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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

2 FEBRUARY 2020:
PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
(Year A (II); Psalter: Week 4)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4
 Psalm: Ps 23 (24): 7-10
 2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18
 Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 2 February	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (p. 1114) Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 4 February	Tuesday of Week 4 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 5 February	St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 6 February	St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 7 February	Tuesday of Week 4 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am 12 noon
Saturday 8 February	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation ** Rosary ** Mass	10.15 am 10.40 am 11.00 am
Sunday 9 February	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 704) Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

The Presentation of the Lord

Today's Liturgy shows *Jesus who goes out to meet his people*. It is the feast day of encounter: the newness of the Child encounters the tradition of the temple; the promise finds fulfilment; young Mary and Joseph encounter the elderly Simeon and Anna. Everything, therefore, meets as Jesus arrives.

What does this mean for us? Above all, that we too are called to welcome Jesus who comes to meet us. *To encounter him*: the God of life is to be encountered every day of our lives; not now and then, but every day. To follow Jesus is not a decision taken once and for all, it is a daily choice. And we do not meet the Lord virtually, but directly, we encounter him in our lives, in the concreteness of life. Otherwise, Jesus becomes only a nice memory of the past. When we welcome him as the Lord of life, however, as the centre and the beating heart of everything, then he is alive and lives anew in us. And what happened in the temple also happens to

us: around him everything meets, and life becomes harmonious. With Jesus we find again the courage to carry on and the strength to remain firm. The encounter with the Lord is the source. It is important then to return to the source: to retrace in our mind the decisive moments of encounter with him, to renew our love story with the Lord. (Pope Francis, St. Peter's Basilica, 2 February 2019).

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

God is always encountered in concrete things: daily prayer, Holy Mass, Confession, real charity, the daily word of God, closeness, especially to those most in need spiritually or physically.

GENERAL NEWS

TONIGHT, 2 February, 6.00pm-9.00pm: Fundraising Buffet at George's Restaurant – on 16 January, Mrs. Cheryl Maria Pereira passed away unexpectedly, due to severe pulmonary arterial hypertension disease, which was only just diagnosed. Cheryl worked in the restaurant as a chef and in front of the house, taking care of all the customers' needs. She was a loving wife to Mark, and a loving mother to 8-week-old baby Alrick. Cheryl Pereira is originally from Goa, and funds are desperately needed to support her family for the transfer of her body back to India, and the subsequent funeral. George's Thai and South Indian Restaurant (19 Queensgate) has organised a fundraising event, with ALL of the funds raised on the night going towards the transport and funeral costs. Price: £20 per adult/£10 per child (under 5s free). For more information, or to book a table, contact: George_karthik2004@yahoo.com, or phone: 07878 283466.

The Gabriel Society: 'February with Duns Scotus' – The Life and Teaching of Blessed John Duns Scotus, with film and discussion, in the Marian Room, 32 Huntly Street, at 7.00pm, on the following Tuesdays: 4, 11, 18, 25 February. All welcome.

29 February 2020: 'Jesus, the Power of Forgiveness' – A half-day workshop at St. Mary's, Beaulieu, led by Fr. Keith Herrera (Administrator, St. Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen). The programme for the day is as follows:

10.30 am: Tea/Coffee; Introductions
11.00 am: Holy Mass
11.50 am: Presentation/Talk
12.45 pm: Discussion
1.10 pm: Convene and Conclusion
1.30 pm: Lunch and Dismissal

PARISH NEWS

Today's Liturgy (CTS Sunday Missal): The Presentation of the Lord, Year A (p. 1114) –

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 1114: Readings and Proper Prayers
p. 541: Creed
p. 1122: Preface: Mystery of the Presentation of the Lord
p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II
p. 631: Communion Rite

NEXT WEEK! - Sunday 9 February: Youth Mass at St. Columba's! – Next week's Mass is led by young people from our parish and throughout the Highland Deanery. This will be the first of a number of different occasions, to be held throughout the Deanery, for our young people to come together and to share their enthusiasm and talent through the medium of music! We would like our own youth here at St. Columba's to have a good representation in the Mass: in the music group (playing an instrument or singing). There will be short practices after Sunday Mass to learn new hymns. We are ALSO looking for young people to assist us as Readers, as Assistant Passkeepers, with the Offertory Procession, and so on. If you would like to be involved, please see David or Fr. Domenico, or wait behind after Mass to join the musicians and singers. No specialist experience required! Why not come along and try it?

Safeguarding Training – There will be **Part 2 Induction** training in the meeting room at St Columba's on **Monday 10th February at 7pm** and on **Saturday 29th February at 11am**. This is for all those who are PVG checked and working as volunteers in our church, and have not yet undergone this training.

Friday 21 February, at 7.30pm: 'The City of Florence in Dante's Divine Comedy' – A presentation given by Fr. Domenico to the Highland Italian Circle, at the Highland Bowling Club, 7 Auldcastle Road, Inverness, IV2 3PZ. All welcome!

Lent Station Masses 2020 – Fridays at 7.00pm:

28 February: St Mary's, Nairn
6 March: St Aidan's, Aviemore *
13 March: Immaculate Conception, Stratherrick
20 March: St. Columba's, Culloden
27 March: Our Lady and St. Bean, Cannich *
3 April: Christ the King, Brora
* Principal Celebrant: Bishop Hugh Gilbert, OSB.

'The Mysteries of the Passion' – a series of Lenten Reflections at St. Columba's, complete with readings from Holy Scripture and images from the Holy Land, offering a fresh perspective on the five Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. The Reflections take place on **Wednesdays at 7.00pm** throughout the Lenten season. The programme is as follows:

4 March: The Agony in the Garden
11 March: The Scourging at the Pillar
18 March: The Crowning with Thorns
25 March: The Carrying of the Cross
1 April: The Crucifixion

All welcome. Please spread the word!

Baby and Toddlers' Group: the group will meet **tomorrow, 3 February, from 9.30am to 11.30am**. We are looking for new children to join the group, and to take part in the fun! Why not come along?

Cleaning Team – Monday 3 February at 12.00 noon: Esther and Don. Would you like to help out too?! See Don for details.

90 Club WINNERS! – 1st Prize: Dorothy; 2nd Prize: Angus and Chrissie; 3rd Prize: Francis. Congratulations to our winners! Next draw: Sunday 23 February. **NB. Fees for 2020 are now due: speak to Don to get your number paid up to date.**

Next Fundraiser Prize Bingo: Friday 28 February! Eyes down at 7.00pm. ALL WELCOME. Thanks for your help with items to give as prizes; they are greatly appreciated!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Angus Johnson + Michael Good + Laura Johnstone + Norman Wood + Katie Mary Fraser + John Smith + Margaret and Stuart MacLennan + Jeanette Catto + John Macdonald + Iain Campbell +

Anniversaries: + Jo Jo Giubarelli + Christopher Smith + Jean Esselmont + Hugh McGoogan + Eunice MacLennan