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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

## Sunday Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 14: 21-27  
Psalm: Ps 144: 8-13  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Apocalypse 21: 1-5  
Gospel: John 13: 31-35

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 24 April	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> (Second Collection: Aid for Ukraine)	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel)</b> <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b>
Tuesday 26 April	Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Eastertide	Service of the Word and Holy Communion	7.30pm
Wednesday 27 April	Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Eastertide	Service of the Word and Holy Communion Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am 11.30am
Thursday 28 April	Thursday of the Fifth Week of Eastertide	<b>MASS</b>	7.30pm
Friday 29 April	Feast of St Catherine of Siena	NO MASS	-
Sunday 1 May	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> (Second Collection: Building Fund)	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel)</b> <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b>

## Inspiring Quotations from *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis' new document on Love in the Family

I thank God that many families, which are far from considering themselves perfect, live in love, fulfil their calling and keep moving forward, even if they fall many times along the way. The Synod's reflections show us that there is no stereotype of the ideal family, but rather a challenging mosaic made up of many different realities, with all their joys, hopes and problems. [paragraph 57]

Just as a good wine begins to 'breathe' with time, so too the daily experience of fidelity gives married life richness and 'body'. [231]

The life of every family is marked by all kinds of crises, yet these are also part of its dramatic beauty. Couples should be helped to realise that surmounting a crisis need not weaken their relationship; instead, it can improve, settle and mature the wine of their union. [232]

I sincerely believe that Jesus wants a Church attentive to the goodness which the Holy Spirit sows in the midst of human weakness, a Mother who, while clearly expressing her objective teaching, 'always does what good she can, even if in the process, her shoes get soiled by the mud of the street'. [308]

We have been called to form consciences, not replace them. [37]

Few human joys are as deep and thrilling as those experienced by two people who love one another and

have achieved something as the result of a great, shared effort. [130]

I think ... of the speed with which people move from one affective relationship to another. They believe, along the lines of social networks, that love can be connected or disconnected at a whim of the consumer, and the relationship quickly 'blocked'... We treat affective relationships the way we treat material objects and the environment: everything is disposable; everyone uses and throws away, takes and breaks, exploits and squeezes to the last drop. Then, goodbye. [39]

Young love needs to keep dancing towards the future with immense hope. [219]

Here let me say a word to fiancés. Have the courage to be different. Don't let yourselves get swallowed up by a society of consumption and empty appearances. What is important is the love you share, strengthened and sanctified by grace. You are capable of opting for a more modest and simple celebration in which love takes precedence over everything else. [212]

Love needs time and space; everything else is secondary. [224].

**For the full text of *Amoris Laetitia*, together with video discussions, reviews, and summaries of the document, see the dedicated page on our parish website!**

## GENERAL NEWS

**Inverness Justice and peace group:** The next meeting of the group will take place **on 4 May, from 7.30pm-9.00pm**, at the Olive Grove cafe in the Crown area of Inverness. We will be following the SCIAF study material on Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Laudato Si*. If you would like more information, please contact [jillkent@me.com](mailto:jillkent@me.com).

## PARISH NEWS

**Congratulations to our *Confirmandi*** on the occasion of their Enrolment. This short ceremony is a formal declaration on the part of our young people that they are committing themselves to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please continue to pray for Erin, Morven, Matt, Calum, and Louis during this time of preparation.

**Thank you!** – to the kind parishioners who made Gift Aid donations last week. Your generous contributions have really helped, and your support of the Parish is much appreciated.

### **Pope Francis' Plea for Humanitarian Aid in Ukraine:**

The Holy Father has asked for a Special Collection to be taken today (**5th Sunday of Easter**) for humanitarian aid in **Ukraine**. The Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, has written a letter in which he explains the necessity for this initiative:

“Due to the particularly grave situation facing the Ukrainian people, the Holy Father has wished to draw the attention of the faithful to the tragic consequences of the ongoing conflict, overlooked by many. For this reason, he announced during on 3 April that a special humanitarian initiative will be implemented by means of a collection to be held throughout Europe on Sunday 24 April. The proceeds of this collection will be joined to a substantial offering to be made by His Holiness as a sign of his own participation in this collection. These funds will be used for the benefit of those living in conflict zones and those displaced within the country. In order to ensure that this aid is effective and properly managed, the Holy See will organise specific projects for the most urgent humanitarian emergencies.”

**The full text of the letter, together with an accompanying information sheet, can be read on the notice board in the entrance foyer.**

### **Please continue to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood!**

We are blessed to have seven men who are studying to be Priests in our Diocese:

**Deacon Peter Macdonald; Andrew Niski; Emmet O'Dowd; Rafal Sweda; Christopher Doig; Dominic Nwaigwe; Malachy Eze.**

Please pray for these men, as they continue to respond with joy to the call of the Lord. Each of our seminarians should be supported and cherished, and we are lucky to have them; however, we would rejoice to have more! Please do consider offering a daily prayer for an increase in Priestly Vocations to our Diocese. Another way that you can help is to consider a financial contribution to our Diocesan Seminarians' Bursary Fund. **The annual cost to the Diocese of training each Seminarian is around £25,000.** This covers their university tuition costs, their accommodation, and their food, books, and travel costs. If you would like to contribute to this, please speak to Fr Domenico, or consult our Bursary Fund Appeal leaflets in the entrance foyer.

**“The Corporal Works of Mercy – Part 2”:** the second part of our **Year of Mercy Evening of Reflection** on the Corporal Works of Mercy will take place **at St Columba's on Wednesday 27 April, beginning at 7.00 pm.** 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!

**Sainsburys “Active Kids” Vouchers:** St Josephs' Primary School is collecting Active Kids vouchers to help them to purchase sports and cooking equipment. If you shop at Sainsburys, please pick up these vouchers, and drop them in to our box in the foyer, **by 6 May at the latest.** Thank you!

### **\*\* AMORIS LAETITIA (THE JOY OF LOVE) \*\***

**Pope Francis' new document, on Love in the Family**, brings together the results of the two Synods on the Family convoked by Pope Francis in 2014 and 2015. This teaching document, known as a Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation, is striking both in terms of its length and its detail (some 264 pages, with over 325 paragraphs arranged in 9 chapters). **It can be read on the St Columba's website**, together with a summary of the document and other relevant articles. Please do check it out!

### **Reconciliation and Holy Communion classes:**

Meet this Thursday, 28 April, 5.30pm onwards.

### **Confirmation classes:**

Meet this Thursday, 28 April, 6.30pm onwards.

**Church cleaning:** Tuesday, 26 April, at 10.00am. Don will be by himself, so any extra help to clean the church would be very much appreciated.

**“90 Club” – DRAW TODAY after Mass.** Good luck to all who have a ticket(s). You too can be in the draw! If you would like to participate, please ask Don for details.

**PRIZE BINGO THIS FRIDAY! – Our Prize Bingo returns this Friday, 29 April.** Eyes down at 7.00pm. Thank you to everyone who has donated goods for prizes: without your valuable help, we would not have the success that we do. **HELP ALWAYS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED TO SET UP AND TIDY AWAY.** Thank you for your support.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** + Anna Black + Audrey O'Connell + Amelia Drew + John Drew + Cathy Thomson + Marie Coyle + Mary Innes + Leslie Murray + Ian Angus + Rebecca Angus + David White +

**Anniversaries:** + Dick Bryson, M.B.E. + John Prendergast + Flora MacDonald + Michael MacInnes + Roddy MacKinnon +