year. Thank you most sincerely for your cards, gifts, and kind regards. With prayers and blessings for you and your families, Fr Domenico.

Readers for Christmas Masses: if you would like to read at Mass either on Christmas Eve (during the Carol Service or the Midnight Mass), or on Christmas Day, please put your name in the rota book in the sacristy. I would ask all readers to consider this, as Christmas is traditionally the season when we need as many readers present as possible!

Parking during the Christmas Season: our neighbours at Smithton Church have very kindly given us permission to use their car park, if need be, for Midnight Mass, and Christmas Day.

Hospital/Home Visits: if you know of anyone who is sick or housebound, and who would like to receive the Sacraments, or just a visit, please speak to Fr Domenico.

Pilgrimage to Iona, 10-14 October 2016

Pope Francis has encouraged all Catholics to make a pilgrimage of faith during this Year of Mercy. With this in mind, I have booked half-board accommodation in the Catholic House of Prayer on the island of Iona for a pilgrimage, arriving on Monday 10 October, and departing on Friday 14 October. There is a little chapel where we can celebrate daily Mass. The House can accommodate EIGHT pilgrims, in the following room configurations:

- 2 Single Rooms
- 2 Twin Rooms
- 1 Double Room

The total price per person will be approx £300. A deposit of £40 per person is required by mid-January. Transport will be in shared cars. Please see me if you are interested.

FIRs (Friends in Retirement): the next meeting will take place on 14 January (to be confirmed). A talk has been scheduled from a representative of Hi-Scot Credit Union. A meal at the 'Mustard Seed' restaurant is also planned.

Classes for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion – In January 2016, we will be starting classes for children in P3 and above. Can parents please check that their child has been registered or collect a form from the sacristy. We will be holding a brief meeting for families on

Thursday 7th January at 6.30pm to introduce the programme and to decide on class day/time.

Christmas Hamper Raffle Tickets: please do support this! £1 for a strip of five tickets. Put your name/phone number on every ticket. GOOD LUCK! Drawn after Christmas Morning Mass.

"90 Club": next draw Sunday 27th December after morning Mass. You could be a winner if you get one of the few numbers left; please ask Don.

Prize Bingo: next eyes down in January will depend on the weather conditions. Non-Perishable items to give out as prizes can be handed in and we will store them safely.

FINANCES

No. 1 Account	£ 305.61
Building Fund	£ 324.23
(of which, the Carol Service	£ 167.00)
– Thank you for your generosity and support –	

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Audrey O'Connell + Anna Black + Leslie Murray + Michelle Campbell + Laura Johnston + Amelia Drew

Anniversaries: George Innes + Kerry Green + George Smith

GROUPS AND DEVOTIONS

The Secular Franciscan Order meets at 2.00pm on the Second Saturday of each month at St Columba's, Culloden. Contact Helen MacGilp (01463 792149). Visit www.ofsgb.org.uk.

Prayer and Praise Group every Thursday in the Lady Chapel at St Columba's, after the 7.30pm Mass. Call Brian (01463 790255) for details.

Inverness Catenian Circle meet on the Second Monday of every month, at 7.30pm. The meeting is followed by dinner at the Craigmonie Hotel, Annfield Road, Inverness. Contact Donald (07780 603045). Visit www.catenians.co.uk.

The Knights of St Columba meet on the first Monday of every month in the Marian Room at St. Mary's, at 7.30 pm: contact Neil Munro (01463 232095). Dedicated to the principles of charity, unity & fraternity in the local parishes. Visit www.ksc.org.uk.

The Parents & Toddlers Group meets on Wednesdays from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm in the Marian Room beside St Mary's.

The Cenacolo Prayer Group meets every Monday after the 6:00 pm Mass in St. Mary's. All welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) meets every fortnight, on Sundays, in the Marian Room at St Mary's, at 10.00 am. Requests for assistance and support can be made by contacting any SVP member or by dropping a note in a SVP collection box. Visit www.svp.org.uk.