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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, C

Sunday Mass Readings

1st Reading: Amos 6: 1, 4-7

Psalm: Ps 145: 7-10

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6: 11-16

Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 25 September	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Second Collection: Building Fund)	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00am 9.30am
Tuesday 27 September	Memorial of St Vincent de Paul	Mass	7.30pm
Wednesday 28 September	Wednesday in the Twenty-Sixth Week of the Year	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am 11.30am
Thursday 29 September	Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael	Mass	7.30pm
Sunday 2 October	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Second Collection: Building Fund)	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00am 9.30am

Pope Francis: worldliness blinds us to the needs of the poor

Worldliness darkens the soul, making it unable to see the poor who live next to us with all their wounds: this was the message, in brief, that Pope Francis had for the faithful gathered for Mass in the chapel of the Santa Marta residence in the Vatican on Thursday morning [5 March 2015].

Commenting on the parable of the rich man, a man dressed “in purple and fine linen,” who “every day gave lavish banquets,” the Pope said that we never hear ill spoken of this man, we are not told that he was a bad man. In fact, “He was, perhaps, a religious man, in its own way: he prayed, perhaps, a few prayers and two or three times a year definitely went to the temple to make the sacrifices and gave large offerings to the priests, and they – with their clerical pusillanimity – gave him to sit in the place of honour.” They did not notice the poor beggar at his door, Lazarus, hungry, full of sores, which were the evidence of his grave need. Pope Francis went on to describe the situation of the rich man: “When he went about town, we might imagine his car with tinted windows so as not [to be] seen from without – who knows – but definitely, yes, his soul, the eyes of his soul were darkened so that he could not see out. He saw only into his life, and did not realize what had happened to [himself]. He was not bad: he was sick, sick with worldliness – and worldliness transforms souls. It transforms souls, makes them lose consciousness of reality. Worldly souls live in an artificial world, one of their making. Worldliness anaesthetises the soul. This is why the worldly man was not able to see reality.”

The reality is that many poor people are living right in our midst: “So many people are there, who bear so many difficulties in life, who live in great difficulty: but if I have the worldly heart, never will understand that. It is impossible for one with a worldly heart to comprehend the needs and the neediness of others. With a worldly heart you can go to church, you can pray, you can do so many things. But Jesus, at the Last Supper, in the prayer to the Father, what did He

pray? ‘But please, Father, keep these disciples from falling into the world, from falling into worldliness.’ Worldliness is a subtle sin – it is more than a sin – it is a sinful state of soul.”

The Holy Father went on to discuss the two judgments given in the story: a curse for the man who trusts in the world and a blessing for those who trust in the Lord. The rich man turns his heart away from God, “his soul is empty,” a “salt and desolate land,” for, “the worldly, truth be told, are alone with their selfishness.” The worldly have “a heart that is sick, so attached to this worldly way of life that it could only be healed with great difficulty.” The Pope underlined that, while the poor man had a name, Lazarus, the rich man in the account does not. “[The rich man] had no name, because the worldly lose their name. They are just one of the crowd affluent, who do not need anything. The worldly lose their name.”

In the parable, the rich man dies, and when he finds himself in torment in hell, and asks Abraham to send someone from the dead to warn family members still living. Abraham, however, replies that if they hear not Moses and the prophets, they will not be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead. The Pope says that the worldly want extraordinary manifestations, yet, “in the Church all is clear, Jesus spoke clearly: [His] is the way.” In the end, though, there is a word of consolation: “When the poor worldly man, in torment, asks that Lazarus be sent with a little water to help him, how does Abraham respond? Abraham is the figure of God the Father. How does He respond? ‘Son, remember...’ The worldly have lost their name: we too, if we have a worldly heart, will have lost our name. We are not orphans, however: until the end, until the last moment there is the confidence that we have a Father who awaits us. Let us entrust ourselves to Him. ‘Son,’ he says: ‘son’, in the midst of that worldliness; ‘son.’ We are not orphans.”

[Vatican Radio Report, 5 March 2015]

GENERAL NEWS

“The Free Fishers”: A Day for Young People at Stratherrick - Saturday 1 October, 10.00 am – 5.00 pm, at the church of the Immaculate Conception, Stratherrick (postcode for satnav: IV2 6UL). A day of trekking, fishing, praying, and celebrating. Please mark this in your diary. Adult supporters welcome (especially with fishing rods!!). If you would like to attend, please contact the Parish Office at St Mary’s (01463 233519).

