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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

31ST JULY 2016

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, C

Sunday Mass Readings

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

Psalm: Ps 89: 3-6, 12-14, 17

2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11

Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21

| Date | Details | Service | Time |
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| Sunday 31 July | EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Second Collection: Holy Ghost Fathers) | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) Mass | 9.00am 9.30am |
| Tuesday 2 August | Tuesday in the Eighteenth Week of the Year | Mass | 7.30pm |
| Wednesday 3 August | Wednesday in the Eighteenth Week of the Year | Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | 11.00am 11.30am |
| Thursday 4 August | Memorial of St John Vianney | Mass | 7.30pm |
| Sunday 7 August | NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Second Collection: Building Fund) | Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) Mass | 9.00am 9.30am |

Today's Second Collection: Mission Appeal by Fr John McFadden, for the Congregation of the Holy Spirit

The Congregation of the Holy Spirit, known also as the Spiritans, or Holy Ghost Fathers, are part of a Roman Catholic religious congregation founded in France in 1703, by Claude Poullart des Places. Born in 1679 to a noble family from Rennes, Claude de Places gave up a potential career as a lawyer and, with a profound concern for the poor, he decided to become a priest.

While studying for the priesthood he opened a hostel for poor seminarians, who with him dedicated themselves to the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, 1703. They bonded themselves as an 'association of friends' with a 'one heart and soul' (Cor Unum et Anima Una) solidarity, and pledged to be a special breed of 'tomorrow's labourers', ready to take on any work, however unrewarding, for which the Church was having difficulties in finding ministers. They were proud to call themselves 'Spiritans'. Two years after his ordination, Claude died of pleurisy at the age of 30 in 1709. But the foundation flourished for more than a century until the impact of the French Revolution began to stifle it.

Then, in 1848, Francis Mary Paul Libermann was elected the Superior General of the Congregation. Libermann was born in 1802, the son of a Jewish rabbi in Alsace. He converted to Catholicism after a long period of agnosticism and went on to study for the priesthood. He suffered from epilepsy, a medical condition that hindered his progress to the priesthood. He did not give up. He had the dream of establishing a society for the care and education of freed slaves. He was ordained in 1841, and the same year opened the novitiate of the new society, "the Society of the Holy

Heart of Mary". In 1848 he led his society to merge with the faltering Spiritans. The new society was called the "Congregation of the Holy Spirit, under the protection of the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

Today there are nearly three thousand Priests, Brothers and Lay Spiritan Associates. Walking in the footsteps of their founders, Spiritans are living the Gospel in response to the changing needs of contemporary culture and building community in parts of the world that are often neglected.

Today, British Spiritans continue to work in four overseas missions: Australia; South Africa; Nigeria; USA.

The Spiritan missionary outreach and ministries have been a seed-bed of exciting developments in all these parts of the world. Some of the specific Spiritan mission engagements overseas include:

- Parish/pastoral work, some in areas of first evangelisation
- Education: teaching, administration and chaplaincy in all levels of educational institutions
- Youth ministry
- Retreat and Spiritual Animation ministry for various groups
- Justice and Peace initiatives
- Community development and poverty alleviation schemes
- Foundation of new religious Congregations by a few of the members.

Wherever they can be found, the Spiritans' mission is to proclaim the reign of God with their lives and through their works. (See: <http://www.spiritans.co.uk/>).

GENERAL NEWS

“Youth Rally for Jesus” – Stratherrick, 20 August 2016: Jesus our Liberator, our Healer, our Friend, our Companion. A Day of Discovery, Adventure, and Devotion, at Stratherrick (IV2 6UL), from 10:00am to 5.00pm. **FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE.** Phone 01463 233519, or e-mail: stmarysinverness@btinternet.com.

