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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**29 SEPTEMBER 2019:**  
**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,**  
**YEAR C**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Amos 6: 1, 4-7  
Psalm: Ps 145 (146): 7-10  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Timothy 6: 11-16  
Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 29 September	<b>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>Second Collection: Building Fund</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass</b>	<b>9.00 am 9.30 am</b>
Tuesday 1 October	Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 2 October	The Holy Guardian Angels Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 3 October	Thursday of Week 26 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: 'Special Intention'	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 4 October	Saint Francis of Assisi Mass Intention: Morag MacIntyre, RIP	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am 12 noon
Saturday 5 October	Dedication of the Cathedral – Feast Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>** Rosary **</b> Mass	10.15 am <b>10.45 am</b> 11.00 am
Sunday 6 October	<b>TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>Second Collection: Building Fund</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass</b>	<b>9.00 am 9.30 am</b>

## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: A Great Chasm

The rich and powerful are visited with woe and exile in today's Liturgy—not for their wealth but for their refusal to share it; not for their power but for their indifference to the suffering at their door.

The complacent leaders in today's First Reading feast on fine foods and wines, revelling while the house of Joseph, the kingdom of Israel (see Amos 5:6), collapses around them.

The rich man in today's Gospel also lives like a king—dressed in royal purple and fine linen (see 1 Maccabees 8:14).

The rich man symbolises Israel's failure to keep the Old Covenant, to heed the commandments of Moses and the prophets. This is the sin of the rulers in today's First Reading. Born to the nation God favoured first, they could claim Abraham as their father. But for their failure to give—their inheritance is taken away.

The rulers are exiled from their homeland. The rich man is punished with an exile far greater—eternity with a "great chasm" fixed between himself and God.

In this world, the rich and powerful make a name for themselves (see Genesis 11:4) and dine sumptuously, while the poor remain anonymous, refused an invitation to their feasts.

But notice that the Lord today knows Lazarus by name, and Joseph in his sufferings—while the leaders and the rich man have no name.

Today's liturgy is a call to repentance—to heed the warning of One who was raised from the dead. To lay hold of the eternal life He promises, we must pursue righteousness, keep the commandment of love, as Paul exhorts in today's Second Reading.

"The Lord loves the just," we sing in today's Psalm.

And in this Eucharist we have a foretaste of the love that will be ours in the next life—when He will raise the lowly to the heavenly banquet with Abraham and the prophets (see Luke 13:28), where we too will rest our heads on the bosom of our Lord (see John 13:23).

(Scott Hahn)

## GENERAL NEWS

**Vacancy: Head Teacher of St. Joseph's RC Primary School, Inverness** – see the page on myjobscotland: <https://www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/highland-council/jobs/head-teacher-primary-1-fte-st-josephs-rc-primary-school-inverness-hgh07108-149892>

If you know of anyone with the appropriate qualifications and experience, please do inform them of this vacancy.

**Men's Retreat: 4-6 October** – This is an opportunity to encounter the Lord in a deeper way, in the context of a retreat format that balances talks, prayer, excellent meals, fellowship, and times of recreation with other men seeking the Lord and his strength. The retreat talks are led by Fr. Tad Turski and the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia. This retreat will be held on the weekend of the 4-6 October 2019 at Kilcoy Castle, Muir of Ord, Black Isle IV6 7RX. For details, and to register, contact: [ogilvie@rcda.scot](mailto:ogilvie@rcda.scot).

**Retreat for Busy Women: 25-27 October 2019** – Women are busy people! With many demands made on their time and resources, women need an opportunity to step aside and recharge their spiritual, emotional, and physical strength from time to time. The Ogilvie Centre is happy to offer a yearly retreat for Women at the beautiful and luxurious Kilcoy Castle on the Muir of Ord, near Inverness. For registration, contact: [ogilvie@rcda.scot](mailto:ogilvie@rcda.scot).

**Encounter Christ Retreat: 8-10 November 2019** – 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](mailto:op@rcda.scot).

**Extraordinary Missionary Month, October 2019** – Pope Francis is instituting an Extraordinary Missionary Month in October. The theme that the Holy Father has chosen is as follows: "Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World". There are four dimensions, specified by the Pope, to live more intensely the journey of preparation for the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019:

1. A personal encounter with Jesus Christ alive in His Church through the Eucharist, the Word of God, personal and communal prayer;
2. Testimony: missionary saints, martyrs and confessors of the faith, as an expression of the Church scattered throughout the world;
3. Missionary formation: biblical, catechetical, spiritual and theological;
4. Missionary charity.

For more details, see the official website at: <http://www.october2019.va/en.html>

## PARISH NEWS

**Ogilvie Centre for New Evangelisation and Catechesis:** The Ogilvie Centre exists to encourage, strengthen and build the faithful in encountering Christ, becoming intentional disciples, and using their gifts to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It does this by providing on-going support and resources for evangelisation, catechesis and adult faith formation. For information, go to: <https://ogilvie.rcda.scot/>

**Saturday 12 October: "Called to be Missionary": A Day of Recollection and Discussion at St. Columba's.** The Programme for the Day is as follows:  
11.00am-11.35am: Mass for the Evangelisation of Peoples  
11.45am-12.00pm: Welcome & Introduction to the Day  
12.00pm-12.30pm: Presentation 1  
12.30pm-1.00pm: Discussion Groups  
1.00pm-1.30pm: Light lunch (bring to share!)  
1.40pm-2.15pm: Presentation 2  
2.20pm-2.45pm: Discussion Groups  
2.45pm-3.45pm: Holy Hour, Adoration, Benediction  
Sacrament of Confession available

**October: Month of the Rosary** – to mark the Marian month of October, and to increase the devotional life of the parish, **we will pray the Rosary together each Saturday, before Mass, from 10.45am-11.00am.**

**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/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!

**Confirmations 2020 – Initial Meeting with Families, Thursday 10 October at 6.30pm.** Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin in the Autumn; families are invited to attend this initial meeting to introduce the programme and plan a suitable timetable.

**BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP:** the group meets **tomorrow** (Monday 30 Sept.), in the Meeting Room at St. Columba's, from 9.30am to 11.30am. Come along and join in the fun!

**CLEANING TEAM** – Monday 30th September at 12 noon: Marie and Don. Could someone offer a kind hand to assist? Any help would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to Don.

**"90 Club" – DRAW TODAY!** 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.

**PARISH BINGO: NEXT FRIDAY 4 OCT. at 7.00pm: (FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS!).** Why not come along? Prayers to the Saint from Assisi may help you to win a few prizes! Items to give as prizes are urgently required, such as: gift vouchers, toiletries, chocolates, wine. and other unusual things. Thank you for your 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 +

**R.I.P:** + Morag MacIntyre +

**Anniversaries:** + Margaret MacPhee + Bert Rizza + Shaun May + Lexy Maclean +