The Gabriel Society: Meeting on Friday 21 October, at 7.30pm, in the Marian Room. **Fr James Crampsey SJ**, former Provincial of the British Province of the Jesuits, and current Superior of the Jesuit community at Lauriston in Edinburgh (for further details, see the following site: <http://www.jesuit.org.uk/profile/james-crampsey-sj>). He will talk on: **“The Documents of Pope Francis: An Ignatian Perspective”**.

PARISH NEWS

Items for Blythwood Trust shoeboxes: Ainsley is collecting items for shoeboxes for the Blythwood Trust. She would be grateful for any of the following items: hat, scarf, gloves (for children), small toys, shampoo, face cloths, deodorant, moisturiser, comb, hairbrush, razors, shaving foam, socks/tights, make up, sewing equipment, candles, tools (screwdriver, pens, pencils, other stationery). In order to make up the shoeboxes, we would be grateful if **all items could be handed in to St Columba’s by Sunday 16th October**. Many thanks.

Would you like to join our Altar Servers? – There will be the first practice for NEW altar servers here at St Columba’s, on **Tuesday 27 September, from 4.30pm to 5.15pm**. We hope to form a Server’s Club, with fun activities organised for all – why not come along and join our team?!

4 October – Feast of St Francis of Assisi: The Secular Franciscan Order will celebrate the Feast of St Francis on Tuesday 4 October at St Columba’s, Culloden. **10.30am: Transitus service**, which prayerfully narrates the death of St Francis; **followed by 11.00am Mass**. All are invited to join with members of the local fraternity for the celebration and for refreshments. For more details phone Helen MacGilp on Inverness 792149.

Faith in Film returns! - Wednesday 19 October, from 7.00pm: *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*. This is a timeless story of innocence lost and humanity found, set amidst the horrors of the Holocaust in World War II. *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* tells the story of eight-year-old Bruno. Bored and restless in his new home, he ignores his mother and sets off on an adventure in the woods. Soon, he meets a young boy, and a surprising friendship develops. Based on the best-selling novel by John Boyne, this is a remarkable and inspiring story about the power of the human spirit that will capture your heart and engage your mind. Certificate: 12 (c. 90 minutes).

Saturday 29 October – a fund-raising Coffee Morning at St Columba’s, in aid of Mary’s Meals. More details to follow.

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.

Church cleaning – Tuesday 27 September, at 4.30pm: Margaret and Don.

“90 Club”: DRAW TODAY!! – Good luck to all who have a number! Three prizes to be won. There are a few tickets still available; £2.00 monthly. Please ask Don.

PRIZE BINGO – FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER!! ‘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. Your help is crucial in making this fundraiser such a success for the parish.

Ceud mile faithe! – if you are new to St Columba’s, a very warm welcome to you! Please take a moment to fill in a parish register form, and return it to Fr Domenico.

FINANCES

No. 1 Account	£ 251.32
Building Account	£ 301.64
– Thank you for your support of the parish –	

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Audrey O’Connell + Amelia Drew + Leslie Murray + Ellen Williams + Rhona MacGregor +

Anniversaries: + Bridget Tierney + Eddie Pocock + Kate Anne McDaid + Margaret Mcphee + Bert Rizza + Shuan May +

GROUPS AND DEVOTIONS

Inverness Catenian Circle meet on the Second Monday of every month, at 7.30pm (**next meeting: 10 October**). The meeting is followed by dinner at the Craigmorie 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: 3 October**): 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: 16 October**). Requests for assistance and support can be made by contacting any SVP member or by dropping a note in a SVP collection box. Visit www.svp.org.uk.

The St Mary’s Parent & Toddler Group meets on Wednesdays in the Marian Room, 11.00am – 2.45pm.

The St Ninian’s Parent & Toddler Group is now meeting again. Enquiries to Jenny Wilson, tel. 07779 003434.

.. and St Columba’s Parent & Toddler Group?? Why not? Let’s think about organising our *own* group here!! Remember that this can only happen with your involvement!! Several Mums have already spoken to me about this; please see Fr Domenico after Mass if you are interested in establishing a group here.