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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

21 OCTOBER 2018:

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 53: 10-11

Psalm: Ps 32 (33): 4-5, 18-20, 22

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4: 14-16

Gospel: Mark 10: 35-45

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 21 October	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Second Collection: World Mission Sunday	Sacrament of Confession Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 23 October	Tuesday of Week 29 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Confession Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 24 October	Wednesday of Week 29 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Confession Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 25 October	Thursday of Week 29 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Confession Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Sunday 28 October	THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR SCIAF Indonesia Disaster Appeal	Sacrament of Confession Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

World Mission Sunday 2018: *We are all children in the one family*

Dear brothers and sisters, the average age of people in the world today is about 28. It follows that most of the one-and-a-quarter billion members of the Catholic Church are young. That is even more striking when we look at the Church in Africa where the average age of Catholics is 19 and in Asia it is 24. It is no accident then that on this World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis wishes us to focus upon the young people in our Church and the part they play in our mission to bring the Good News of God's love to all of humanity. Young people are often quick to be enthusiastic, joyful and generous and our Holy Father points out that these are the perfect qualities of a follower of Christ.

As the old traditions in Africa are dying—as countries across the continent are blighted by corruption and a collapse of the old moral standards and deepening insecurity—young people in Africa are increasingly turning to the Church to guide them in their lives. What has come about is remarkable: the churches are full of young people who have a refreshing confidence about their faith and who convey a joy about being connected to a family that is spread throughout the world. Vocations to the priesthood and religious life have also increased dramatically in Africa and Asia and there is a real sense of vitality and hope in the Church.

In his message for this year's World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis urges young people not to be afraid of Christ and his Church, because, he says, 'it is where we find the treasure that fills life with joy.' Speaking from his own experience, he says that it is through faith he found the sure foundation of his dreams and the strength to realise them.

"The heart of the Church's mission," the Pope continues, "is the infectiousness of love, where joy and enthusiasm become the expression of a newfound meaning and fulfilment in life. The spread of the faith 'by attraction,'" he says, "calls for hearts that are open and expanded by love." Our sister organisation, SCIAF, is responding to the immediate needs of the people in Kerala in India whose lives have been devastated by the recent terrible floods. Just before the disaster struck, Missio Scotland sent £29,000 raised by our Catholic school children for the ongoing care of the children of Kerala. The generosity of our pupils really demonstrates what lies at the heart of the Church—that we are all children in one family.

Pope Francis sees today as an opportunity for all the parishes of the world to pray for one another and for the wealthier parishes to share financially with the parishes in other parts of the world where people are poor. The young Catholics in Africa, Asia and Central and Southern America need our help to complete the building of their churches, to run clinics and hospitals where they look after the sick and dying, to provide education and food to schoolchildren and care for mothers and children in centres run by parishes and religious communities. We ask you to please be generous because what you give today will improve the lives of our brothers and sisters.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Vincent Lockhart – National Director, Missio Scotland.

GENERAL NEWS

Encounter Christ Retreats for Young Single Catholic Women – the Dominican Sisters invite Catholic women between the ages of 18-35 to a peaceful and refreshing weekend away with Christ. The retreat is held on the **weekends of 2-4 November and 22-24 March 2019** at Greyfriars Convent, Elgin. To sign up please contact Sister Mary Gianna OP at op@rcda.scot. There is a £30 suggested donation.

Ogilvie Centre Formation Events

Two retreats take place in November:

Retreat for Busy Women 9 – 11 November

(6pm Friday to 2pm Sunday).

Men's Retreat – 23 – 25 November

Both retreats hosted at Kilcoy Castle, Muir of Ord.

For further information or reservations contact Sr. Anna Christi at Ogilvie@rcda.scot.

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SAFEGUARDING TRAINING UPDATE - Saturday 3rd November 10.30-12noon in Marian Room, St. Mary's, Inverness: This update session is for anyone working in the Deanery with children, young people and vulnerable adults who has not attended training in the last 12 months. Participants will have the opportunity to be updated on safeguarding procedures and Code of Conduct as well as learn about the new safeguarding document of the Catholic Church in Scotland 'In God's Image'. Please text Stephen Dunphy to book your place on 07570099268 or phone for more information.

FAITH IN FILM EVENING: 'PARKLAND' – Wednesday 21 November at 7.00pm. On the eve of the 55th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, we will screen 'Parkland', a film that weaves together the perspectives of a handful of ordinary individuals, suddenly thrust into extraordinary circumstances. The young doctors and nurses at Parkland Hospital, the Dallas Chief of the Secret Service; the unwitting cameraman who captured what became the most watched and examined film in history; the FBI agents who nearly had the gunman within their grasp; the brother of Lee Harvey Oswald, left to deal with his shattered family; and JFK's security team, witnesses to both the President's death and Vice-President Lyndon Johnson's rise to power over a nation whose innocence was forever altered. Certificate: 15; duration 95 minutes.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT – a date for your diaries! The St. Columba's Christmas Carol Concert will take place on **Wednesday 5 December, from 7.00pm-8.00pm**. This year, we are hosting the children and staff of St. Joseph's RC Primary School, who will be entertaining us with seasonal and sacred music. They will be joined by community Christmas carol singing (that means you!), together with seasonal Scripture readings. We will have special guests joining us, and there is a rumour that the "Three (Highland)

Priests" may also be making an appearance! All this, with festive food and drink provided (non-alcoholic mulled wine, mince pies, and other goodies). Donations at the door, please: £5 for adults; kids go free! All proceeds go towards our Building Fund. Why not invite some friends and come along? Spread a little festive cheer!

PIETY STALL: we have many new items in stock! Are you looking for Christmas cards? – Look no further? Are you in need of a Rosary in this Marian month of October? – We have all sizes and styles! Advent calendars? – We have plenty! Nativity scenes and baby Jesus statuettes? – They're all here! Plus, we have many other tempting gifts, holy items, and spiritual books. Why not browse the stall, and attend to your Christmas shopping at the same time?

HIGHLAND FOODBANK HARVEST APPEAL: Your donations help to provide three days of emergency food and support to local people in crisis. We would be grateful for the following items: * Breakfast Cereal * Tins of Tomatoes * Tins of Corned Beef * Jars of Instant Coffee * Cartons of Long Life Juice * Toothpaste/Toothbrushes. Please leave them in the plastic box at the front door of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

Cleaning Team: Tuesday 23rd October – Mary and Karen.. Can you help us? Helping just one hour a month would lighten the load of others who do assist to keep the church nice and clean. See Don or Fr. Domenico for details.

"90 Club": DRAW NEXT WEEK (Sunday 28th October). You still have time to obtain a number in the draw; please ask Don.

NEXT PRIZE BINGO: FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER – 'EYES DOWN' AT 7.00PM! – We are VERY SHORT of non-perishable items for prizes (toiletries, gift sets, store vouchers, wine, spirits, chocolates, boxes of biscuits, etc.). Can you help us? A sincere 'thank you' for all of the items that have been handed in; these are very important to us, and are much appreciated. Your support is instrumental in making the Bingo such a success for the parish!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

R.I.P: + Richard Karasek +

Anniversaries: + Alastair MacInnes + Matt Hamilton + Ron MacLean + Mary Brown + Mary Gribbens + Peggy Horne +