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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**26 MAY 2019:
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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Mass Readings

1st Reading: Acts 15: 1-2. 22-29
Psalm: Ps 66: 2-3. 5-6. 8
2nd Reading: Apocalypse 21: 10-14. 22-23
Gospel: John 14: 23-29

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 26 May	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 28 May	Tuesday of Week 6 in Eastertide	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 29 May	Wednesday of Week 6 in Eastertide	NO MASS	---
Thursday 30 May	SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD ~ HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ~	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 31 May	Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am 12 noon
Saturday 1 June	Memorial of St. Justin, Martyr Mass Intention: John Hagley, RIP (5 th Anniversary)	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	10.30 am 11.00 am
Sunday 2 June	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Second Collection: Communications Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Sixth Sunday of Easter: The Holy Spirit – teaching all things, and bringing to remembrance

Today's Gospel takes us back to the Upper Room. During the Last Supper, before confronting his passion and death on the cross, Jesus promises the Apostles the gift of the Holy Spirit, who will have the task of teaching and recalling [Jesus'] words to the community of disciples. Jesus says: "the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you" (Jn 14:26). Teach and recall. This is what the Holy Spirit does in our hearts. At the moment in which he is about to return to the Father, Jesus foretells of the coming of the Spirit who will first teach the disciples to understand the Gospel ever more fully, in order to welcome it in their existence and to render it living and operative by their witness. While he is about to entrust to the Apostles — which in fact means "envoys" — the mission of taking the Gospel to all the world, Jesus promises that they will not be alone. The Holy Spirit, the Counsellor, will be with them, and will be beside them, moreover, will be within them, to protect and support them.

Jesus returns to the Father but continues to accompany and teach his disciples through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The second aspect of the Holy Spirit's mission consists in helping the Apostles to remember Jesus' words. The Spirit has the task of reawakening the memory, recalling Jesus' words. The divine Teacher has already communicated all that he intended to entrust to the Apostles: with Him, the Word made flesh, the revelation is complete. The Spirit will recall Jesus' teachings in the various concrete circumstances of life, so that they may be put into practice. That is precisely what still happens today in the Church, guided by the light and the power of the Holy Spirit, so that he may bring to everyone the gift of salvation, which is the love and mercy of God. For example, each day when you read — as I have advised you — a passage, a passage of the Gospel, ask the Holy Spirit: "Let me understand and remember these words of Jesus". Then read the passage, every day.... But first the prayer to the Spirit, who is in our heart: "Let me remember and understand". (Pope Francis, *Regina Caeli*, St. Peter's Square, 1 May 2016)

GENERAL NEWS

Monday 27 May: 'Happy Days' – at The Atrium Inverness College UHI, 11.00am-2.00pm. In aid of Nerve Tumours UK. Join us for fun, friendship, and socialising! With teas & coffees, cakes, raffles, board games, and featuring 'The Vocalaires', the acclaimed female barbershop choir. All welcome!

Saturday 1 June: Day of Recollection at St. Mary's, Beaulieu: 'The Holy Spirit: The Paraclete of Jesus Christ', led by Fr. Peter Ezekoka (St. Margaret's, Huntly). The programme for the day is as follows:

10.30am: tea/coffee – introductions

11.00am: Mass

11.50am-12.40pm: Session

12.45pm-1.05pm: Discussion

1.10pm: Convene and Conclusion

1.30pm: Lunch and Dismissal

Sunday 2 June: St. Ninian's Summer Fete, from 11.00am onwards. Why not head along to this special event? Fun for all the family! Home bakes, teas/coffees, burger stalls, bottle stalls, bric-a-brac, and much, much more!

Friday 7 June: An Evening of Music – at the Phipps Hall, Station Road, Beaulieu (IV4 7EH), from 7.00pm onwards. Featuring: Four Singing Priests; Kiltarlity Community Choir; Classical Music; Ceilidh. FREE admission! Donations gratefully accepted for the St. Mary's Church and Cemetery car park improvements.

Thinking about becoming a Priest? Want to know more about how to apply for the Priesthood in Scotland? Why not come along to the **Information Day on Saturday 15 June from 10.00am to 3.00pm.** For further information, or to book a place, please do get in contact with Father Keith Herrera at administrator@cathedral-abdn.org.

PARISH NEWS

Looking forward.. Some dates for your diaries – Saturday 8 June: Transferred Parish Patronal Feast Day of St. Columba: Mass and parish lunch 'al fresco'.

Sunday 9 June: Pentecost.

Sunday 23 June: First Holy Communions (Corpus Christi).

We are looking for help with these events: we will need catering (salads, quiche, desserts, etc.), for St. Columba's Day; we are also looking for parishioners whose mother-tongue is not English, and who are prepared to read out our Prayers of the Faithful in their own language. Any singing groups are also very welcome!

Christopher Doig, one of our Diocesan Seminarians, was instituted as a Candidate for Holy Orders in the Pontifical Scots College, Rome, on Wednesday 22 May. Candidacy is the final step before ordination to the Diaconate, and it is a formal recognition by the Church that a man is presenting himself for Ordained Ministry. Christopher will have two more years of study in Rome; he hopes to specialise in the area of

Patristics (the study of the writings and thought of the Early Church Fathers). Well done, Christopher! Haste ye back!

Congratulations! – to Lucy and Anna, who were baptised yesterday (25 May), and to their proud parents, Katie and Sean. May the Holy Spirit fill them with grace and wisdom, as they grow in faith and love.

PASSKEEPERS / USHERS – Would you like to help the Parish? Why not consider becoming a Passkeeper or Usher? Please speak to Fr. Domenico after Mass for further details.

RETURN OF SCIAF WEE BOXES – Please return these boxes to us from Easter Sunday onwards. Every pound you save will help our brothers and sisters around the world to survive and thrive.

Highland Foodbank – April and May: Your donations help to provide emergency food and support to local people in crisis. During these months, we would be grateful for the following items: * Tins of Vegetables * Cartons of Long Life Fruit Juice * Washing Powder (small) * Shaving Foam / Razors. Please leave them in the plastic box at the front door of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP: the group meets on Mondays, from 9.30am to 11.30am. Why not come along and join in the fun?!

CLEANING TEAM – Cleaning Team: Monday at 4.00pm: Shona, Jijy, and Don. **Please see the notice in the front lobby with weeks 1 to 4 with cleaning times; all of them are on Mondays. If anyone would like to join in and help on any of the days, please speak to Don.** It's only once a month, and it really helps to keep our church looking fresh and clean!

"90 Club" – DRAW TODAY! Good luck to all who have a number. You can still join in: there are a few numbers left; why not take one?! Only £2 monthly. There are 3 nice prizes to be won, and it supports the parish. Ask Don for details.

Next Prize Bingo: THIS FRIDAY, 31 MAY! – 'eyes down' at 7.00pm. Family fun for all! A warm welcome awaits you. **Our cupboard is VERY LOW on prizes** – can you help us? Ideal gifts include: boxed toiletry sets, boxes of chocolates, boxed biscuits, scented candles, gift vouchers, unwanted gifts... The bingo success is all down to the many wonderful items that you hand in; please do keep them coming! Thank you!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Vinnie Walton + Michael Good + Elspeth Angus + Magda Maclean + Laura Johnstone + Fr. James Bell +

R.I.P.: Right Reverend Joseph Devine, Bishop Emeritus of Motherwell +

Anniversaries: + Neil Munro +