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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

27th SEPTEMBER 2015

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year B

Sunday Mass Readings

1st Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Psalm: 18:8,10,12-14

2nd Reading: James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 27 September	Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year B (2nd Collection: Building Fund)	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) Mass	09.00 09.30
Wednesday 30 September	St Jerome	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00 11.30
Thursday 1 October	St Thérèse of the Child Jesus	Mass	19.30
Sunday 4 October	Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year B (2nd Collection: Syrian Refugees Emergency Appeal)	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.

Apostolic Visit of Pope Francis to the United States: Some Highlights

Address to the US Congress (Thursday 24 September)

1. "We, the people of this continent, are not fearful of foreigners, because most of us once were foreigners."
2. "To imitate the hatred and violence of tyrants and murderers is the best way to take their place."
3. "In a word, if we want security, let us give security; if we want life, let us give life; if we want opportunities, let us provide opportunities."
4. "Here we have to ask ourselves: Why are deadly weapons being sold to those who plan to inflict untold suffering on individuals and society? Sadly, the answer, as we all know, is simply for money: money that is drenched in blood, often innocent blood."
5. "Fundamental relationships are being called into question, as is the very basis of marriage and the family. I can only reiterate the importance and, above all, the richness and the beauty of family life."



Address to the United Nations (Friday 25 September)

1. "Any harm done to the environment [...] is harm done to humanity."
2. "The poorest are those who suffer most from such offenses, for three serious reasons: they are cast off by society, forced to live off what is discarded and suffer unjustly from the abuse of the environment. They are part of today's widespread and quietly growing 'culture of waste.'"
3. "[World leaders need to put an end] as quickly as possible to the phenomenon of social and economic exclusion, with its baneful consequences: human trafficking, the marketing of human organs and tissues, the sexual exploitation of boys and girls, slave labour, including prostitution, the drug and weapons trade, terrorism and international organized crime."
4. "This absolute minimum has three names: lodging, labour, and land."
5. "The common home of all men and women must continue to rise on the foundations of a right understanding of universal fraternity and respect for the sacredness of every human life, of every man and every woman, the poor, the elderly, children, the infirm, the unborn, the unemployed, the abandoned, those considered disposable because they are only considered as part of a statistic."

GENERAL NEWS

St Mary's October Talks: each Wednesday during the month of October, Fr James Bell will present a 50-minute reflection, with prayer and discussion, in the Marian Room, at St Mary's, from 6.30pm until 7.20pm. The topics are as follows: Wed 7 October: Daughters of Divine Love;
Wed 14 October: 'Caritas Christi Urget Nos';
Wed 21 October: The Divine Compassion
Wed 28 October: Apostolic Witness

PARISH NEWS

Parish Pastoral Council postponed until 22 October: apparently there is a certain important football match (!) taking place on the evening of 8 October, so our meeting of the PPC is postponed until **Thursday 22 October**, after the evening Mass.

'Faith in Film' evening: join us for a screening of **"There Be Dragons"**, **this Wednesday 30 September, from 7.00pm.** "There Be Dragons" is an epic, action-adventure romance set during the Spanish Civil War and directed by Hollywood legend Roland Joffé ("The Mission", "The Killing Fields"). The story traces the lives of two men - childhood friends who become separated by the political turmoil of pre-war Spain only to find themselves on opposite sides when the war erupts. One becomes a priest; the other is an activist who becomes a spy for the fascist movement. As both personal and national battles are waged, the characters' lives collide and their deepest struggles are illuminated through the fateful choices they make. Certificate: 15 (117 minutes).

Feast of St Francis of Assisi: The Secular Franciscan Order will celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis on **Saturday 3rd October** at St Columba's, Culloden. Prayers and readings in the church at 11.30am will be followed by Mass at 12 noon. After Mass, everyone is invited to join members of the local fraternity for refreshments. For more details, phone Helen MacGilp on Inverness 792149.

Supporting St Columba's – can you help the Parish? We are looking for volunteers to help us with a variety of tasks, including the following: Readers at Sunday Mass, Hospitality Ministry (ushers and helping distribute and tidy away hymn books), kitchen duties, church cleaners. Are you able to offer a little of your spare time to help the Parish? Please speak to Fr Domenico or to Helen MacGilp.

Church cleaning this week: Wednesday at 4.30pm – Margaret and Rhona.

'90 Club' – draw today! Our fund-raising '90 Club' draw takes place today, after Mass. There are three nice prizes to be won. Would you like to join us? Please see Don for details. Please do take a number, and support the parish – only £2 monthly!

Prize Bingo – THIS FRIDAY!: Eyes down at 7.00pm. The success of the Bingo evening depends so much on receiving items to give as prizes, so a big "thank you" to

everyone for your generosity. **Please do come and support** this fund-raising initiative – it would be good to see more parishioners at our Bingo!

FINANCES

St Columba's no. 1	£ 524.42
(including the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund	£ 174.61)
St Columba's Building Fund	£ 72.53

– Thank you for your generosity and support –

St Columba's Accounts

General Running Account:	Building Account:
Sort Code: 80-91-26	Sort Code: 80-91-26
Account No: 00809358	Account No. 00809390

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Charlotte & John McPhee + Anna Black + Peggy Horne + Leslie Murray + Mary Gribben + Michelle Campbell + Claire Macpherson + Des Gair

Anniversaries: Margaret MacPhee + Shaun May + Bert Rizza + Lexy Maclean + Eddie Pocock.

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.