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23RD OCTOBER 2016

THIRTIETH SUNDAY

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Sunday Mass Readings

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-14, 16-19

Psalm: Ps 33: 2-3, 17-19, 23

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18: 9-14

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 23 October	THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Second Collection: Mission Sunday)	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00am 9.30am
Tuesday 25 October	Tuesday in the Thirtieth Week of the Year	Mass	7.30pm
Wednesday 26 October	Wednesday in the Thirtieth Week of the Year	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am 11.30am
Thursday 27 October	Thursday in the Thirtieth Week of the Year	Mass	7.30pm
Sunday 30 October	THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Second Collection: Building Fund)	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00am 9.30am

Pope Francis' Message for World Mission Sunday 2016

The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which the Church is celebrating, casts a distinct light on World Mission Sunday 2016: we are invited to 'go out' as missionary disciples, in order to bring the message of God's tenderness and compassion to the entire human family.

From the beginning the Father has lovingly turned towards the most vulnerable. Mercy is an essential aspect of the love that God has for all his children, whom he created and whom he wants to raise and educate; in the face of their weaknesses and infidelity, his heart is overcome with compassion (cf. Hos 11:8).

Jesus reveals the face of the Father who is rich in mercy. When we welcome and follow Jesus through the Gospel and Sacraments, we can learn to love as he loves us and make of our lives a free gift, a sign of his goodness (cf. *Misericordiae Vultus*, 3).

The Church is the community that lives by the mercy of Christ: she senses his gaze and feels he has chosen her with his merciful love. It is through this love that the Church discovers its mandate, lives it and makes it known to all peoples through a respectful dialogue with every culture and religious belief.

Together with the evangelising and sacramental work of missionaries, women and families often more adequately understand people's problems and know how to deal with them in an appropriate and, at times, new way – by caring for life, with a strong focus on people rather than structures; by allocating human and spiritual resources towards the building of good relations; harmony, peace, solidarity, dialogue, cooperation and fraternity, both among individuals and in social and cultural life, in particular through care of the poor.

In many places evangelisation begins with education, to which missionaries dedicate much time and effort. In this way they bring forth a new people able to evangelise, who will take the Gospel to those places where it otherwise

would not have been thought possible. We proclaim the most beautiful and greatest gifts that he has given us: his life and his love.

All peoples and cultures have the right to receive the message of salvation which is God's gift to every person. This is all the more necessary when we consider how many injustices, wars, and humanitarian crises still need resolution. The mandate of the Gospel to 'go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you' (Mt 28:19-20), commits all of us, in the current landscape with all its challenges, to hear the call to a renewed missionary 'impulse'.

This Jubilee year marks the 90th anniversary of World Mission Sunday, first approved by Pope Pius XI in 1926 and organised by Missio's Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF). It is appropriate then to recall the wise instructions of my Predecessors who ordered that all the collections throughout the world be destined to Missio, for the care of Christian communities in need and to support the proclamation of the Gospel.

May Holy Mary, sublime icon of redeemed humanity, model of missionaries for the Church, teach all men, women and families, to foster and safeguard the living and mysterious presence of the Risen Lord in every place, he who renews personal relationships, cultures and peoples, and who fills all with joyful mercy.



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TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:

Today, Pope Francis invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. World Mission Sunday is a special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the mission of the Church. The World Mission Sunday Collection – one of just three personally requested by our Holy Father each year – supports young and poor churches overseas. This year, World Mission Sunday focuses on the Church in Rwanda and healing the broken-hearted. Over twenty years ago, the horrors of the Rwandan genocide shocked the world; one million people were slaughtered in just 100 days. Although physical wounds slowly heal, emotional scars remain. Some wounds only God's merciful love heals. This is what makes the work of priests and sisters so vitally important. They help survivors find the strength to forgive. Sadly, the past cannot be changed. Yet the spiritual support that comes from experiencing God's love and mercy is helping those whose lives were shattered look to the future with hope. Through your prayers and generosity on World Mission Sunday, you will be helping the Church heal the broken-hearted in Rwanda and elsewhere. Thank you for your compassion and generosity.

