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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

21 JULY 2019:
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
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Mass Readings

1st Reading: Genesis 18: 1-10
Psalm: Ps 14 (15): 2-5
2nd Reading: Colossians 1: 24-28
Gospel: Luke 10: 38-42

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 21 July	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 23 July	Feast of St. Bridget of Sweden Mass Intention: Canon Ambrose Woods, RIP (Anniversary)	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 24 July	Wednesday of Week 16 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Fr. John Maguire, RIP (Anniversary)	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 25 July	Feast of St. James, Apostle Mass Intention: Eileen Webb, RIP (Anniversary)	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 26 July	Saint Joachim and Saint Anne Mass Intention: Tony Murphy, RIP (Anniversary)	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am 12 noon
Saturday 27 July	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	10.30 am 11.00 am
Sunday 28 July	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Listen to the Lord!

In today's Gospel the Evangelist Luke writes about Jesus who, on the way to Jerusalem, enters a village and is welcomed into the home of two sisters: Martha and Mary (cf. Lk 10:38-42). Both welcome the Lord, but they do so in different ways. Mary sits at Jesus' feet and listens to his words (cf. v. 39), whereas Martha is completely caught up in preparing things; at a certain point she says to Jesus: "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me" (v. 40). Jesus responds to her: "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her" (vv. 41-42).

In bustling about and busying herself, Martha risks forgetting — and this is the problem — the most important thing, which is the presence of the guest, Jesus in this case. She forgets about the presence of the guest. A guest is not merely to be served, fed, looked after in every way. Most

importantly he ought to be listened to. Remember this word: Listen! A guest should be welcomed as a person, with a story, his heart rich with feelings and thoughts, so that he may truly feel like he is among family. If you welcome a guest into your home but continue doing other things, letting him just sit there, both of you in silence, it is as if he were of stone: a guest of stone. No. A guest is to be listened to. Of course, Jesus' response to Martha — when he tells her that there is only one thing that needs to be done — finds its full significance in reference to listening to the very word of Jesus, that word which illuminates and supports all that we are and what we do. If we go to pray, for example, before the Crucifix, and we talk, talk, talk, and then we leave, we do not listen to Jesus. We do not allow him to speak to our heart. Listen: this is the key word. Do not forget!
(Pope Francis, *Angelus* Address, 17 July 2016)

GENERAL NEWS

Monday 22 July at 7.30pm: Classical Concert at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness – Chamber Philharmonia Cologne are offering a classical concert, including pieces from Vivaldi, Mozart, C.P.E. Bach, Saint-Saens, and Borner. Tickets available at Inverness iCentre, 36 High Street (Tel. 252401). Tickets also available at the door one hour prior to the concert (cash sales only).

2-5 August: Monastic Experience Weekend at Pluscarden Abbey – The monks of Pluscarden Abbey are offering a special opportunity to experience at first hand what monastic life is about, during the weekend of Friday 2 August to Monday 5 August 2019. There will be no charge for the weekend. The invitation is extended to single young men, Catholics who practise their faith, aged 18 to 35. Anyone who is interested in attending this event should get in touch with Fr. Benedict: novicemaster@pluscardenabbey.org

Saturday 17 August: Day of Recollection and Healing at Stratherrick, for the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady – A series of reflections and music on the theme of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The programme is as follows:

10:00a.m. Register.

10:30a.m.–4:30 p.m. Marian Hymns, Reflections, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Angelus, Confessions, Mass, Rosary Walk, Exposition, Litany & Benediction. All welcome!

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**

PARISH NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS! to Claire Macpherson, on her marriage to her fiancé Chris Donaldson, in St. Mary's Church, Inverness, on Friday 19 July. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson every grace and blessing as they begin their new life together.

Saturday 27 July – FUNDRAISER BINGO – Smithton Hotel, at 7.00pm: this special fundraising event is in aid of wee Reece Mitchell, a young boy who is suffering from Batten's Disease (a terminal illness of the nervous system). All welcome.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2020! – See the Gospel come to life by following the footsteps of Jesus in the Holy Land. From Galilee to Jerusalem, you will find yourself immersed in spirituality and culture. The full itinerary promises to bring the faithful pilgrim an unforgettable experience, including a non-stop return flight from London Luton to Tel Aviv airport (there is also a departure option from Manchester), a touring coach and professional local guide throughout, as well as en-suite accommodation at the 4* Rimoni Hotel in Nazareth and 3* Star Hotel in Bethlehem. **Dates: 23rd – 30th April 2020 (8 Days / 7 nights).** Depart: London Luton (there is also an option to depart from Manchester). **Cost: from £1,094** per person, *Half Board*. To book your place, please phone 01793 608844. **To secure your place at this special price of £1,094, book by 31st July 2019. Speak to Fr. Domenico for further details.**

Confirmations 2020 - preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin in the Autumn. **If you are starting S1 this year, or if you are already in Secondary School,** please register initial interest with Fr. Domenico. A meeting will be held in early October.

Highland Foodbank – June and July: Your donations help to provide emergency food and support to local people in crisis. During these months, we would be grateful for the following items: * **Tins of Potatoes** * **Tins of Tomatoes** * **Tins of Fruit** * **Tins of Ham.** Please leave these items in the plastic box at the front door of the church. Thank you!

BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP: the group is on holiday just now, and will return after the Summer break.

CLEANING TEAM – Monday 22nd July at 4.00pm: Shona, Jijy, and Don. If anyone would like to join in and help on any of the days, please speak to Don. It's only once a month, and it helps to keep our church fresh and clean!

"90 Club" – drawn next Sunday, 28 July, after Mass. Good luck to all of you who have a number.

PARISH BINGO – Our June Bingo raised a wonderful £371!! Our fabulous monthly Fundraiser Bingo will return in the Autumn. Your continuing support is greatly appreciated!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

Anniversaries: + Richard Utton + Bill Muir + Samuel Thomson + Ellen Grant + Tony Murphy + Eileen Webb + Canon Ambrose Woods + Fr. John Maguire +