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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

2 JUNE 2019:
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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Mass Readings

1st Reading: Acts 7: 55-60
Psalm: Ps 96 (97): 1-2. 6-7. 9
2nd Reading: Apocalypse 22: 12-14. 16-17.20
Gospel: John 17: 20-26

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 2 June	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Second Collection: Communications Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 4 June	Tuesday of Week 7 in Eastertide	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 5 June	Memorial of St. Boniface	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 6 June	Thursday of Week 7 in Eastertide	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 7 June	Friday of Week 7 in Eastertide	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am 12 noon
Saturday 8 June	PARISH PATRONAL FEAST DAY!	Mass Parish Lunch 'al fresco'	12 noon
Sunday 9 June	SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST Second Collection: Day for Life	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Excerpts of Pope Francis' message for the 53rd World Communications Day:

"We are members one of another" (Ephesians 4,25). From *social network communities* to the human community

"Ever since the internet first became available, the Church has always sought to promote its use in the service of the encounter between persons, and of solidarity among all."

"If the Internet represents an extraordinary possibility of access to knowledge, it is also true that it has proven to be one of the areas most exposed to disinformation and to the conscious and targeted distortion of facts and interpersonal relationships, which are often used to discredit."

"Statistics show that among young people, one in four is involved in episodes of *cyberbullying*."

"The Net is an opportunity to promote encounter with others, but it can also increase our self-isolation, like a web that can entrap us. Young people are the ones most exposed to the illusion that the *social web* can completely satisfy them on a relational level. There is the dangerous phenomenon of young people becoming "social hermits" who risk alienating themselves completely from society. This dramatic situation reveals a serious rupture in the relational fabric of society, one we cannot ignore."

"The present context calls on all of us to invest in relationships, and to affirm the interpersonal nature of our humanity, including in and through the network. All the more so, we Christians are called to manifest that communion which marks our identity as believers. Faith itself, in fact, is a relationship, an encounter; and under the impetus of God's love, we can communicate, welcome and understand the gift of the other and respond to it."

"If the Net is used as an extension or expectation of such an encounter, then the network concept is not betrayed and remains a resource for communion. If a family uses the Net to be more connected, to then meet at table and look into each other's eyes, then it is a resource. If a Church community coordinates its activity through the network, and then celebrates the Eucharist together, then it is a resource. If the Net becomes an opportunity to share stories and experiences of beauty or suffering that are physically distant from us, in order to pray together and together seek out the good to rediscover what unites us, then it is a resource."

GENERAL NEWS

TODAY - Sunday 2 June: St. Ninian's Summer Fete, from 11.00am onwards. Why not head along after our Mass to this special event in Culduthel Road? Fun for all the family! Home bakes, teas/coffees, burger stalls, bottle stalls, bric-a-brac, and much, much more!

Friday 7 June: An Evening of Music – at the Phipps Hall, Station Road, Beaulieu (IV4 7EH), from 7.00pm onwards. Featuring: Four Singing Priests; Kiltarlity Community Choir; Classical Music; Ceilidh. FREE admission! Donations gratefully accepted for the St. Mary's Beaulieu Church and Cemetery car park improvements.

Saturday 8 June: Highland Men's Breakfast – Are you a man? Are you hungry for God? Are you hungry for breakfast?! If you said yes to all three, see you on the **8 June from 10.00am at St. Marys Inverness!** Mass, followed by breakfast, discussion and fellowship. For more information, please e-mail Eric at erichanna@gmail.com.

11–13 June 2019: Pluscarden Pentecost Lectures – *“Beauty will Save the World” – A Theological and Pastoral Reflection on the Role of Beauty in the Life of the Church.* The series will consist of four talks by Fr. Martin Boland. These lectures will contend that without beauty, the Church becomes less attractive and the good news of God's grace is expressed with less clarity and conviction. When the beauty of the Church is celebrated, men and women will develop a deeper appreciation of the transcendence of the Triune God. The dates and titles of the talks are as follows:

- Tues 11 June at 3.00pm: The problem of beauty in the contemporary mind.
- Wed 12 June at 10.30am: Retrieving beauty.
- Wed 12 June at 3.00pm: The Incarnation as the revelation of beauty itself.
- Thurs 13 June at 10.30am: Celebrating beauty in the life of the Church.

