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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**23 JUNE 2019:**

**SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, YEAR C**

**~ FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS ~**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 14: 18-20

Psalm: Ps 109 (110): 1-4

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

Gospel: Luke 9: 11-17

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 23 June	SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI ~ FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS ~ Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 25 June	Tuesday of Week 12 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 26 June	Wednesday of Week 12 in Ordinary Time	NO MASS	---
Thursday 27 June	Thursday of Week 12 in Ordinary Time	NO MASS	---
Friday 28 June	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	NO MASS	---
Saturday 29 June	The Immaculate Heart of Mary	NO MASS	---
Sunday 30 June	SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL Second Collection: Peter's Pence	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

## Solemnity of Corpus Christi: "Blessed and Broken"

At the dawn of salvation history, God revealed our future in figures. That's what's going on in today's First Reading: A king and high priest comes from Jerusalem (see Psalm 76:3), offering bread and wine to celebrate the victory of God's beloved servant, Abram, over his foes.

By his offering, Melchizedek bestows God's blessings on Abram. He is showing us, too, how one day we will receive God's blessings and in turn "bless God"—how we will give thanks to Him for delivering us from our enemies, sin and death.

As Paul recalls in today's Second Reading, Jesus transformed the sign of bread and wine, making it a sign of His Body and Blood, through which God bestows upon us the blessings of His "new covenant."

Jesus is "the priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek," that God, in today's Psalm, swears will rule from Zion, the new Jerusalem (see Hebrews 6:20–7:3).

By the miracle of loaves and fishes, Jesus in today's Gospel again prefigures the blessings of the Eucharist.

Notice that He takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to the Twelve. You find the precise order and words

in the Last Supper (see Luke 22:19) and in His celebration of the Eucharist on the first Easter night (see Luke 24:30).

The Eucharist fulfils the offering of Melchizedek. It is the daily miracle of the heavenly high priesthood of Jesus.

It is a priesthood He conferred upon the Apostles in ordering them to feed the crowd, in filling exactly twelve baskets with leftover bread, in commanding them on the night He was handed over: "Do this in remembrance of Me."

Through His priests He still feeds us in "the deserted place" of our earthly exile. And by this sign He pledges to us a glory yet to come. For as often as we share in His body and blood, we proclaim His victory over death, until He comes again to make His victory our own. (Scott Hahn)

### Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

"The Eucharist is essential for us: it is Christ who wishes to enter our lives and fill us with His grace."

## GENERAL NEWS

**Saturday 29 June: Day of Recollection at Stratherrick – POSTPONED.** It is appropriate that we postpone the Stratherrick Day from 29 June to a date in late July/early August. There is too much going on that weekend, and several people have declared that their diaries are full. The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Pluscarden Abbey on Sunday 30 June will be a priority for everyone and we ought to ensure that as many people who want to go have the opportunity.

**Sunday 30 June: Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Pluscarden Abbey – Mass at 3.00pm (be seated by 2.30pm).** This year, the Mass celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, the first proclaimers of our faith. We hope that St. Columba's will be well represented at this event, and we especially ask that all families and communities should make an effort to attend this special Mass.

At this Mass the importance of Catechists will be recognised, and it would be good to have some of our own Parish groups in attendance, who are indebted to the work of our Catechists, such as those who have recently made their First Holy Communion, Confirmation and our Children's Liturgy Group.

The programme for the day is as follows:

**1.00pm-2.30pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

(Lady Chapel), and **Sacrament of Confessions**  
(St. Benedict's Retreat)

**3.00pm: Pilgrimage Mass and Procession**  
(Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul).

There will be testimonies from catechists and pupils before the Mass, and the Diocesan children's schola will be singing, under the direction of John Horton.

**Monday 1 July: Mass of Thanksgiving for Joyce Webster** – Joyce has worked for the Diocese of Aberdeen for over twenty years, under three different bishops. To mark her retirement, at the beginning of July, and to thank her for her many years of faithful service, we are organising a Mass and buffet reception for her, with a number of special guests in attendance. **The Mass will take place in St. Mary's Cathedral, in Huntly Street, Aberdeen, on Monday 1 July at 6.00pm.** All welcome.

**2-5 August 2019: 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 is invited to write to: [novicemaster@pluscardenabbey.org](mailto:novicemaster@pluscardenabbey.org)  
[www.pluscardenabbey.org](http://www.pluscardenabbey.org)

## PARISH NEWS

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Annrose, Caitlin, Calum, Emily, Katie, and Ruby, on their special day! Please continue to keep them in your prayers, as they develop their devotion for, and love of, the Holy Eucharist.

**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 advertised for 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 meets on Mondays, from 9.30am to 11.30am. Why not come along and join in the fun?! .

**CLEANING TEAM** – Monday 24 June at 4.00pm: Jijy, Shona, 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" – Next draw SUNDAY 30 June.** Good luck to all who have a number. There is still time to join in! Please speak to Don.

**PARISH BINGO – THIS FRIDAY, 28 JUNE! – 'eyes down' at 7.00pm. Family fun for all!** A warm welcome awaits you. Thank you for all the wonderful items that have been handed in! After Friday, the Bingo will have a break for a few months, and 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+

**R.I.P:** + Christopher Sharp +

**Anniversaries:** + Margaret Smith + Tom Waters +