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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**28 JANUARY 2018:**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94 (95): 1-2, 6-9

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 7: 32-35

Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28

Date	Details	Service	Time
<b>Sunday 28 January</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> <b>Second Collection: Catholic Education</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>9.30 am</b>
Tuesday 30 January	Tuesday of Week 4 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Michelle Campbell, RIP	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 31 January	St John Bosco, Priest Mass Intention: Bernard Sweeney, RIP	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 1 February	Thursday of Week 4 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Ewen Macdonald, RIP	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
<b>Sunday 4 February</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</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>

## Ideas for our Anniversary Year

Last Saturday morning, a group of parishioners met with me to discuss ideas for events in this anniversary year of the parish. Several things are already planned: the Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land; the new Parish House (have a look outside!); a celebratory Mass with Bishop Hugh and other invited guests. Apart from these initiatives, a number of suggestions were made, including the following:

- Bookmarks to celebrate the anniversary
- Commemorative booklets, with history, comments, and photos
- Diaries and calendars
- Personalised commemorative candles
- A parish picnic at Culbin / Roseisle
- A children's Mass, with step-by-step explanation of what happens and why (not just for children!)
- A family pilgrimage in the local area, such as Stratherrick (not everyone can go to the Holy Land!)
- A short parish retreat
- A 1970s themed dance night (1978 was the date the first Mass was said since the battle of Culloden!)

The possibilities are only limited by our imagination! However, these ideas will only come to fruition if there are people willing to help organise them! So.. why not have a think about it, get together with some other like-minded parishioners, and commit to taking forward one of the above events (or one of your own)? Feel free to come and have a word with me! Many thanks, Fr. Domenico.

## GENERAL NEWS

**Tuesday 30 January: Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Canon Bill Anderson – St Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen – 11.30am.** Canon Bill was laid to rest earlier this month in the Priests' section at Mount Vernon Cemetery, Edinburgh, following a Funeral Mass at St Peter's, Morningside. Given that many people could not make the journey down to Edinburgh, a Requiem Mass has been organised on Tuesday of this week in our Cathedral in Aberdeen. All welcome.

**Saturday 3 February: 'Jesus our Divine Inspiration': a Day of Recollection at St Mary's, Beaulieu** – led by Fr Andrew Niski. The programme for the day is as follows:

10.30am: Arrival/Tea & Coffee /  
Opportunity for Sacramental Confession  
11.30am: Holy Mass  
12.20pm: Lunch  
1.10pm: Lenten Recollection  
1.50pm: Group Discussion  
2.10pm: Reconvene / Conclusion  
2.30pm: Blessing - Departure  
All welcome! Spread the word!

### **Lent Station Masses 2018 – every Friday Confessions at 6.30pm; Holy Mass at 7.00pm**

16 February: St Mary's, Inverness  
23 February: St Mary's, Nairn  
2 March: St Aidan's, Aviemore \*  
9 March: St Lawrence's, Dingwall  
16 March: Christ the King, Brora \*  
23 March: St Duthac's, Dornie (coach available)  
\* Principal Celebrant: Bishop Hugh Gilbert, OSB.

**Chrism Mass 2018: Thursday 22 March, at St Peter's, Buckie.** Mass begins at 6.00pm. All welcome.

## PARISH NEWS

**Today is Catholic Education Sunday** – this marks the start of a week when we celebrate the importance of educating children and young people in the Faith. We are asked to reflect on how we are "serving the common good" in our homes, schools and parishes. Today's Second Collection will be taken up for the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service.

**'From the Dark Wood to the Beatific Vision: Journeying Through Lent with Dante'.** This Lent, at St Columba's, we'll journey down through the ever-narrowing circles of Hell, up the seven-terraced Mount Purgatory, and finally ascend to Paradise! Our guide will be the fourteenth-century Florentine poet, Dante Alighieri, and we'll look together at his literary masterpiece, *The Divine Comedy*, using it as a means to examine the nature of sin, the healing love and mercy of God, and the

redemption of humanity. **The weekly meetings will run throughout Lent, and begin on Wednesday 21 February at 7.00pm.** Please spread the word – all welcome!

**Inverness Food Bank:** Thank you to everyone who has provided tins, boxes and packets of food. We have received a terrific response! Thank you for your support.

**St Columba's Mothers and Toddlers Group:** Mondays at 9.30am-11.30am, in the Meeting Room. We are always looking to attract new babies and toddlers, plus parents and grandparents. Why not come along and join in the fun?! See the poster on the notice-board for details.

**Preparation for First Holy Communion in 2018:** if your child is of approximately P3 age at Primary School, and you would like to discuss the possibility of him/her being prepared to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion in Summer 2018, please see Fr Domenico.

**Confirmation Classes in 2018:** the dates for our next meeting is: **1 February.** This will take place on Thursday, and we will meet from 5.00pm–5.30pm. If you have any difficulty with the dates, please let Helen or Ewen know in advance. Many thanks.

**Cleaning Team:** Monday 29th February, 1.30pm: Isobel and Margaret. Can you help? We are always looking for volunteers – only one hour a month! See Don for details.

**"90 Club": DRAW TODAY AFTER MASS!** – please note that **many dues are now payable again.** Numbers are available if you would to take part – only £2 monthly. Please speak to Don.

**Next Prize Bingo: Friday 23 February – 'eyes down' at 7.00pm.** All welcome! We are looking for extra volunteers to assist us with this successful event – can you help us? Items to give as prizes are always needed (we are particularly short of chocolates, and of wines and spirits; we'd also appreciate scented candles, toiletries, gift vouchers, tins of sweets/biscuits..). Thank you for your support of this important fund-raiser.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

**R.I.P:** + Very Rev. William Canon Anderson + Ewen Macdonald +

**Anniversaries:** + Amie Greaves + Maureen Campbell + George Duncan + JoJo Giubarelli +