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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**22 APRIL 2018:  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
(GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY)**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 4: 8-12

Psalm: Ps 117 (118): 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 3: 1-2

Gospel: John 10: 11-18

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 22 April	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY)</b> Second Collection: Diocesan Vocations	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass</b>	<b>9.00 am 9.30 am</b>
Tuesday 24 April	<b>NO MASS (ASSEMBLY OF PRIESTS IN ELGIN)</b>	—	—
Wednesday 25 April	<b>NO MASS (ASSEMBLY OF PRIESTS IN ELGIN)</b>	—	—
Thursday 26 April	<b>NO MASS</b>	—	—
Sunday 29 April	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> Second Collection: Building Fund	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass</b>	<b>9.00 am 9.30 am</b>

## Fourth Sunday of Easter: The Shepherd's Voice

Jesus, in today's Gospel, says that He is the good shepherd the prophets had promised to Israel. He is the shepherd-prince, the new David—who frees people from bondage to sin and gathers them into one flock, the Church, under a new covenant, made in His blood (see Ezekiel 34:10–13, 23–31).

His flock includes other sheep, He says, far more than the dispersed children of Israel (see Isaiah 56:8; John 11:52). And He gave His Church the mission of shepherding all peoples to the Father. In today's First Reading, we see the beginnings of that mission in the testimony of Peter, whom the Lord appointed shepherd of His Church (see John 21:15–17).

Peter tells Israel's leaders that the Psalm we sing today is a prophecy of their rejection and crucifixion of Christ. He tells the "builders" of Israel's temple, that God has made the stone they rejected the cornerstone of a new spiritual temple, the Church (see Mark 12:10–13; 1 Peter 2:4–7).

Through the ministry of the Church, the shepherd still speaks (see Luke 10:16), and forgives sins (see John 20:23), and makes His body and blood present, that all may know Him in the breaking of the bread (see Luke 24:35). It is a mission that will continue until all the world is one flock under the one shepherd.

In laying down His life and taking it up again, Jesus made it possible for us to know God as He did—as sons and daughters of the Father who loves us. As we hear in today's Second Reading, He calls us His children, as He called Israel His son when He led them out of Egypt and made His covenant with them (see Exodus 4:22–23; Revelation 21:7).

Today, let us listen for His voice as He speaks to us in the Scriptures, and vow again to be more faithful followers. And let us give thanks for the blessings He bestows from His altar.

(Scott Hahn)

## GENERAL NEWS

**20-26 April: Mary Magdalene at Eden Court!** – The new movie on the life of Mary Magdalene, starring Rooney Mara and Joaquin Phoenix, will be screening at Eden Court cinema, from Friday 20 April – Thursday 26 April. Certificate 12A.

**29 April 2018: ROSARY ON THE COAST – For Faith, Life and Peace in the British Isles.** Why not join us as we implore the intercession of Our Blessed Mother Mary, through the Rosary, for peace and life in our country? In Inverness, the venue is the Caledonian Canal at Clachnaharry (Sea Loch Basin). The Meeting Point is at Muirtown Canal Bridge (IV3 8LY) at 1.30pm; we will walk to the Sea Loch Basin at Clachnaharry and begin prayers at 2.00pm. Please see: <https://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk/>

**Monday 7 May 2018: PILGRIMAGE TO CRAIG LODGE** – a one-day Pilgrimage to Craig Lodge, Dalmally, on Monday, 7 May, 2018. The Coach will leave from St Mary's, Beaulieu, at 7:30am, arriving at about 10:30am and leaving Dalmally at 4:30pm and returning at about 7:30pm. We will have about 6 hours for Holy Mass, prayers, lunch (packed lunch), free time, walk and devotions. The cost for the Coach is £20 per person. Contact Fr Maximilian Nwosu at St Mary's, Beaulieu: [stmarysbeaulieu@btinternet.com](mailto:stmarysbeaulieu@btinternet.com) / tel. 01463 782232.

**22nd–24th May 2018: Pluscarden Pentecost Lectures** – *“You Have Come to Mount Sion”: The Christian Pilgrimage in the Letter to the Hebrews.* Four talks by Fr. Richard Ounsworth OP, which are as follows:

Tuesday 22nd May at 3.00pm: “Potato Stamps: Reading the Old Testament in the Light of Christ”.

Wednesday 23rd May at 10.30am: “Jesus is Joshua: What’s in a Name?”

Wednesday 23rd May at 3.00pm: “Passing Through the Veil: Christ the High Priest and the Day of Atonement

Thursday 24 May at 10.30am: “Robed in Flesh, Our Great High Priest”

There is no charge for these lectures, and all are welcome to attend. To register for the talks, make further enquiries, or book accommodation, contact Pluscarden Abbey, Elgin, Moray, IV30 8UA. Please e-mail: [guestmaster@pluscardenabbey.org](mailto:guestmaster@pluscardenabbey.org). See the poster on the front page of our parish website.

## PARISH NEWS

**Welcome to our Catenians!** – The Catenians are an association of Catholic laymen who are committed to their Faith, their families, to those in need and to each other. Their primary purpose is to establish a network of friends, which enhances their family life, strengthens their Faith and sustains them in difficult times. They support each other, the Catholic Church, young people, and those in need. A short presentation

will be given at the end of Mass today by one of our Catenian parishioners.

**Good Shepherd Sunday: World Day of Prayer for Vocations** – Today’s Second Collection is for our Diocesan Seminarians’ Bursary Fund. Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord’s call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes, particularly within our own Diocese. We remember our seminarians: Deacon Emmet O’Dowd, Deacon Rafal Szveda, Dominic Nwaigwe, Christopher Doig, Malachy Eze, Aidan Matheson.

**Dominic Nwaigwe – Ordination to the Diaconate:** Thanks be to God, Dominic will be ordained as a Deacon at St. Mary’s Inverness on **Friday 14 September 2018 (Exaltation of the Holy Cross)**. Please continue to pray for him and his family in Nigeria who are supporting him in their prayers.

**Calling all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** – we have a number of housebound people in the Balloch/Culloden/Westhill/Cradlehall areas who would appreciate a visit, with the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Would you be willing to assist with this? Please speak to Fr Domenico.

**World Youth Day in Panama City: 15–27th January 2019.** Are you between the age of 18 and 35 years old? Would you like to join over a million youngsters from countries all over the world, together with Pope Francis, for a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage of fun, prayer, and fellowship? For further details, contact Gaynoll Craig, our World Youth Day Co-ordinator. Tel: 01479 831681 or 07544020709, or e-mail: [gaynoll.craig@gmail.com](mailto:gaynoll.craig@gmail.com).

**RETURN OF SCIAF WEE BOXES** – Please return these boxes to us from Easter Sunday onwards. The UK government is matching, pound-for-pound, all donations given to our WEE BOX appeal made before the 8th May. Every pound you save will go even further to helping our brothers and sisters around the world to survive and thrive. **WEE BOX PACKS are available in the entrance foyer – please take one home.**

**Cleaning Team:** Monday 23rd April, at 1.30pm – Isobel, Margaret, and Don, and anyone else who would like to come along. Can you help? Only one hour a month! See Don for details.

**“90 Club” – DRAW NEXT SUNDAY, 29 April** – Good luck to all who have a number; only £2 monthly. See Don.

**Prize Bingo: THIS FRIDAY, 27 APRIL** – ‘eyes down’ at 7.00pm. Family fun for all! A warm welcome awaits you. Items to give as prizes are always needed. Thank you for your support!