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27 OCTOBER 2019:
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
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Mass Readings

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-14, 16-19
 Psalm: Ps 33 (34): 2-3, 17-19, 23
 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18
 Gospel: Luke 18: 9-14

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 27 October	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Second Collection: Sick & Retired Priests	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 29 October	Tuesday of Week 30 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: John Drew R.I.P. (First Anniversary)	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 30 October	Wednesday of Week 30 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	10.30 am 11.00 am
Thursday 31 October	Thursday of Week 30 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 1 November	SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS ~ Holy Day of Obligation ~	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am 12 noon 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 2 November	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)	Sacrament of Reconciliation ** Rosary ** Mass	10.15 am 10.40 am 11.00 am
Sunday 3 November	THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

November: Month of the Holy Souls

November is the month of the Holy Souls. During this month we pray especially for our departed friends and loved ones who are making their journey towards the eternal light of God.

As Catholics, we believe that although those who have died are separated from us physically, they remain connected to us as members of the Church. Jesus has conquered death, and so those of us who are part of the Body of Christ here on earth remain a living part of that body, even after our earthly life comes to a close. We know this to be true because when Jesus is challenged by the Pharisees who say there is no life after death, Jesus replies: 'Have you not read what was said to you by God, "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?" He is God not of the dead, but of the living.' (Matt 22:31-32) Thus he implied that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are not dead, but alive with God.

Scripture teaches that it is 'a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins' (2 Maccabees 12:46). We also get our first example of Christian prayer for the dead from the Bible: St Paul prays for his departed friend Onesiphorus, saying 'May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that Day (the day of judgement).' (2 Tim 1:18)

Following the example of Scripture, and Christian practice through the ages, we pray for all the faithful departed during this month. We will be offering Mass for our departed loved ones during the month of November, and all of us should make a special effort to pray at home for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

GENERAL NEWS

Thursday 7 November: Inverness Justice and Peace Group – the next meeting of the local Justice & Peace group meets at the Olive Grove Café in Kingsmill. The meeting starts at 7.00pm, for 7.30pm.

8-10 November 2019: Encounter Christ Retreat – A renewing and inspiring weekend for women aged 18-30. Hosted by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, at Greyfriars Convent, Elgin. To register, contact Sr. Mary Gianna at op@rcda.scot.

FREE Online Screening: Saint John Henry Newman – to celebrate the canonisation of the English Cardinal and convert John Henry Newman, Word on Fire Institute is offering a **FREE screening of the CATHOLICISM: Pivotal Players feature length film on Newman**. In this beautiful feature length film, travel through England where Newman left his mark and sparked an English Catholic revival. You'll discover how he used his prodigious intellectual gifts to help the Church better understand its identity and mission, and to engage the challenges of a secular age. This is the perfect opportunity to learn about this outstanding theologian and newest canonised son of the Church! You can watch Bishop Barron's film FREE online at the following website: <https://wordonfire.institute/newman>. The film is available free until October 31, 2019.

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November – Month of the Holy Souls: November is the month when we remember our dearly departed. If you would like to have any deceased relatives or friends remembered at Mass during November, please place their names in the brown envelopes in the foyer, and hand these in to the Sacristy. All names will be placed in front of the altar, and a selection will be read out at every Mass. All offerings received will be donated to our Building Fund.

FAITH IN FILM EVENING: 'ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA' – **Wednesday 6 November at 7.00pm**. "If you could hear the voice of God, would you want to keep it secret?" A historical drama based on the memoirs of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuit order. This is the story of a soldier, a man of vice and violence who, in his attempt to turn to the light, was forced to wrestle with his inner demons to the very brink of death. A Filipino production shot in Spain and the Philippines, the film chronicles his valiant but

futile defence at the Battle of Pamplona, his struggles with depression and near-suicide, his trial before the Inquisition, and his ultimate vindication. Certificate: 15; duration 120 minutes. Please note that there are **NO SUBTITLES** for this film.

Highland Foodbank – Harvest Appeal: Your donations help to provide emergency food and support to local people in crisis. As part of our Harvest Appeal, we would be grateful for the following items: * **Long Life Juice** * **Tins of Potatoes** * **Tins of Mince or Stew** * **Oatcakes/Crackers** * **Tins of Ham** * **Shower Gel/Shampoo**. Please leave these items in the plastic box at the front door of the church. Thank you!

BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP: the group meets **tomorrow (Monday 28 October)**, in the Meeting Room at St. Columba's, from 9.30am to 11.30am. Since we are now in the School Holidays, older children can come along too, and get involved in painting and games! We are always looking for new members to join in the fun – please spread the word!

CLEANING TEAM – Monday 28th October at 12.00 noon: Marie and Don. Would you like to help out too? Any help would be greatly appreciated!

"90 Club" – DRAW TODAY after Mass. Would you like to have a chance of winning? There are a few remaining numbers waiting for names to go next to them..! Only £2 monthly, with three prizes to be won. Ask Don for details.

Prize Bingo – ** FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER AT 7.00pm ** – To help keep the event successful, please continue handing in items to give as prizes. Ideal items include: gift vouchers, toiletries, chocolates, wine, and other unusual things. Thank you for your generous help and support.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Angus Johnson + Vinnie Walton + Michael Good + Laura Johnstone + Fr. George Hutcheon + Norman Wood + John Macdonald + Alec Mackintosh + Katie Mary Fraser +

Anniversaries: + John Drew + Joan MacIntyre +