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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

27 MAY 2018:

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, YEAR B

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40

Psalm: Ps 32 (33): 4-6, 9, 18-20, 22

2nd Reading: Romans 8: 14-17

Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 27 May	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 29 May	Tuesday of Week 8 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Canon Duncan Stone, R.I.P. (Anniversary)	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 30 May	Wednesday of Week 8 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 31 May	Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Sunday 3 June	SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI Second Collection: Day for Life	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity: Family of Love

Last Sunday, we celebrated the sending of the Spirit, which sealed God's new covenant and made a new creation.

In this new creation, we live in the family of God, who has revealed himself as a Trinity of love. We share in His divine nature through His Body and Blood (see 2 Peter 1:4). This is the meaning of the three feasts that cap the Easter season — Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and Corpus Christi.

These feasts should be intimate reminders of how deeply God loves us, how He chose us, from before the foundation of the world, to be His children (see Ephesians 1:4–5).

Today's readings illuminate how all God's words and works were meant to prepare for the revelation of the Trinity and God's blessing in Jesus Christ — the blessing we inherited in Baptism, and renew in each Eucharist.

By God's word the heavens and earth were filled with His kindness, we sing in today's Psalm. Out of love, God called Abraham and chose his descendants to be His own people, Moses says in today's First Reading (see Deuteronomy 4:20,37). Through the Israelites, He revealed to the nations that He alone is Lord and there is no other.

In Jesus, God's word took flesh as a son of Abraham (see Matthew 1:1). And Jesus reveals in the Gospel today that the one God is Father, Son, and Spirit, and that He desires to make all people His own.

As He led Israel out of Egypt, God freed us from slavery, Paul says in today's Second Reading. As He adopted Israel (see Romans 9:4), He gives us the Spirit by which we can know Him as "Our Father."

As God's heirs, we receive the commissions of Moses and Jesus today. We are to fix our hearts on Him, and to observe all that He has commanded. The Eucharist is His pledge — that He will be with us until the end, that He will deliver us from death to live forever in the promised land of His kingdom. (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

Every time that we make the Sign of the Cross, we draw closer to the great mystery of the Trinity.

GENERAL NEWS

Sunday 10 June: 'Picasso Kids Day' in St. Mary's Church Hall – from 12 noon onwards. For all young budding Picassos! A family-centred day of fun, with painting and drawing for the children. All artwork will be displayed the following Sunday. There will also be an (indoor) Bouncy Castle! Teas, coffees, and cakes will be available. All donations go towards youth pilgrimages to Lourdes and Poland.

Sunday 24 June: Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Pluscarden Abbey – This year marks the Centenary of the 1918 Education Act (Scotland), and all of our Catholic Primary Schools have been invited to participate, along with various youth groups, to mark this special anniversary. The programme for the day is as follows:

1.00pm-2.30pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Lady Chapel).

1.00pm-2.30pm: Confessions (St Benedict's Retreat).

3.00pm: Pilgrimage Mass and Procession in honour of Our Blessed Lady.

Refreshments will be available in the Marquee from 12 noon onwards. All welcome.

Sunday 1 July: Scalan Annual Pilgrimage: Mass at the venerable house of Scalan, in the Braes of Glenlivet, **beginning at 4.00pm.** Scalan was the site of a hidden seminary, and during the 18th century, more than a hundred 'Heather Priests' were trained there. For those with sat navs, the postcode is **AB37 9JS**; this will take you to Chapelton of Glenlivet – please walk, or ask for a lift from others, for the last 1½ miles.

Friday 6 July: Priestly Ordinations of Deacon Emmet O'Dowd and Deacon Rafal Szweda at St. Mary's Cathedral in Aberdeen, at 6.00pm. A coach has been organised for anyone wishing to travel to Aberdeen for this special Ordination Mass; the price is £10 each. The coach will depart from King Street (near St. Joseph's School) at 12.30pm, and will depart from Aberdeen after the Mass at approximately 9.30pm. If you would like to add your name to the list of those travelling on the coach, please phone St. Mary's Parish Office on 233519.

PARISH NEWS

Rowing the Pacific – Can you help?! – Raising £40,000 to support children with Down's Syndrome in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. On 2nd June, Michael Prendergast is going to be rowing from Monterrey (California) to Honolulu (Hawaii), as a member of Team Uniting Nations to compete in The Great Pacific Race. The funds that they will raise are going to go towards establishing an 'ABC', Achieving Better Communication, group in Inverness. The group's aim to help children and young people with Down's Syndrome to develop their speech, language, and communication skills. To support this wonderful initiative, simply go to the following website: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/michael-prendergast-rowingthepacific>

SATURDAY 9 JUNE 2018 AT 12 NOON: DOUBLE ANNIVERSARY MASS, ON THE FEAST OF ST COLUMBA! – A date for your diaries! Bishop Hugh will be the Principal Celebrant at this Mass for us, together with the priests who were in attendance 10

years ago, at the Dedication of the Church. Come and join us for this important parish celebration. **We will need to think about: musicians; readers; servers; catering (buffet).** Please be prepared to offer your services to make this a truly memorable celebration! See the sign-up sheet in the foyer!

Pope Francis' new document "Gaudete et Exsultate" ("Rejoice and be glad") – the Apostolic Exhortation on Holiness – is on sale in the entrance foyer. It is very readable, and relevant to all of us; why not pick up a copy? If there is sufficient interest, we will organise a reading group to discuss it together!

Can you offer a lift to a lady in Smithton, who requires a lift to Mass on Sundays? Please speak to Fr Domenico.

Calling all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – we have a number of housebound people in the Balloch/Culloden/Westhill/Cradlehall areas who would appreciate a visit, with the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Can you help? Please speak to Fr Domenico.

Marital Accompaniment in the Diocese – Following the teaching of Pope Francis in his Apostolic Exhortation entitled "Amoris Laetitia", Bishop Hugh has invited certain priests to be available to help those in what the Church calls "irregular marital situations". This is not a Relationship or Marriage Counselling Service, which already exists, but is for those who may wish to discuss their situation and are wondering how they might participate more fully in the life of the Church. Any individual or couple who would appreciate confidential conversations in this area are invited to approach the following priests:

Fr Mark Impson (Stonehaven):

mark.impson@rcda.scot

Fr Giles Conacher OSB (Pluscarden):

fr.giles-osb@rcda.scot

Fr Richard Reese (Tain): reeserj@googlemail.com

St Columba's Baby and Toddler Group: This Monday, in the Meeting Room, at 9.30am-11.30am. Come along and join the fun!

Cleaning Team: Monday 28th May at 4.00pm – Gi Gi, Shona and Don. Would you like to help out? Only one hour a month! See Don for details.

"90 Club": DRAW TODAY AFTER MASS! There are still a few numbers available; only £2 monthly. All profits go to the Building Fund; please ask Don for a number.

NEXT PRIZE BINGO: FRIDAY, 29 JUNE! – 'eyes down' at 7.00pm. Family fun! Items to give as prizes are always needed. Thank you for your generosity!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Audrey O'Connell + Amelia & John Drew + Peter Simpson + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Johnny Gallagher + Denise Maclean + Ellen Williams + Eva Zandre +

Anniversaries: + Canon Duncan Stone + Noel Hadnett + Eilidh MacLeod +