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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

### 26 NOVEMBER 2017: CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING

## Sunday Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22 (23): 1-3a, 5-6

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46

Date	Details	Service	Time
<b>Sunday 26 November</b>	<b>CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING</b> <b>Second Collection: Building Fund</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>9.30 am</b>
Tuesday 28 November	Tuesday of Week 34 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 29 November	Wednesday of Week 34 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
<b>Thursday 30 November</b>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF ST ANDREW, APOSTLE</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b> <b>7.30 pm</b>
<b>Sunday 3 December</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>9.30 am</b>

## CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING



At first glance, you see someone huddled in blankets and clutching at sleep on a cold park bench. At second glance, you think: "It's a statue." At third glance, you notice the holes in the feet - where the nails went in that nailed him to the cross. Jesus, the Homeless, is a life-size bronze statue that has divided opinion. "You walk past people sleeping in doorsteps and on park benches. The marks of the two nails on the feet remind us that Christ is present. So if you are passing Jesus the Homeless, hopefully you will be reminded that there are others who are in need. It is a reminder that we are called to serve the homeless and to recognise Christ in each other." [Source: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-30432842>]

## GENERAL NEWS

**Saturday 2 December: Coffee Morning at St Mary's, Nairn, from 10.00am.** Home baking, craft stalls, and raffle. Tickets only £2.00! Why not pop along for a cup of coffee and a fine 'piece and jam', and then jump in the car and head to..

**St Mary's, Huntly Street, Inverness – Christmas Fair, on Saturday 2 December, from 10.30am until 3.00pm.** Tea/coffee, home baking, bric-a-brac, tombola, Polish stall, raffles, and much more. All welcome!

**Friday 8 December: Day of Recollection at Stratherrick** (Sat Nav: IV2 6UL) for the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**. The programme is as follows:

10.00am: Gather and Register

10.30am: Introduction: Prayer & Praise (Fr James Bell)

10.40am: The Healing Power of Mary (Fr Domenico Zanre)

11.00am: Exposition: Guided Meditation (Fr James Bell)

11.30am: Confession & Conferences (all priests)

1200 noon: Angelus – led by the Daughters of Divine Love

12.15pm: Mass, with Laying on of Hands & Anointing with the Balm of Mercy (Celebrant/Homilist: Fr Andrew Niski)

1.00pm: Relaxation

1.30pm: Lunch

2.45pm: Spiritual Groups (Faith Sharing)

3.30pm: Exposition & Benediction (Fr Andrew Niski)

4.00pm: Tea and depart

## PARISH NEWS

**No Second Collections in December and January:** the Christmas season can be both a busy and a costly one; accordingly, there will be no more Second Collections until February, apart from a mandatory Special Collection at the beginning of January for the work of Justice and Peace. However, please do feel free to continue contributing to our Building Fund, if you can, preferably via Gift Aid. Every little bit helps! Thank you for your ongoing support of St Columba's.

**Would you like to get involved in St Columba's Mothers and Toddlers Group?** The group, which meets **every Monday, from 9.30am-11.30am**, is looking for volunteers to assist on an informal basis (as and when you can make it). Can you help with any of the following?: arts and crafts; music time; help with snacks and tea and coffee. If you would like to get involved, please contact Clare or Sara at: [clareoke@yahoo.com](mailto:clareoke@yahoo.com), or [sara@culloden.net](mailto:sara@culloden.net).

**CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR NOVEMBER** – this will take place on this Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November, from 5 to 5.30pm. If you are in S1 or above and would like to join us please come along or speak to Helen or Ewen.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY – Saturday 9 December, 2.00pm – 4.00pm.** Santa has been notified, and has promised us that he will come to visit St Columba's! There will be music, games, surprises, and much more! All children very welcome! See our poster in the foyer!

**ST COLUMBA'S CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE – Wednesday 13 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 (that means you!) together with seasonal Scripture readings, with festive food and drink provided (non-alcoholic mulled wine, mince pies, and other goodies). We have invited special guests to join us!! Donations at the door will be gratefully accepted – 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!

**"CATHOLICISM: THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS"** returns to St Columba's **this week, on Wednesday 29 November at 7.00pm**, as we look at the figure of **BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN ("The Convert")**. Is there any truth in matters of religion? Should the Church simply retreat in the face of the challenges of culture? John Henry Newman came into the Church as a convert and used his prodigious intellectual gifts to help the Church better understand its identity and mission and engage the challenges of a secular age. Come and join us as we learn about this fascinating man!

**Cleaning Team:** Tuesday 28 November, at 4.30pm – Gi Gi, Shona, and Don. Would you like to join the parish cleaning team? We are always looking for volunteers! An hour a month is all we ask!

**"90 Club" – DRAW TODAY, Sunday 26 November!** Good luck to all who have a number. There are still a few left; only £2 monthly. Please ask Don for details.

**Prize Bingo:** our next fun-filled fundraiser evening will take place on **Friday 1 December at 7.00pm**. All welcome! Come and take part in a family evening. There will be a festive theme to this, our last Bingo of the year! Refreshments provided during the interval! Items to give as prizes are always needed (we are particularly short of chocolates, and of wines and spirits; we'd also appreciate smelly candles, toiletries, gift vouchers, tins of sweets/biscuits...). Thank you for all your support of this fund-raiser.

**Annual Christmas Hamper Draw: TICKETS NOW ON SALE – only £1 for a strip of five tickets!** Please include your name and phone number on the back of the tickets.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** + Anna Black + Audrey O'Connell + Ewen Macdonald Senior + Amelia & John Drew + Rose Corbett + Murray Mackay + Peter Simpson + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Johnny Gallagher +

**RIP:** + Richard Green +

**Anniversaries:** + Anastasia MacLeod + Wally Pocock + Theresa Anna Thomas + Andrew MacDonald +