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2ND OCTOBER 2016
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY
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Sunday Mass Readings

1st Reading: Habakkuk 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4
 Psalm: Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9
 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14
 Gospel: Luke 17: 5-10

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 2 October	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Second Collection: Building Fund)	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00am 9.30am
Tuesday 4 October	Memorial of St Francis of Assisi	Transitus Service Mass *** NO EVENING MASS ***	10.30am 11.00am
Wednesday 5 October	Feast of the Dedication of Aberdeen Cathedral	*** Service of the Word and Holy Communion ***	11.00am
Thursday 6 October	Thursday in the Twenty-Seventh Week of the Year	Mass	7.30pm
Sunday 9 October	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Second Collection: Building Fund)	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00am 9.30am

October: The Month of the Holy Rosary

Whenever Pope Francis passes a statue or icon of Mary, he kisses it or allows his hand to rest tenderly upon it. Honouring the Mother of God, of course, is a solid part of Catholic tradition and a mainstay in the devotion and teaching of the popes. St. John Paul II's motto, "Totus Tuus" ("All yours"), and the large M on his coat of arms were just the most graphic elements of a devotion that led to a whole body of teaching about Mary, her role in Catholics' faith life and the importance of praying the rosary.

One now-solid Marian custom began in the pontificate of Benedict XVI: whether or not it is a Marian feast day, a statue of Mary is placed prominently near the altar at papal liturgies.

Pope Francis' habit of touching images of Mary is a typical Latin American gesture, and it is one that Redemptorist Father Sabatino Majorano, a professor at Rome's Alphonsianum Institute, said he saw repeated thousands of times at Brazil's Shrine of Our Lady of Aparecida, which is staffed by his brother Redemptorists. "The tactile experience is part of praying. It's a spirituality that takes flesh, becomes concrete; it is not just an idea or a theory."

At Mass and other formal liturgical services, Pope Francis uses incense to bless the Marian images. He notices the images and often comments on them.

In Caserta, Italy, in July 2014, Pope Francis celebrated the feast of St. Anne, Mary's mother. A locally loved statue of St. Anne holding the hand of her little girl, Mary, was placed to the side of the altar.

In his homily, the pope said, "When I was using the incense, I noticed something very beautiful: The statue of St. Anne does not have a crown, but her daughter Mary is crowned. St. Anne is the woman who prepared her daughter to

become queen, to become queen of heaven and earth. This woman did a great job."

Visiting Naples in March 2015, Pope Francis told priests, nuns and seminarians that one way to make sure Jesus is the centre of their lives is to ask "his mother to take you to him. A priest, a brother, a nun who does not love Mary, who does not pray to her — I would even say one who does not recite the rosary — well, if you don't love the mother, the mother will not give you the Son."

In his official proclamation of the 2015-2016 Year of Mercy, Pope Francis wrote, "Mary attests that the mercy of the son of God knows no bounds and extends to everyone, without exception. Let us address her in the words of the 'Salve Regina,' ('Hail Holy Queen') a prayer ever ancient and new, so that she may never tire of turning her merciful eyes toward us, and make us worthy to contemplate the face of mercy, her son Jesus." [Adapted from: <http://catholicphilly.com>, 16.4.2015]



*** Why not commit to praying a decade of the Rosary each day, during this Marian month of October? ***

GENERAL NEWS

Piano Recital by Raymond Spasovski: Friday 7 October, at 2.00 pm, in the beautiful setting of Brodie Castle. The Recital is in aid of the Pluscarden Abbey Appeal. The programme will include works by Chopin, Beethoven, Mozart, Debussy, Granado, and more. Tickets: £12.00; refreshments included. For more information, contact: (01309) 641371, or e-mail: brodiecastle@nts.org.uk.

The Gabriel Society: Meeting on Friday 21 October, at 7.30pm, in the Marian Room. **Fr James Crampsey SJ**, former Provincial of the British Province of the Jesuits, and current Superior of the Jesuit community at Lauriston in Edinburgh (for further details, see the following site: <http://www.jesuit.org.uk/profile/james-crampsey-sj>). He will talk on: **"The Documents of Pope Francis: An Ignatian Perspective"**.

Inter-Denominational Day of Praise and Testimonies, for the feast day of St John Paul II – **Saturday 22 October, at St Mary's, Beaulieu**. 10.30 am: Mass; 11.15 am–1.00 pm: praise, worship, and testimonies. For all ages! See the posters.

