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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**24 NOVEMBER 2019:
CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING,
YEAR C**

Mass Readings

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 5: 1-3

Psalm: Ps 121 (122): 1-5

2nd Reading: Colossians 1: 12-20

Gospel: Luke 23: 35-43

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 24 November	SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 26 November	Tuesday of Week 34 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	NO MASS	---
Wednesday 27 November	Wednesday of Week 34 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	NO MASS	---
Thursday 28 November	Thursday of Week 34 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Richard Green R.I.P. (Second Anniversary)	NO MASS	---
Friday 29 November	Friday of Week 34 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	NO MASS	---
Saturday 30 November	ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE Mass Intention: Deacon John McEwan SFO (Health and Intentions)	NO MASS	---
Sunday 1 December	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Solemnity of Christ the Universal King: Kingdom of the Son

Week by week the Liturgy has been preparing us for the revelation to be made on this, the last Sunday of the Church year. Jesus, we have been shown, is truly the Chosen One, the Messiah of God, the King of the Jews. Ironically, in today's Gospel we hear these names on the lips of those who don't believe in Him—Israel's rulers, the soldiers, and a criminal dying alongside Him.

They can only see the scandal of a bloodied figure nailed to a cross. They scorn Him in words and gestures foretold in Israel's Scriptures (see Psalm 22:7–9; 69:21–22; Wisdom 2:18–20). If He is truly King, God will rescue Him, they taunt. But He did not come to save Himself, but to save them—and us. The good thief shows us how we are to accept the salvation He offers us. He confesses his sins, acknowledges he deserves to die for them. And He calls on the name of Jesus, seeking His mercy and forgiveness.

By his faith he is saved. Jesus “remembers” him—as God has always remembered His people, visiting them with His saving deeds, numbering them among His chosen heirs (see Psalm 106:4–5). By the blood of His cross, Jesus reveals His Kingship—not by saving His life, but by offering it as a ransom for ours. He transfers us to “the Kingdom of His beloved Son,” as today's Second Reading tells us. His Kingdom is the Church, the new Jerusalem and House of David that we sing of in today's Psalm.

By their covenant with David in today's First Reading, Israel's tribes are made one “bone and flesh” with their king. By the new covenant made in His blood, Christ becomes one flesh with the people of His Kingdom—the head of His body, the Church (see Ephesians 5: 23-32).

We celebrate and renew this covenant in every Eucharist, giving thanks for our redemption, hoping for the day when we too will be with Him in Paradise. (Scott Hahn)

GENERAL NEWS

30 November 2019: 'The Missionary Spirit of Jesus': A Discussion by the Emmanuel Community, at St. Mary's Beaulieu, from 10.30am-1.30pm. The programme is as follows (see poster):

10.30am: Tea/coffee and Introduction

11.00am: Mass

11.50am-12.40pm: Presentation

12.45pm-1.05pm: Discussion

1.10pm: Convene and Conclusions

1.30pm: Lunch and Dismissal

PARISH NEWS

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.

NEXT SUNDAY, 1 December: 'Bacon Butty Morning' for Mary's Meals – delicious bacon rolls will be available after Sunday Mass on Sunday 1 December. All monies will go towards the charity Mary's Meals.

Thursday 5 December: St. Columba's Parish Council Meeting – the meeting will take place after the evening Mass. Please let Fr. Domenico know if you can attend; any items for the Agenda to be sent to him.

"Joy to the World": Marian Reflections for Advent – 4, 11, 14 December. A series of talks, discussions, and meditations on God's plan for salvation, seen through the eyes of Mary of Nazareth. The programme is as follows:

Wednesday 4 December at 7.00pm: The Annunciation

Wednesday 11 December at 7.00pm: The Visitation

Saturday 14 December, 12 noon-4.00pm: The Nativity

More details to follow. Please spread the word!

Christmas Flowers – we are blessed with the generosity and talents of parishioners, who always provide us with such beautiful flowers for Christmas. Would you consider helping us with a donation, which will go towards making our church even more beautiful, and fitting for celebrating the birth of Our Saviour?

Highland Foodbank: November to January – Your donations help to provide emergency food and support to local people in crisis. As part of their Winter Appeal, the Highland Foodbank would be grateful for donations of the following items: * **Cartons of Long Life Fruit Juice** * **Small Washing Powder/Gel** * **Tins of Corned Beef** * **Tins of Ham** * **Jam**. Please leave these items in the plastic box at the front door of the church. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY – Saturday 7 December, 2.00pm – 4.00pm. Santa has been notified, and has promised us that he will come to visit St. Columba's! Please note, Mums: Selection Boxes wrapped up! There will be music, games, surprises, and much more! All children very welcome!

ST COLUMBA'S CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE – Thursday 19 December, 7.00pm – 8.00pm. Back by popular demand – a date for your diaries! As per last year, we will be hosting a service of your favourite Christmas carols, with community singing, together with seasonal Scripture readings, with festive food and drink provided (non-alcoholic mulled wine, mince pies, and other goodies). We will have the children of St. Joseph's RC School joining us, together with a special appearance by The Three (Highland) Priests! Donations at the door – suggested offerings are: £5 for adults; kids go free! All proceeds go towards our Building Fund. Why not invite some friends and come along?!! Spread a little festive cheer!

BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP: the group meets **tomorrow (Monday 25 November)**, in the Meeting Room at St. Columba's, from 9.30am to 11.30am. We are always looking for new members to join in the fun!

CLEANING TEAM – Monday 25th November at noon: Marie and Don. Would you like to help out too? Any help would be greatly appreciated!

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE – our Yuletide hamper is ready: only £1 for a strip of five tickets. Please write your name and phone number on the back of each ticket. There are FIVE great prizes to be won! GOOD LUCK!!

90 CLUB DRAW TODAY, AFTER MASS! Good luck to all who have a number. There are still a few numbers available; why not try your luck, and help the parish? Ask Don for details.

CHRISTMAS BINGO FUNDRAISER – FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER: eyes down at 7pm. Come along and join in our festive Bingo. There are some wonderful items to be won. To help keep the event successful, please continue handing in items to give as prizes. Ideal items include: gift vouchers, toiletries, chocolates, wine, and other unusual things. Thank you for your generous support.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Angus Johnson + Michael Good + Laura Johnstone + Fr. George Hutcheon + Norman Wood + John Macdonald + Alec Mackintosh + Katie Mary Fraser + Fr. Richard Reese +

R.I.P.: + Margaret Marshall +

Anniversaries: + Wally Pocock + Theresa Anna Thomas + Andrew MacDonald + Martin Regan