There is no charge for these lectures, and all are welcome to attend. To register for the talks, or to make further enquiries, please e-mail: guestmaster@pluscardenabbey.org.

Thinking about becoming a Priest? Want to know more about how to apply for the Priesthood in Scotland? Why not come along to the **Information Day on Saturday 15 June from 10.00am to 3.00pm.** For further information, or to book a place, please contact Fr. Keith Herrera at administrator@cathedral-abdn.org.

Sunday 16 June: Mass at Scalan Seminary – this annual event at Scalan, near Tomintoul in the Braes of Glenlivet, takes place on **Sunday 16 June at 4.00 p.m.** (In previous years the Mass was always held on first Sunday in July). The reason for this change is that we are celebrating the 250th anniversary of the consecration of Bishop George Hay, which took place at Scalan, and in secret because of the Penal Laws, on Trinity Sunday 1769. **Drivers:** those driving from Inverness area are best to drive to Grantown on Spey and taking the A939 road to Tomintoul. Scalan is a short distance from Tomintoul. It is always a great gathering of pilgrims from across Scotland, and especially from the Aberdeen Diocese. All welcome. **The Principal Celebrant and Homilist will be our own Bishop Hugh Gilbert, OSB.**

PARISH NEWS

TODAY: Street Pastors at Mass – Inverness Street Pastors will give a short talk on what they do, the support of their Prayer Pastors, and how Inverness benefits in the daytime

and evenings with their support. They will be available after Mass for anyone who would like to know a bit more about the Street pastors, or who may be interested in becoming involved with the organisation.

NEXT SATURDAY, 8 JUNE: Parish Patronal Feast Day of St. Columba: Mass at 12 noon, with parish lunch ‘al fresco’ to follow. We are looking for help with catering (salads, quiche, desserts, etc.), with setting up and clearing away, and with the liturgy (Readers, Extraordinary Ministers). Can you help?! Please speak to Fr. Domenico, sign up on the sheet in the foyer, and be prepared to offer your services to make this a truly memorable celebration!

Sunday 9 June: Solemnity of Pentecost – We are looking for parishioners whose mother-tongue is not English, and who are prepared to read out our Prayers of the Faithful in their own language. Any singing groups are also very welcome!

Sunday 23 June: First Holy Communions (Corpus Christi). Please continue to pray for Annrose, Caitlin, Calum, Emily, Katie, and Ruby, as they continue to prepare for their special day!

PASSKEEPERS / USHERS – Would you like to help the Parish? Why not consider becoming a Passkeeper or Usher? Please speak to Fr. Domenico after Mass for further details.

RETURN OF SCIAF WEE BOXES – Please return these boxes to us from Easter Sunday onwards. Every pound you save will help our brothers and sisters around the world to survive and thrive.

BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP: Please note that there will be **no meeting tomorrow** (school in-service training).

CLEANING TEAM – Cleaning Team: Monday 3 June at 12 noon: Esther, Eilidh, and Don. **Please see the notice in the front lobby with weeks 1 to 4 with cleaning times; all of them are on Mondays. If anyone would like to join in and help on any of the days, please speak to Don.** It's only once a month, and it really helps to keep our church looking fresh and clean!

“90 Club” – MAY DRAW WINNERS! – First Prize: Katy Mary Fraser; Second Prize: John McGlade; Third Prize: Chris Hamilton. Next Draw: Sunday 30 June. You can still join in: there are a few numbers left; why not take one?! Only £2 monthly. There are 3 nice prizes to be won, and it supports the parish. Ask Don for details.

Next Prize Bingo: FRIDAY, 28 JUNE! – ‘eyes down’ at 7.00pm. Family fun for all! A warm welcome awaits you. **Our cupboard is VERY LOW on prizes** – can you help us? Ideal gifts include: boxed toiletry sets, boxes of chocolates, boxed biscuits, scented candles, gift vouchers, unwanted gifts... The bingo success is all down to the many wonderful items that you hand in; please do keep them coming! Thank you!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Vinnie Walton + Michael Good + Magda Maclean + Laura Johnstone + Fr. James Bell + Fr. George Hutcheon +

R.I.P: + Elspeth Angus +

Anniversaries: + Bishop Michael Foylan (Aberdeen) + Canon Duncan Stone + Francis Black + Noel Hadnett + Jimmy Cascarino + John Hagley + Elizabeth MacDougall +