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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Amos 8: 4-7

Psalm: Ps 112 (113): 1-2, 4-8

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2: 1-8

Gospel: Luke 16: 1-13

22 SEPTEMBER 2019:

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
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Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 22 September	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 24 September	Tuesday of Week 25 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 25 September	Wednesday of Week 25 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 26 September	Thursday of Week 25 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 27 September	St. Vincent de Paul, Priest	NO MASS AT ST. COLUMBA'S	---
Saturday 28 September	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	10.30 am 11.00 am
Sunday 29 September	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Christian Astuteness

“Today, Jesus invites us to reflect on two opposing ways of life: the way of the world and that of the Gospel — the worldly spirit is not the spirit of Jesus — and He does so by recounting the parable of the unfaithful and corrupt steward, who is praised by Jesus, despite his dishonesty (cf. Lk 16:1-13). We must point out immediately that this administrator is not presented as a model to follow, but as an example of deceitfulness. This man is accused of mismanaging his master's affairs, and before being removed, astutely he tries to ingratiate himself with the debtors, condoning part of their debt so as to ensure himself a future. Commenting on this behaviour, Jesus observes: “For the sons of this world are wiser in their own generation than the sons of light” (v. 8).

We are called to respond to this worldly astuteness with Christian astuteness, which is a gift of the Holy Spirit. This is a matter of departing from the worldly spirit and values, which the devil really favours, in order to live according to the Gospel. How is

worldliness manifested? Worldliness is manifested by attitudes of corruption, deception, subjugation, and it constitutes the most ill-chosen road, the road of sin, because one leads you to the other! It's like a chain, even if — it's true — it is generally the easiest road to travel. Instead, the spirit of the Gospel requires a serious lifestyle — serious but joyful, full of joy! — serious and challenging, marked by honesty, fairness, respect for others and their dignity, and a sense of duty. And this is Christian astuteness!

.. when we try to follow the Gospel logic of integrity, clarity in intentions and in behaviour, of fraternity, we become artisans of justice and we open horizons of hope for humanity. In gratuitousness and by giving of ourselves to our brothers and sisters, we serve the right master: God.”

(Pope Francis, *Angelus* Address, 18/09/2016)

GENERAL NEWS

Interested in joining the SVP? The SVP conference of St. Ninian's, Inverness, is looking for new members to build on our current group. We are extending an invitation to the congregation of St. Columba's, Culloden, to join us and assist us in our work which includes visiting the sick, the lonely and the housebound. For details, please contact Peter Kelly of St Ninian's at ptr.kelly1@gmail.com or phone 01463 713302; you can also get in touch with Peter Birrell at peterbirrell98@gmail.com or 01463 716675.

Vacancy: Head Teacher of St. Joseph's RC Primary School, Inverness – this post is being readvertised this week on **myjobscotland** from around 25th September. If you would like further information, or if you know of anyone with the appropriate qualifications and experience who might be interested, please contact the **myjobscotland** website in due course, or speak to Fr. Domenico.

Fr. Piotr is leaving the Highlands! – Sadly, we are to lose Fr. Piotr Rytel, the Polish Chaplain at St. Mary's, who has often celebrated Mass here with us. He will be leaving Inverness at the beginning of October to take up the appointment of Parish Priest at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Banff. Both priests and people throughout the Highlands will miss his friendly collegial manner, and his pastoral sensitivity. There will be a suitable farewell to express our gratitude to him, and to offer him our very best wishes for his new ministry. Fr. James Bell has suggested that we might **take our leave of Fr. Piotr after the 11.00am Mass at St. Mary's, and after the Polish 1.00pm Mass, on Sunday 29 September.**

Extraordinary Missionary Month, October 2019 – Pope Francis is instituting an Extraordinary Missionary Month in October. The theme that the Holy Father has chosen is as follows: "Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World". There are four dimensions, specified by the Pope, to live more intensely the journey of preparation for the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019:

1. A personal encounter with Jesus Christ alive in His Church through the Eucharist, the Word of God, personal and communal prayer;
2. Testimony: missionary saints, martyrs and confessors of the faith, as an expression of the Church scattered throughout the world;
3. Missionary formation: biblical, catechetical, spiritual and theological;
4. Missionary charity.

Watch this space for more information on EMM (Extraordinary Mission Month), and how we can put it into practice at St. Columba's! Your input is very welcome! For more details, see the official website at: <http://www.october2019.va/en.html>

PARISH NEWS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to make Friday evening's talk by David Wells such a great success. Some 55 people attended from throughout the Deanery and beyond (from Fochabers, Elgin..), and apart from the excellent presentation of our invited speaker, the

refreshments were also a sight to behold! Well done, St. Columba's – as hosts, we did ourselves proud!

Ogilvie Centre for New Evangelisation and Catechesis: The Ogilvie Centre exists to encourage, strengthen and build the faithful in encountering Christ, becoming intentional disciples, and using their gifts to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It does this by providing on-going support and resources for evangelisation, catechesis and adult faith formation. For information, go to: <https://ogilvie.rcda.scot/>

October: Month of the Rosary – to mark the Marian month of October, and to increase the devotional life of the parish, we will pray the Rosary together each Saturday, before Mass, from 10.45am-11.00am.

Highland Foodbank – Harvest Appeal: Your donations help to provide emergency food and support to local people in crisis. As part of our Harvest Appeal, we would be grateful for the following items: * **Long Life Juice** * **Tins of Potatoes** * **Tins of Mince/Stew** * **Oatcakes/Crackers** * **Tins of Ham** * **Shower Gel/Shampoo.** Please leave these items in the plastic box at the front door of the church. Thank you!

Confirmations 2020 – Initial Meeting with Families, Thursday 10 October at 6.30pm. Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin in the Autumn; families are invited to attend this initial meeting to introduce the programme and plan a suitable timetable.

BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP: the group meets **tomorrow** (Tuesday 23 Sept.), in the Meeting Room at St. Columba's, from 9.30am to 11.30am. Come along and join in the fun!

CLEANING TEAM – Monday 23rd September at 12 noon: Marie and Don. Could someone offer a kind hand to assist? Any help would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to Don.

"90 Club" – NEXT DRAW: Sunday 29th September. There are a few remaining numbers waiting for names to go next to them..! Only £2 monthly, with three prizes to be won. Ask Don for details.

PARISH BINGO: FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER at 7.00pm: (FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS!). Why not come along? Prayers to the Saint from Assisi may help you to win a few prizes! Items to give as prizes are urgently required, such as: gift vouchers, toiletries, chocolates, wine. and other unusual things. Thank you for your support.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Vinnie Walton + Michael Good + Laura Johnstone + Fr. George Hutcheon + Norman Wood + John Macdonald + Alec Mackintosh + Katie Mary Fraser + Alistair MacLeod +

Anniversaries: + Mary MacKinnon + Malcolm MacDonald + Morag McInnes + Kate McDaid + Bridget Tierney + Eddie Pocock +