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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, YEAR C

Sunday Mass Readings

1st Reading: Proverbs 8: 22-31

Psalm: Ps 8: 4-9

2nd Reading: Romans 5: 1-5

Gospel: John 16: 12-15

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 22 May	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (Second Collection: Building Fund)	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) Mass	9.00am 9.30am
Tuesday 24 May	Tuesday in the Eighth Week of the Year	Mass	7.30pm
Wednesday 25 May	Wednesday in the Eighth Week of the Year	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am 11.30am
Thursday 26 May	Memorial of St Philip Neri	Mass	7.30pm
Sunday 29 May	SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Second Collection: Day for Life)	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) Mass	9.00am 9.30am

Pope Francis: Angelus Address on Trinity Sunday

Today is the Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity. The light of Eastertide and of Pentecost renews in us every year the joy and amazement of faith: let us recognize that God is not something vague, he is tangible; he is not abstract but has a name: "God is love". His is not a sentimental, emotional kind of love but the love of the Father who is the origin of all life, the love of the Son who dies on the Cross and is raised, the love of the Spirit who renews human beings and the world. Thinking that God is love does us so much good, because it teaches us to love, to give ourselves to others as Jesus gave himself to us and walks with us. Jesus walks beside us on the road through life.

The Most Holy Trinity is not the product of human reasoning but the face with which God actually revealed himself, not from the heights of a throne, but walking with humanity. It is Jesus himself who revealed the Father to us and who promised us the Holy Spirit. God walked with his people in the history of the People of Israel and Jesus has always walked with us and promised us the Holy Spirit who

is fire, who teaches us everything we do not know and from within us guides us, gives us good ideas and good inspirations.

Today we do not praise God for a specific mystery, but for himself, "for his immense glory", as the liturgical hymn says. We praise him and we thank him because he is Love, and because he calls us to enter into the embrace of his communion, which is eternal life.

Let us entrust our praise to the hands of the Virgin Mary. She, the most humble of creatures, thanks to Christ has already arrived at the destination of the earthly pilgrimage: she is already in the glory of the Trinity. For this reason Mary our Mother, Our Lady, shines out for us as a sign of sure hope. She is the Mother of Hope; on our journey, on our way, she is Mother of Hope. She is also the Mother who comforts us, the Mother of consolation and the Mother who accompanies us on the journey. Let us now pray to Our Lady all together, to Our Mother who accompanies us on the way.

(Angelus Address – Sunday, 26 May 2013)

GENERAL NEWS

Saturday Night Dance Party, 11 June: the Polish Fundraising Group are holding a Saturday Night Dance Party on **11 June, from 7.00pm to 1.00am (!)** in St Mary's Church Hall, Huntly Street, with a Lottery at 10.00pm. Entertainment will be provided by 'The Brothers Band', and by the all-female singing group 'The Voices'. Tickets, priced at £10 each, are available from PJ in St Mary's parish office; call him on 01463 233519, or e-mail: smarysinverness@btinternet.com.

Inverness Parishes Picnic – Sunday 19 June, 3.00pm-6.00pm at Bellfield Park. A picnic is being organised for all the members of the Inverness Parishes. A chance to get to know other parishioners and other cultures! Come along for a wonderful afternoon – an ideal end to the day, after our Confirmation Day! There will be games, a bouncy castle, face-painting, bottle stall, BBQ, lucky dip, etc. Live music will be provided by the Brothers Band and DJ Coli. Donations gratefully accepted.

The **Highland Foodbank** is short of some of the items normally given out in their food packages and has asked if we can help. The items are *tinned mince/stew, cream crackers, tinned corn beef*. If you wish to donate, please feel free to hand in items to us until the end of May. The Foodbank is also seeking volunteers to help with a supermarket collection at Tesco Extra, Inshes, on Friday/Saturday 1/2 July. If you could give a couple of hours to help, please contact Lorna Dempster, tel. 07875 332396 or e-mail lorna.dempster@blythswood.org

PARISH NEWS

"The Spiritual Works of Mercy": our next Year of Mercy Evening of Reflection on the Spiritual Works of Mercy will take place **at St Columba's on Wednesday 25 May, beginning at 7.00pm.** The format will be as follows: a short talk, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, some quiet time, and concluding with Benediction. Come and join us!

FEAST OF ST COLUMBA, THURSDAY 9 JUNE: there is lot to celebrate this year – the Feast-Day of our Parish Patron Saint, the first anniversary of your Parish Priest here at St Columba's (...and the fifth anniversary of his Priesthood!). After the Mass, we will have a Summer Picnic 'al fresco' on the patio (weather permitting!). **We are looking for volunteers to help with the moving of tables, setting out the food, etc.,** and we ask that you **bring along something to share and eat with others** in a fraternal Parish festive meal. **PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEET in the entrance foyer.**

CALLING ALL TEENAGERS!! 'Power of Grace', Saturday 11 June: A day retreat for **teens aged 12-16**, organised by the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia. The event will be held **at Greyfriars' Convent, Elgin, from 11.00am to 6.00pm.** Come and experience the power of your Confirmation during this day of fun, fellowship, and prayer. **The event is free, but registration is required. The necessary forms are available on the parish website.** Fr Domenico will be participating in the day's activities; please speak to him, or e-mail the Sisters at: dominican.sisters@dioceseofaberdeen.org. Car-sharing can be arranged. **Parents: please do encourage your youngsters to come along to this fun-filled day!**

Ainsley's hair-(fund)raising initiative: thanks to the generosity, in large part, of our congregation, Ainsley has raised over £200 for The Little Princess Trust (<http://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/>). Her hair will help towards the manufacture of wigs for young girls undergoing chemotherapy. The funds raised will be used for Ainsley's trip to Romania next Summer, and for her work with the children there, following in her brother Ruairidh's footsteps. Ainsley would like to thank all of the parishioners for their great generosity and support.

Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love): I have ordered a number of copies of this new document by Pope Francis; they will be available from the Sacristy on a 'first come, first served' basis, priced at £5.00 each. There are plans to organise a day dedicated to the theme of "Love and the Family", and/or a study group focusing on the text itself. Watch this space for details, and pick up a printed copy from us!

WINDOW DAMAGE: last week our rear corridor windows were damaged as a result of stones being thrown at them. Please make sure that children are not left unsupervised in the church grounds.

Congratulations! – to Alison, Anna, Cameron, Fionnula, Jamie, Jessica, and Sophie-Maree, who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last Thursday. Please continue to pray for them as they prepare to make their First Holy Communion next month.

THANK YOU! – to our anonymous donors for the **wonderfully generous gift of £1,000.00** to the Parish. It is greatly appreciated!

Reconciliation and Holy Communion classes:
Thursdays, 5.30pm-6.00pm.
Meetings on: 26 May; and on 2, 9, 16, 23 June.

Confirmation classes:
Thursdays, 6.30pm-7.15pm.
Meetings on: 2 & 16 June.

Church cleaning – Tuesday at 9.30am: Don.
Additional help is always appreciated!

"90 Club" – DRAW NEXT SUNDAY 29th MAY, AFTER MASS. Good luck to all who have a number. There are a few numbers still available if you would like to join in this fundraiser. Please ask Don for information.

PRIZE BINGO: THIS FRIDAY 27 May, at 7.00pm.
A warm welcome awaits you and your family members. Items to give as prizes are always required. Thank to everyone for the wonderful items we are given.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Audrey O'Connell + Amelia Drew + John Drew + Cathy Thomson + Leslie Murray +