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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**26 JANUARY 2020:**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**(Year A (II); Psalter: Week 3)**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3  
 Psalm: Ps 26 (27): 1,4,13-14  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17  
 Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Date	Details	Service	Time
<b>Sunday 26 January</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 696) Second Collection: Building Fund</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass</b>	<b>9.00 am 9.30 am</b>
Tuesday 28 January	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church Mass Intention: 'Private Intention'	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 29 January	Wednesday of Week 3 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Mary MacIntyre R.I.P. (Recently Departed)	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 30 January	Thursday of Week 3 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 31 January	St. John Bosco, Priest Mass Intention: Eva Zanrè, R.I.P. (First Anniversary)	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am 12 noon
Saturday 1 February	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation ** Rosary ** Mass	10.15 am 10.40 am 11.00 am
<b>Sunday 2 February</b>	<b>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (p. 1114) Second Collection: Building Fund</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass</b>	<b>9.00 am 9.30 am</b>

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: History Redeemed

Today's Liturgy gives us a lesson in ancient Israelite geography and history.

Isaiah's prophecy in today's First Reading is quoted by Matthew in today's Gospel. Both intend to recall the apparent fall of the everlasting kingdom promised to David (see 2 Samuel 7:12-13; Psalm 89; 132:11-12).

Eight centuries before Christ, that part of the kingdom where the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali lived was attacked by the Assyrians, and the tribes were hauled off into captivity (see 2 Kings 15:29; 1 Chronicles 5:26).

It marked the beginning of the kingdom's end. It finally crumbled in the sixth century BC, when Jerusalem was seized by Babylon and the remaining tribes were driven into exile (see 2 Kings 24:14).

Isaiah prophesied that Zebulun and Naphtali, the lands first to be degraded, would be the first to see the light of God's salvation. Jesus today fulfils that prophecy—announcing

the restoration of David's kingdom at precisely the spot where the kingdom began to fall.

His Gospel of the Kingdom includes not only the twelve tribes of Israel but all the nations—symbolised by the "Galilee of the Nations." Calling His first disciples, two fishermen on the Sea of Galilee, He appoints them to be "fishers of men"—gathering people from the ends of the earth.

They are to preach the Gospel, Paul says in today's Second Reading, to unite all peoples in the same mind and in the same purpose—in a worldwide kingdom of God.

By their preaching, Isaiah's promise has been delivered. A world in darkness has seen the light. The yoke of slavery and sin, borne by humanity since time began, has been smashed.

And we are able now, as we sing in today's Psalm, to dwell in the house of the Lord, to worship Him in the land of the living. (Scott Hahn).

## GENERAL NEWS

**Sunday 26 January & 2 February, 6.00pm-9.00pm: Fundraising Buffet at George's Restaurant** – on 16 January, Mrs. Cheryl Maria Pereira passed away unexpectedly, due to severe pulmonary arterial hypertension disease, which was only just diagnosed. Cheryl worked in the restaurant as a chef and in front of the house, taking care of all the customers' needs. She was a loving wife to Mark, and a loving mother to 8-week-old baby Alrick. Cheryl Pereira is originally from Goa, and funds are desperately needed to support her family for the transfer of her body back to India, and the subsequent funeral. George's Thai and South Indian Restaurant (19 Queensgate) has organised a fundraising event, with ALL of the funds raised on the night going towards the transport and funeral costs. Price: £20 per adult/£10 per child (under 5s free). For more information, or to book a table, contact: George\_karthik2004@yahoo.com, or phone: 07878 283466.

## PARISH NEWS

**Today's Liturgy (CTS Sunday Missal) – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A (p. 696):**

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 696: Readings and Proper Prayers

p. 541: Creed

p. 569: Preface IV of Sundays in Ordinary Time

p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II

p. 631: Communion Rite

**TODAY is 'SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD'** – In his recent Apostolic Letter 'Aperuit Illis', Pope Francis wrote the following: "At the conclusion of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, I proposed setting aside "a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people" (*Misericordia et Misera*, 7). Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world... Consequently, I hereby declare that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. This *Sunday of the Word of God* will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity."

To this end, there are a large number of FREE leaflets available in the entrance foyer, focusing on the Year of the Word. Please do take one. This leaflet forms a simple introduction to the year, including:

- Advice on the prayerful reading of Scripture, particularly on the Gospel of Matthew;
- An explanation of the signs and symbols used in the Gospel Liturgy;
- An exploration of the Church's use of Scripture;
- Saints who played an important role in helping us to be guided by God's revelation;
- Prayers featured in Scripture;
- How Scripture played an important part in the lives of various saints;
- Official prayers for the year.

**Welcome to the Friends of LSU!** – today, we welcome the Friends of La Sainte Union, the Religious Congregation of Sr. Barbara Campbell, who passed away six years ago, in 2014. The Friends of LSU will be joining us for tea and coffee after Mass and there will be a chance to meet them, and to share memories of Sr. Barbara. Janice Morton, a regular attender at St. Columba's, is gathering together any stories of Sr. Barbara that you may have. She and the other Friends of LSU will be in the Meeting Room after Mass, and Janice can be reached at jan1955morton@btinternet.com. She looks forward to hearing from you!

**Sunday 9 February: Youth Mass at St. Columba's!** – We are organising a Mass, led by young people from our parish and throughout the Highland Deanery. This will be the first of a number of different occasions, to be held throughout the Deanery, for our young people to come together and to share their enthusiasm and talent through the medium of music! We would like our own youth here at St. Columba's to have a good representation in the Mass: in the music group (playing an instrument or singing). There will be short practices after Sunday Mass to learn new hymns. We are ALSO looking for young people to assist us as Readers, as Assistant Passkeepers, with the Offertory Procession, and so on. If you would like to be involved, please see David or Fr. Domenico, or wait behind after Mass to join the musicians and singers. No specialist experience required! Why not come along and try it?

**Friday 21 February, at 7.30pm: 'The City of Florence in Dante's Divine Comedy'** – A presentation given by Fr. Domenico to the Highland Italian Circle, at the Highland Bowling Club, 7 Auldcastle Road, Inverness, IV2 3PZ. All welcome!

**Baby and Toddlers' Group:** the group will meet tomorrow, 27 January, from 9.30am to 11.30am. We are looking for new children to join the group, and to take part in the fun! Why not come along?

**Cleaning Team** – Monday 27th January at 4.00pm: Shona, Jijy, and Don. Would you like to help out too?! See Don for details.

**90 Club – DRAW TODAY!** Fees are now due again for 2020; for details, please see Don. There are still some numbers available if you would like to play too!

**Fundraiser Prize Bingo returns NEXT WEEK, Friday 31 January!!** Eyes down at 7.00pm. ALL WELCOME. Thanks for your help with items to give as prizes; it is greatly appreciated!

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** + Anna Black + Angus Johnson + Michael Good + Laura Johnstone + Norman Wood + Katie Mary Fraser + John Smith + Stuart MacLennan + Jeanette Catto + John Macdonald + Iain Campbell +

**R.I.P:** + Mary MacIntyre + Cheryl Maria Pereira +

**Anniversaries:** + Sister Barbara Campbell LSU (2014) + Henry Pieraccini + Amie Greaves + Maureen Campbell + Eva Zanrè (2019) +