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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

29 JULY 2018:

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Mass Readings

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalm: Ps 144 (145):10-11, 15-18

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: John 6:1-15

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 29 July	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 31 July	Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 1 August	Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 2 August	Thursday in the Seventeenth Week of the Year Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Sunday 5 August	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Five Loaves and Two Fish

"... we reached Tabgha, one of the most important sites in Galilee, the traditional location for the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes. Its name is a variant of the Greek *Heptapegon*, meaning "Place of the Seven Springs." Nearby, seven freshwater springs flow into the sea, marking where Jesus is said to have called the first disciples.

At the centre of the monastery complex in Tabgha sits a simple stone chapel, a reconstruction of a fifth-century edifice. The Church of the Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes, built over the Byzantine-era church, was completed in 1982. Its airy interior, with a high-timbered ceiling and creamy stone floor, is furnished with plain wooden pews. A small portion of the church—a few stones in the atrium, a frieze in the apse—date from the original structure. A gorgeous mosaic on the floor featuring a playful design of birds, plants, and flowers is one of the artistic gems of the region.

Of greater spiritual significance is another artwork, also preserved from the original structure. On the floor before the altar, a brown-and-white mosaic depicts two fish flanking a wicker basket filled with a few loaves, in reference to what happened here.

The stone church was empty when we arrived. A heavy red curtain cordoned off the interior from the steamy air outside, making the room cool. I was happy to have time to pray. It was my first time praying in Galilee, and I was overwhelmed simply to be there. I was moved to tears upon realizing I was where not just any miracle occurred—I had been to Lourdes and many other shrines associated with miracles of the saints—but never before a miracle of Jesus. In my journal that night I wrote, "It put all the other miracles in their place . . . so foundational and life changing." (Fr. James Martin SJ, *Jesus: A Pilgrimage*).



Tabgha (Galilee) – Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and the Fishes (detail of 6th century mosaic).

GENERAL NEWS

Monastic Experience Weekend For Young Catholic Men at Pluscarden Abbey: Friday 3rd to Monday 6th August 2018. The community of monks at Pluscarden Abbey offer this special opportunity for participants to experience monastic life. It is suitable for single men who are Catholic, who practise their faith, and are between the ages of 18-35. There is no charge for the weekend. All Welcome. For further information, visit the 'Pluscarden Abbey' website, and click on the Monastic Experience Weekend page.

2 September: National Pilgrimage to Carfin – in honour of St. John Ogilvie. The Pilgrimage Mass will be celebrated within the Grotto at 3.00 p.m. with Archbishop Philip Tartaglia of Glasgow as Principal Celebrant and Bishop Stephen Robson of Dunkeld as homilist. All Welcome.

PARISH NEWS

Congratulations, Michael! –

Michael Prendergast, (the nephew of Mary Munro who helps in our sacristy) has completed his epic row across the Pacific, from Monterey in California, to Honolulu in Hawaii. At the age of just 23 years old, Michael is the youngest ever man to achieve this feat, completing it in 49 days - 23 hours - 15 minutes. His team, Uniting Nations, are raising money for Down Syndrome Scotland, with the hope of putting the funds towards the opening of an ABC (Achieving Better Communication) Centre here in Inverness. Michael's younger brother has Down syndrome. Donations would gratefully be received on his 'justgiving' page:
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/michael-prendergast-rowingthepacific>

A new Mass Setting – today, we begin looking together at a new Mass Setting, which is contained in the Missal. Bishop Hugh has made it clear that all parishes in the diocese should learn this particular setting, and we will be using it at our Confirmation Mass on Sunday 7 October.

'Gaudete et Exsultate' Reading Group – why not come along to our informal reading group, focusing on Pope Francis' new document on holiness, 'Gaudete et Exsultate'. The group will meet **this Wednesday 1 August, from 7.00pm**, and thereafter on 8, 22, 29 August, and 5 September. If you would like to take part, please speak to/ e-mail Fr. Domenico, to give him an idea of interested numbers. Please note that the text is available for free online!

Supporting the Parish – Going away on your Summer holidays? Why not set up a Standing Order to assist the Parish financially, and ensure that you are contributing to the continual growth of St. Columba's each and every week?! It's quick and easy to do; just speak to Ewen, our Treasurer, or to Fr. Domenico.

Hospital Admissions: if you, or any member of your family, is to be admitted to hospital, and would like a visit from Fr. Domenico, please do inform him. Please note that it is neither the duty, nor, indeed, the policy, of hospitals to inform priests and ministers when congregation members are admitted; the responsibility is placed solely on family and friends.

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? – Each year thousands of adults choose to become Catholics. They come from different backgrounds, and for different reasons: some are already Christians from other traditions; some are from another faith, or no faith at all; some are non-Catholics who have been coming regularly to Mass for years with their Catholic spouses or relatives. If you would like to know more about the Catholic faith, please speak to Fr. Domenico.

Cleaning Team: Mary and Karen on Tuesday. Would you like to help out? Only one hour a month! See Don for details.

"90 Club" – DRAW TODAY! You can join in the fun too; ask Don for details. Only £2 monthly!

ST COLUMBA'S PRIZE BINGO: NEXT MEETING IN SEPTEMBER. Non-perishable items to give as prizes are always needed. Thank you for your generosity! **Since last September, we have raised c. £ 3,500!** A sincere 'thank you' also to our marvellous helpers; your efforts are very much appreciated!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Audrey O'Connell + Amelia & John Drew + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Johnny Gallagher + Denise Maclean + Ellen Williams + Eva Zandre + Richard Karasek + Brian Carr + Fr. Piotr Rytel +

R.I.P: + Canon Charles Stanley (priest of the diocese) +

Anniversaries: + Edwin Watters + Howard Nicholls + Charlie Keeler +