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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**25 NOVEMBER 2018:
CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING**

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Daniel 7: 13-14

Psalm: Ps 92 (93): 1-2, 5

2nd Reading: Revelation 1: 5-8

Gospel: John 18: 33-37

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 25 November	CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Confession Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 27 November	Tuesday of Week 34 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Confession Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 28 November	Wednesday of Week 34 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Confession Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 29 November	Thursday of Week 34 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Confession Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Sunday 2 December	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (NO Second Collection)	Sacrament of Confession Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Christ the Universal King: A Royal Truth

What's the truth Jesus comes to bear witness to in this last Gospel of the Church's year?

It's the truth that in Jesus, God keeps the promise He made to David of an everlasting kingdom, of an heir who would be His Son, "the first born, highest of the kings of the earth" (see 2 Samuel 7:12-16; Psalm 89:27-38).

Today's Second Reading, taken from the Book of Revelation, quotes these promises and celebrates Jesus as "the faithful witness." The reading hearkens back to Isaiah's prophecy that the Messiah

would "witness to the peoples" that God is renewing His "everlasting covenant" with David (see Isaiah 55:3-5).

But as Jesus tells Pilate, there's far more going on here than the restoration of a temporal monarchy. In the Revelation reading, Jesus calls Himself "the Alpha and the Omega," the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. He's applying to Himself a description that God uses to describe Himself in the Old Testament—the first and the last, the One who calls forth all generations (see Isaiah 41:4; 44:6; 48:12).

"He has made the world," today's Psalm cries, and His dominion is over all creation (see also John 1:3; Colossians 1:16-17). In the vision of Daniel we hear in today's First Reading, He comes on "the clouds of heaven"—another sign of His divinity—to be given "glory and kingship" forever over all nations and peoples.

Christ is King and His kingdom, while not of this world, exists in this world in the Church. We are a royal people. We know we have been loved by Him and freed by His blood and transformed into "a kingdom, priests for his God and Father" (see also Exodus 19:6; 1 Peter 2:9).

As a priestly people, we share in His sacrifice and in His witness to God's everlasting covenant. We belong to His truth and listen to His voice, waiting for Him to come again amid the clouds. (Pope Francis, Angelus Address, 15 November 2015).

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

"To serve for love's sake is to reign: this is the royalty of Jesus."

GENERAL NEWS

Tuesday 27 November: Gabriel Society Meeting in the Marian Room, 32 Huntly Street, at 7.00pm – Kit Fraser, a local writer and businessman, will be speaking on the subject of ‘Secret Spirit: Depression and Prayer’. All welcome.

Saturday 1 December: St. Vincent De Paul Society – Day of Prayerful Observance at St. Mary’s, Inverness, from 4.00pm-6.00pm. All members, supporters, and anyone with an interest in the work of the SVDP is welcome to attend. Come and join us! Here is the programme:

4.00pm Gathering Songs and Prayer
4.15pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
4.30pm The Holy Rosary (Mysteries of Light)
4.50pm Address: Fr. James Bell
5.00pm “The Advent Light – Dispelling the Darkness”
5.15pm Vespers and Benediction
5.30pm Confessions (Piety Stall)
6.00pm Vigil Mass of the First Sunday of Advent

Saturday 8 December: Deanery Day of Healing and Devotion at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stratherrick. The programme for this Deanery Day on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is as follows:

10.00 Gather and Register (House: Tea/Coffee)
10.30 Introduction: Prayer and Praise (Fr. J. Bell)
10.40 Talk: Mary the Untier of Knots (Fr. J. Bell)
11.00 Exposition/Guided Meditation (Fr. A. Niski)
11.30 Confession and Conferences (all the Priests)
12.00 Angelus (Daughters of Divine Love)
12.15 Mass: Laying on of Hands and Anointing with the Balm of Mercy
Celebrant: Fr. A. Harden SJ;
Homilist: Deacon Dominic Nwaigwe
13.00 Faith Sharing Group
13.20 Relaxation
13.30 Lunch
14.45 Faith Sharing OR Rosary Walk
15.30 Exposition, Vespers, Benediction (Fr. D. Zanre)
16.00 Tea and Depart

Friday 14 December: Inter-denominational Christmas Carol Service at 7.00pm, at St. Mary’s RC Church, Beauly. All welcome!

Saturday 15 December: “Jesus the True Messiah” – at St. Mary’s Church, Beauly, from 10.00am-3.30pm. An Advent Reflection in the light of *Cur Deus Homo* of St. Anselm, led by Fr. Kingsley Chibgo CCE. The programme for the day is as follows:

10:00am – Tea/coffee & introductions
10:30am – Mass
11:25am-12:15pm – Conference Talk & Discussion
12:30pm-1:10pm – Exposition, Penitential Service, & Confessions
1:15pm – Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament
1:30pm – Lunch and dismissal

Would you like to become a Safeguarding Trainer?

– the next training session will take place in Perth on the following dates:

Saturday 19 January 2019, 10.00am-4.00pm.

Saturday 26 January 2019, 10.00am-4.00pm.

For further information, please speak to Helen Macdonald.

PARISH NEWS

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT – the annual St. Columba’s Christmas Carol Concert will take place on **Wednesday 5 December, from 7.00pm-8.00pm.** We are looking for volunteers to help us ‘on the day’:

- Clearing chairs and setting up tables after the evening Mass on Tuesday 4 December;
- serving teas/coffees and edible goodies;
- tidying up afterwards;
- clearing away tables and rearranging chairs;
- welcoming our guests.

Please see the sign-up sheet in the entrance foyer, and do consider helping us to make this a wonderful evening for all the family.

ST. COLUMBA’S CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY –Saturday 8 December, 2.00pm-4.00pm.

Once again, we are looking for ‘Santa’s Helpers’ to assist us with this afternoon of fun for the children. Can you volunteer? See the relevant sign-up sheet in the foyer. Thank you!

BABY AND TODDLERS’ GROUP – The group meets at St. Columba’s every Monday, from 9.30am to 11.30am. Why not come along and join in the fun?!

Cleaning Team: Monday 26 November at 12 noon: Marie, Laura, and Don. Can you help us? Helping just one hour a month would lighten the load of others who do assist to keep the church nice and clean. See Don for details.

90 Club: DRAW AFTER MASS TODAY! – Good luck to those who have a number! “You have to be in it to win it!” Only £2 a month! Please speak to Don.

PRIZE BINGO: FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER – ‘EYES DOWN’ AT 7.00PM! – Why not join us for our special ‘Christmas’ Bingo evening?! A sincere ‘thank you’ for all of the items that have been handed in; these are very important to us, and are much appreciated. Your support is instrumental in making the Bingo such a success for the parish!
Next Bingo night: 25 January 2019.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Audrey O’Connell + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Johnny Gallagher + Denise Maclean + Ellen Williams + Eva Zanre + Vinnie Walton + Laura Johnstone +

R.I.P: + Dennis Wood +

Anniversaries: + Anastasia Macleod, + Wally Pocock + Thres-Amma Thomas + Andrew MacDonald +