Do you like singing: the NEW Deanery Choir needs you! Rehearsals on **Thursdays, from 7.00pm–8.30pm, in the Marian Room (St Mary's)**, at 32 Huntly Street. Rehearsals **begin on 6 October**. No musical experience necessary! For more details, contact James Campbell on 07827 642837, or e-mail: music.campbell@outlook.com.

PARISH NEWS

Items for Blythwood Trust shoeboxes: Ainsley is collecting items for shoeboxes for the Blythwood Trust. She would be grateful for any of the following items: hat, scarf, gloves (for children), small toys, shampoo, face cloths, deodorant, moisturiser, comb, hairbrush, razors, shaving foam, socks/tights, make up, sewing equipment, candles, tools (screwdriver, pens, pencils, other stationery). In order to make up the shoeboxes, we would be grateful if **all items could be handed in to St Columba's by Sunday 16th October**. Many thanks.

Would you like to join our Altar Servers? – There will be the second practice for NEW altar servers here at St Columba's, on **Tuesday 4 October, from 4.30pm to 5.15pm**. We hope to form a Server's Club, with fun activities organised for all – why not come along and join our team?!

4 October – Feast of St Francis of Assisi: The Secular Franciscan Order will celebrate the Feast of St Francis on Tuesday 4 October at St Columba's, Culloden. **10.30am: Transitus service**, which prayerfully narrates the death of St Francis; **followed by 11.00am Mass**. All are invited to join with members of the local fraternity for the celebration and for refreshments. For more details phone Helen MacGilp on Inverness 792149.

Faith in Film returns! - Wednesday 19 October, from 7.00pm: *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*. This is a timeless story of innocence lost and humanity found, set amidst the horrors of the Holocaust in World War II. Based on the best-selling novel by John Boyne, *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* is a remarkable and inspiring story about the power of the human spirit that will capture your heart and engage your mind. Certificate: 12 (c. 90 minutes).

"Mary's Meals" fund-raising Coffee Morning, Saturday 29 October at St Columba's. We need volunteers to help make this a really successful event; please do consider helping – see Fr Domenico after Mass.

New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: we need to commission new Extraordinary Ministers. Fr Domenico has already approached several people about this; if asked, please do consider offering yourself for this important ministry. Full training will be given!

Morning of Renewal for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – Saturday 19 November, 10.00am – 1.00pm. This is an opportunity for ALL Readers and Extraordinary Ministers – **from St Columba's and further afield** – to come together for a morning of reflection and renewal. There will be several short presentations, time for prayer, and Question-and-Answer Sessions. Please spread the word.

Church cleaning – Tuesday 4th October, at 4.30 pm: Shona and Gi Gi. New volunteers always needed!

"90 Club": September draw – 1st prize: no. 18 Chris; 2nd prize: no. 62 Joe and Isobel; 3rd prize: no. 22 Rhona. There are a few tickets still available; £2.00 monthly. Please ask Don.

PRIZE BINGO – THIS FRIDAY, 7 OCTOBER!! 'Eyes down' at 7.00pm. Items to give out as prizes are always needed (ten single-line prizes; ten 'full house' prizes; plus Raffle prizes). Many thanks to all who donated such marvellous gifts. Your help is crucial in making this fundraiser such a success for the parish.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Audrey O'Connell + Amelia Drew + Leslie Murray + Rhona MacGregor +

Anniversaries: + Lexy MacLean + Raymond Milne + Maureen Kelly +

RIP: + Donald John MacRury +

GROUPS AND DEVOTIONS

Inverness Catenian Circle meet on the Second Monday of every month, at 7.30pm (**next meeting: 10 October**). The meeting is followed by dinner at the Craigmorie Hotel, Annfield Road, Inverness. Contact Donald (07780 603045). Visit www.catenians.co.uk.

The Knights of St Columba meets on the first Monday of every month in the Marian Room at St. Mary's, at 7.30 pm (**next meeting: 3 October**): contact Neil Munro (01463 232095). Visit www.ksc.org.uk.

St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) meets every fortnight, on Sundays, in the Marian Room at St Mary's, at 10.00 am (**next meeting: 16 October**). Visit www.svp.org.uk.

St Columba's Parent & Toddler Group – I have spoken with several Mums who are keen to take this initiative forward. Would you like to join them? Simply see me after Mass, to arrange a suitable morning for you all.