Highland Deanery Annual Pilgrimage: Saturday 10 September 2016 – St Mary’s, Beaulieu. The Principal Celebrant will be **Bishop Hugh Gilbert, OSB.** Mass begins at 12 noon and is followed by a procession to the old Priory. The pilgrimage concludes with a picnic.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage, 22-29 October 2016 – Departing from Aberdeen. TOTAL COST: £650.00 (includes flights and half-board accommodation). Deposit of £100 required. Single room supplement: £130. For further details, contact Irma Allan, on (01224) 869889, or 07714 718708.

PARISH NEWS

TODAY’S CELEBRANT: FR JOHN MCFADDEN:

Fr John McFadden is the Superior of the community at Carfin, near Motherwell. After many years of missionary work in Nigeria, Fr John served as the Provincial Superior of the UK Province of the Holy Ghost Fathers (2000-2006), before being appointed General Secretary to the General Council of the Congregation in Rome (2006-2013). He has a wealth of pastoral experience, which is complemented by his friendly manner and good sense of humour. I’m sure you will give him a huge Highland welcome!

Amoris Laetitia Reading Group: come along to our informal, relaxed reading group, where we’ll explore and share some of the ideas in Pope Francis’ new teaching document, *Amoris Laetitia* (the Apostolic Exhortation on Love in the Family). We meet together **on Wednesdays, 7.00pm-8.30pm**, Full details on our parish website. Please note that our **next meeting takes place on Wednesday 3 August**, and we’ll be looking at Chapter 6 (Pastoral Perspectives on Marriage and Divorce).

“Mother Teresa of Calcutta – Missionary of Mercy”: **Saturday 3 September, at St Columba’s.** This day event, from 10.00am onwards, is being organised to commemorate the great work and spirituality of Mother Teresa, on the eve of her Canonisation in Rome. The day will involve talks, film clips, poetry and prayer readings, and reflection. Everyone is warmly welcome. More details to follow!

Easyfundraising – Amount raised thus far: **£55.64 !!**

Can you help to increase this figure?

It's really simple, and doesn't cost you anything!

All you have to do is:

1. Go to

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stcolumbasculloden>

2. **Sign up for free**

3. **Get shopping** - your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to St Columba's Church, Culloden. It couldn't be easier! There are no catches or hidden charges and St Columba's Church, Culloden will be really grateful for your donations.

Try it – it's free! Every little helps!

Church cleaning – Tuesday 4.30pm: Margaret and Don.

“90 Club”: **DRAW TODAY** – after Sunday Mass. Good luck to all who have a number. You could be a winner too! There are a few tickets still available; please ask Don.

PRIZE BINGO: Our Fundraiser Bingo will soon return after the Summer break, in September, on the first Friday of the month. Non-perishable items can still be handed in. Thank you for your generosity and support.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Audrey O’Connell + Amelia Drew + John Drew + Leslie Murray +

Anniversaries: + Howard Nicolls + Charlie Keeler +

GROUPS AND DEVOTIONS

The Secular Franciscan Order meets at 2.00pm on the Second Saturday of each month at St Columba’s, Culloden. Contact Helen MacGilp (01463 792149). Visit www.ofsgb.org.uk.

Prayer and Praise Group every Thursday in the Lady Chapel at St Columba’s, after the 7.30pm Mass.

Inverness Catenian Circle meet on the Second Monday of every month, at 7.30pm (next meeting: 8 August). The meeting is followed by dinner at the Craigmonie 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: 1 August): 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: 7 August). Requests for assistance and support can be made by contacting any SVP member or by dropping a note in a SVP collection box. Visit www.svp.org.uk.

The St Mary’s Parent & Toddler Group meets on Wednesdays in the Marian Room, 11.00am – 2.45pm.

The St Ninian’s Parent & Toddler Group is now on holiday. It will meet again when the schools resume in August. Enquiries to Jenny Wilson, tel. 07779 003434.

.. and St Columba’s Parent & Toddler Group?? Why not? We have a large number of Mums and kids in this parish. Let’s think about organising our *own* group here!!