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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

28 OCTOBER 2018:
THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31: 7-9

Psalm: Ps 125 (126)

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5: 1-6

Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 28 October	THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR SCIAF Indonesia Disaster Appeal	Sacrament of Confession Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 30 October	Tuesday of Week 30 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Confession Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 31 October	Wednesday of Week 30 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Confession Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 1 November	SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS ~ HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ~ 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF ST. COLUMBA'S	Sacrament of Confession Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Sunday 4 November	THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Confession Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Thirtieth Sunday of the Year: Seeing the Son of David

Today's Gospel turns on an irony—it is a blind man, Bartimaeus, who becomes the first besides the apostles to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. And His healing is the last miracle Jesus performs before entering the holy city of Jerusalem for His last week on earth.

The scene on the road to Jerusalem evokes the joyful procession prophesied by Jeremiah in today's First Reading. In Jesus this prophecy is fulfilled. God, through the Messiah, is delivering His people from exile, bringing them back from the ends of the earth, with the blind and lame in their midst.

Jesus, as Bartimaeus proclaims, is the long-awaited Son promised to David (see 2 Samuel 7:12–16; Isaiah 11:9; Jeremiah 23:5). Upon His triumphal arrival in Jerusalem, all will see that the everlasting kingdom of David has come (see Mark 11:9–10).

As we hear in today's Second Reading, the Son of David was expected to be the Son of God (see Psalm 2:7). He was to be a priest-king like Melchizedek (see Psalm 110:4), who offered bread and wine to God Most High at the dawn of salvation history (see Genesis 14:18–20).

Bartimaeus is a symbol of his people, the captive Zion which we sing of in today's Psalm. His God has done

great things for him. All his life has been sown in tears and weeping. Now, he reaps a new life.

Bartimaeus, too, should be a sign for us. How often Christ passes us by—in the person of the poor, in the distressing guise of a troublesome family member or burdensome associate (see Matthew 25:31–46)—and yet we don't see Him.

Christ still calls to us through His Church, as Jesus sent His apostles to call Bartimaeus. Yet how often are we found to be listening instead to the voices of the crowd, not hearing the words of His Church.

Today He asks us what He asks Bartimaeus, "What do you want me to do for you?" Rejoicing, let us ask the same thing of Him—what can we do for all that He has done for us? (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

It is beautiful to see how Christ admires Bartimaeus' faith, how he has confidence in him. He believes in us, more than we believe in ourselves.

GENERAL NEWS

Ogilvie Centre Formation Events

Two retreats take place in November:

Retreat for Busy Women 9 – 11 November

(6pm Friday to 2pm Sunday).

Men's Retreat – 23 – 25 November

Both retreats hosted at Kilcoy Castle, Muir of Ord.

For further information or reservations contact Sr. Anna Christi at Ogilvie@rcda.scot.

PARISH NEWS

SCIAF INDONESIA DISASTER APPEAL: SECOND COLLECTION – Devastating earthquakes have struck parts of Indonesia, leaving hundreds dead and thousands homeless. Communities are facing the loss of loved ones, homes and livelihoods.

The tsunami, which crashed into the coastal city of Palu on Sulawesi island, has left over 1,900 people dead, hundreds injured and many homes, businesses and local services destroyed. Around 48,000 people have been left homeless. The United Nations Office for the Co-ordination of Humanitarian Affairs says there are nearly 200,000 people in urgent need of assistance, about a quarter of them children.

Responding to a disaster of this magnitude presents huge challenges. Communications are limited, and damaged roads, bridges and airports all make it extremely difficult to get emergency aid to survivors. Further, many hospitals have been damaged or destroyed. There is an urgent need for temporary shelters, medical supplies, food and clean water. Long-term help will be needed to help families rebuild their homes and livelihoods in the months and years ahead.

SCIAF is working closely with Caritas Indonesia and others who are now distributing food, water, and non-food items like soap and blankets to families in need in Palu. You can help them to provide emergency support to those who need it most by donating to their emergency appeal. United, we can help the people of Indonesia.

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.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING UPDATE - Saturday 3rd November 10.30-12noon in Marian Room, St. Mary's, Inverness: This update session is for anyone working in the Deanery with children, young people and vulnerable adults who has not attended training in the last 12 months. Participants will have the opportunity to be updated on safeguarding procedures and Code of Conduct as well as learn about the new safeguarding document of the Catholic Church in Scotland 'In God's Image'. Please text Stephen Dunphy to book your place on 07570099268 or phone for more information.

FAITH IN FILM EVENING: 'PARKLAND' – Wednesday 21 November at 7.00pm. On the eve of the 55th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, we will screen 'Parkland', a film that weaves together the perspectives of a handful of ordinary individuals, suddenly thrust into extraordinary

circumstances. The young doctors and nurses at Parkland Hospital, the Dallas Chief of the Secret Service; the unwitting cameraman who captured what became the most watched and examined film in history; the FBI agents who nearly had the gunman within their grasp; the brother of Lee Harvey Oswald, left to deal with his shattered family; and JFK's security team, witnesses to both the President's death and Vice-President Lyndon Johnson's rise to power over a nation whose innocence was forever altered. Certificate: 15; duration 95 minutes.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT – a date for your diaries! The St. Columba's Christmas Carol Concert will take place on **Wednesday 5 December, from 7.00pm-8.00pm**. This year, we are hosting the children and staff of St. Joseph's RC Primary School, who will be entertaining us with seasonal and sacred music. They will be joined by community Christmas carol singing (that means you!), together with seasonal Scripture readings. We will have special guests joining us, and there is a rumour that the "Three (Highland) Priests" may also be making an appearance! All this, with festive food and drink provided (non-alcoholic mulled wine, mince pies, and other goodies). Donations at the door, please: £5 for adults; kids go free! All proceeds go towards our Building Fund. Why not invite some friends and come along? Spread a little festive cheer!

BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP – The group will **resume tomorrow**, Monday 29 October, from 9.30am to 11.30am. Why not come along and join in the fun?!

Cleaning Team: Monday 29th October – Laura, Marie, and Don. Can you help us? Helping just one hour a month would lighten the load of others who do assist to keep the church nice and clean. See Don or Fr. Domenico for details.

"90 Club": DRAW TODAY (Sunday 28th October). Good luck to all who have a number! Would you like to have the chance to be a winner too? Please speak to Don.

PRIZE BINGO: THIS FRIDAY, 2 NOVEMBER – 'EYES DOWN' AT 7.00PM! – We are VERY SHORT of non-perishable items for prizes (toiletries, gift sets, store vouchers, wine, spirits, chocolates, boxes of biscuits, etc.). Can you help us? A sincere 'thank you' for all of the items that have been handed in; these are very important to us, and are much appreciated. Your support is instrumental in making the Bingo such a success for the parish!

PARISH FINANCES – 21 October 2018

Current Account:	£ 435.23
(including: Missio Scotland)	£ 217.28)
Building Fund Account:	£ 353.59

Thank you for your generosity and support.

No. 1 Account	Building Fund Account
Acc. No: 00809358	Acc. No: 00809390
Sort Code: 80 91 26	Sort Code: 80 91 26

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Audrey O'Connell + John Drew + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Johnny Gallagher + Denise Maclean + Ellen Williams + Eva Zanre + Vinnie Walton +

Anniversaries: + Joan MacIntyre +