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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

Sunday Mass Readings

26th JULY 2015

Seventeenth Sunday of the Year B

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4: 42-44

Psalm: 144: 10-11, 15-18

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-6

Gospel: John 6: 1-15

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 26 July	Seventeenth Sunday of the Year B (2nd Collection: Building Fund)	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) Mass	09.00 09.30
Wednesday 29 July	Memorial of St Martha	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00 11.30
Thursday 30 July	Thursday of Week 17 in Ordinary Time	Mass	19.30
Sunday 2 August	Eighteenth Sunday of the Year B (2nd Collection: Building Fund)	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) Mass	09.00 09.30

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available every Sunday before Mass, and at any other time upon request.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) – The Eucharist, part I: why is it so special?

“Over the next four weeks, we are going to look at the Eucharist and the Mass, so often called ‘the source and summit,’ or the beginning and end, of the life of the Church. Our aim will be to explore together some of the great richness of the Eucharist and the Mass: It is rather like a diamond with many facets and colours that reflect so much, as well as being of great beauty and inestimable value. We hope to understand better what we believe, why we believe it and, for that matter, how we arrived at these beliefs.

First, we’ll share a few fundamental reflections about the Eucharist and the Mass. Later, we’ll explore the Eucharist as a sacred meal, as the real presence of Jesus Christ and as a true memory and sacrifice.

The Eucharist is, of course, one of the seven sacraments, so it is useful to remember exactly what the sacraments are. The Catechism of the Catholic Church calls them “signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us.” In other words, through the use of outward, physical signs (bread and wine, water, oil and so on), every sacrament continues the saving presence and work of Jesus Christ.

The sacraments are often called symbols: they literally ‘throw together’ – that’s what the word ‘symbol’ means – the human and earthly on the one hand and the divine and transcendent on the other hand, or the physical signs and elements and God’s love and gifts.

This is what the Eucharist is and what it does, but it also has a special characteristic compared to the other sacraments: There is a unique and special presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. We’ll explore that later in our series.

The Eucharist and the Mass are also ancient. Like all the sacraments, they reflect and continue here and now Jesus’ own ministry and mission. In fact, the roots of the Eucharist and the Mass also lie in the Old Testament.

We see this, for example, in the prayers of blessing and thanksgiving for all that God has done for us and for the good things of creation, the prayers said at the preparation of gifts or in the Eucharistic Prayers we use at Mass. Many understand the Eucharist as the new form of the Jewish Passover, and it is a living memorial of the Last Supper that Jesus celebrated with His disciples (Mark 14:22-25). So in the Eucharist, we remember all that God has done for us, and that this saving love is not just remembered but is actually made present – an amazing gift!

The Eucharist and the Mass are also a ritual encounter with the Lord. Why do we say a ‘ritual’ encounter? We are, after all, ritual beings; we all have our daily rituals and habits, and if these do not happen, then the day often is not a good one! This is why the Eucharist and Mass follow a set pattern and structure: a ritual that is to lead us to a living encounter with God.

The structure and ritual is ancient. St. Justin, writing around 150 AD, gives a description of the Sunday Eucharist that is pretty much what we do today.

The Eucharist and the Mass are also dynamic and active; they are a pledge or a promise, a life-changer and a gift given to transform us, just as the bread and wine are transformed.

From our Sunday Mass and Eucharist, we are sent out having been fed, sustained and transformed, so we can share and live all these gifts in the week ahead. The Eucharist is also a promise or pledge – or, as one prayer puts it, it is the ‘foretaste and promise’ of the future we hope for in heaven. This is why the Eucharist is given to those close to death (this is called ‘viaticum’): Just as the Eucharist was food for a person during their life, now it is the food to sustain them on their final journey to the new life.”

(Rev. Anthony Barrett)

GENERAL NEWS

Cologne Philharmonic Chamber Orchestra will offer an concert of classical music in St Mary's, Inverness, on **Wednesday 29 July at 7.30pm**. The programme includes music by **Vivaldi, Mozart, and Tchaikovsky**. Tickets available from Inverness Tourist Information Centre (Tel. 01463 252401). Ticket prices: £15 Adults; £13 Seniors; £11 Student/Child. Tickets are also available at the door.