THIS SATURDAY: COFFEE MORNING for "Mary's Meals" at St Columba's, Saturday 29 October, 10.00am to 12 noon. Home baking, raffle, bottle stall, and more. Entry by donation. **We need volunteers to help make this a really successful event:** providing home bakes, setting up; helping to serve teas, coffees, etc., on the day; kitchen team; clearing up. **Please do consider helping, and sign up on the list in the foyer.**

SETTING UP: THURSDAY EVENING, 27 OCTOBER: there will be a meeting **after Thursday evening Mass to set up the tables for the coffee morning**, as well as to get things organised for Saturday. Many hands make light work! If you have items to hand in (home-baking, bottles for the bottle-stall, etc.), please bring them along.

NEXT SUNDAY: END OF BRITISH SUMMER TIME! CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS!! Please note that next Sunday, 30 October, marks the official 'end of British Summer Time'. **Clocks go back one hour** – meaning that we all have an extra hour in bed! Make sure you catch up on your rest, in time for our Sunday Mass!

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: November is the month when we remember our dearly departed. If you would like to have any deceased relatives or friends remembered at Mass during November, please place their names in the brown envelopes in the foyer, and hand these in to the Sacristy. All names will be placed in front of the altar, and a selection will be read out at every Mass. All offerings received will be donated to our Building Fund.

Morning of Renewal for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – Saturday 19 November, 10.00am – 1.00pm. This is an opportunity for ALL Readers and Extraordinary Ministers – **from St Columba's and further afield** – to come together for a morning of reflection and renewal. There will be several short presentations, time for prayer, and Question-and-Answer Sessions. Please spread the word.

New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: we need to commission new Extraordinary Ministers. Fr Domenico has already approached several people about

this; if asked, please do consider offering yourself for this important ministry. Full training will be given!

Preparation for First Holy Communion, 2016-2017: if your child is of approx. P3 age at Primary School, and you would like to discuss the possibility of him/her being prepared to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion in Summer 2017, please see Fr Domenico.

Drama Group for Children (approx. 5-10 years old): This initiative has been suggested to me by one of our parishioners. If you would like to help with a simple drama group for our younger children, with the aim of putting together a small production at Christmas and Easter-time, please speak to Fr Domenico.

Gardeners required: if you'd like to help maintain the beautiful appearance of the church grounds, please speak to Don – we need your help!

Church cleaning – Tuesday 25th October, 4.30pm: Margaret and Don. New volunteers always welcomed – please consider offering your time to help clean our beautiful church!

"90 Club": The draw will take place NEXT WEEK, on Sunday 30 October. There are a few tickets still available; £2.00 monthly. Please ask Don.

PRIZE BINGO – The next Fundraiser Bingo will be on **FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER!!** 'Eyes down' at 7.00pm. Items to give out as prizes are always needed (ten single-line prizes; ten 'full house' prizes; plus Raffle prizes). Many thanks to all who donated such marvellous gifts.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Audrey O'Connell + Amelia Drew + Leslie Murray + Rhona MacGregor +

Recently Departed: + Rt. Rev. John Mone, Bishop Emeritus of Paisley +

Anniversaries: + Mary Gribbens + Peggy Horne

GROUPS AND DEVOTIONS

The Secular Franciscan Order meets at 2.00pm on the Second Saturday of each month at St Columba's, Culloden. Contact Helen MacGilp (01463 792149). Visit www.ofsgb.org.uk.

Prayer and Praise Group every Thursday in the Lady Chapel at St Columba's, after the 7.30pm Mass.

Inverness Catenian Circle meet on the Second Monday of every month, at 7.30pm (**next meeting: 14 November**). The meeting is followed by dinner at the Craigmonie Hotel, Annfield Road, Inverness. Contact Donald (07780 603045). Visit www.catenians.co.uk.

The Knights of St Columba meets on the first Monday of every month in the Marian Room at St. Mary's, at 7.30 pm (**next meeting: 7 November**): contact Neil Munro (01463 232095). Visit www.ksc.org.uk.

St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) meets every fortnight, on Sundays, in the Marian Room at St Mary's, at 10.00 am (**next meeting: 30 October**). Visit www.svp.org.uk.