Highland Deanery Pilgrimage, Saturday 22 August: St Duthac Collegiate Church, Tain: Mass 1200 noon with Archbishop Mario Conti.

Special Clachan Comar Mass of St Bean, Sat 29 August. A special Mass will be celebrated for those who are interred at Clachan Comar, nr Tomich, Marydale/Cannich, at 3.00 pm, on Sat 29 August – a date for your diary!

Martin Aelred concert, Wednesday 2 September: contemporary tenor and classical guitarist Martin Aelred is returning to Inverness for a fundraising concert entitled "Around the world in 80 minutes", at St. Mary's, Inverness. Martin Aelred has performed for the Dalai Lama and HRH Prince Charles, as well as for presidents and prime ministers at the United Nations in New York, and at cathedrals and churches across the UK. More details to follow. Don't miss it!

PARISH NEWS

Many congratulations to Ellen and Don as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary. If any other parishioners have significant anniversary events occurring in the near future, please do let me know.

Installation Mass with Bishop Hugh Gilbert, OSB: Bishop Hugh is coming to St Columba's next month for a special Mass on **12th August** (time to be confirmed), to install Fr Domenico as Parish Priest. Please put this date in your diaries! We are looking for volunteers to help with catering, etc.

'World Youth Day' for Teenagers and Young Adults: this will take place on **5 September 2015** at St Columba's. The day is aimed at young people throughout the Highland Deanery; it will be an opportunity to meet one another, to enjoy a meal in good company, and to share our faith. Gaynoll Craig will be giving a presentation on next Year's World Youth Day in Krakow, and we will look at developing different initiatives for our young people in the Highlands. Please do join us! Watch this space for more information!

Altar Servers: Calling all young people – would you like to help your Parish? As long as you have made your First Holy Communion, you can serve! Full training provided. Please see Fr Domenico.

Hospital/Home Visits: if you know of anyone who is sick or housebound, and who would like to receive the Sacraments, or just a visit, please speak to Fr Domenico.

'90' Club: our draw takes place after Mass this morning. There are some numbers still available. Please ask Don about how to get involved.

St Columba's Prize Bingo is having a 'rest', but non-perishable items to be given as prizes will be gratefully accepted and stored until we begin again. Thank you!

Cleaning Team – Wednesday 29th July at 1.00pm: Mary and Marie.

Gardening: if it is dry, we'll meet on Tuesday evening, 28th July, at 7.00pm. Bring your own tools!

Tea and Coffee: come along and join us for a cuppa and a chat after Mass, in our meeting room at the end of the corridor.

FINANCES

St Columba's Accounts

General Running Account:

Sort Code: 80-91-26

Account No: 00809358

Building Account:

Sort Code: 80-91-26

Account No. 00809390

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black + Peggy Horne + Leslie Murray + Mary Gribben + Claire Macpherson + Michelle Campbell

Anniversaries: + Baby Edwin Waters + Nan Ward + Ellen Grant + Edwin Wales + Howard Nicolls

GROUPS AND DEVOTIONS

The Secular Franciscan Order meets at 2.00 pm on the second Saturday of each month at St Columba's, Culloden. Contact Helen MacGilp (01463 792149). Visit www.ofsgb.org.uk.

Prayer and Praise Group every Thursday at St Columba's after 7.30pm Mass in the Lady Chapel. Call Brian (01463 790255) for details.

Inverness Catenian Circle meet on the Second Monday of the month at 7.30 pm. Meeting followed by dinner in the Craigmonie Hotel, Annfield Road, Inverness. Contact Donald (07780 603045.) Visit www.thecatenians.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: contact Neil Munro (01463 232095). Dedicated to the principles of charity, unity & fraternity in the local parishes. Visit www.ksc.org.uk.

The Parents & Toddlers Group meets on Wednesdays from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm in the Marian Room beside St Mary's.

The Cenacolo Prayer Group meets every Monday after the 6:00 pm Mass in St. Mary's. All welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) meets every fortnight, on Sundays, in the Marian Room at St Mary's, at 10.00 am. 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.