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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

3 APRIL 2022:
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
(Year C (II); Psalter: Week 1)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Joshua 5: 9-12
 Resp. Psalm: 33: 2-7
 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21
 Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 3 April	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (p. 226 – Year C)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 4 April	Monday of Week 5 in Lent	NO LITURGIES	---
Tuesday 5 April	Tuesday of Week 5 in Lent Mass Intention: Mary McEwan, RIP (Anniversary Today)	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 6 April	Wednesday of Week 5 in Lent Mass Intention: Archie Nichol, RIP (Funeral Tomorrow)	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Thursday 7 April	Thursday of Week 5 in Lent CHRISM MASS WITH BISHOP HUGH & CLERGY	NO LITURGIES ST. MARY'S INVERNESS	--- 6.00pm
Friday 8 April	Friday of Week 5 in Lent Mass Intention: For the Conversion of Sinners Station Mass at St. Lawrence's, Dingwall	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass Station Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am 7.00 pm
Saturday 9 April	Saturday of Week 5 in Lent	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 10 April	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION (pp. 232 ff. – Year C)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am

Fifth Sunday of Lent: Something New

The Liturgy this Lent has shown us the God of the Exodus. He is a mighty and gracious God, Who out of faithfulness to His covenant has done “great things” for His people, as today’s Psalm puts it.

But the “things of long ago,” Isaiah tells us in today’s First Reading, are nothing compared to the “something new” that He will do in the future.

Today’s First Reading and Psalm look back to the marvellous deeds of the Exodus. Both see in the Exodus a pattern and prophecy of the future, when God will restore the fortunes of His people fallen in sin. The readings today look forward to a still greater Exodus, when God will gather in the exiled tribes of Israel that had been scattered to the four winds, the ends of the earth.

The new Exodus that Israel waited and hoped for has come in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Like the adulterous woman in today’s Gospel, all have been spared by the Lord’s compassion. All have heard His words of forgiveness,

His urging to repentance, to be sinners no more. Like Paul in today’s Second Reading, Christ has taken possession of every one, claimed each as a child of our heavenly Father.

In the Church, God has formed a people for Himself to announce His praise, just as Isaiah said He would. And as Isaiah promised, He has given His “chosen people” living waters to drink in the desert wastelands of the world (see John 7:37–39).

But our God is ever a God of the future, not of the past. We are to live with hopeful hearts, “forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead,” as Paul tells us. His salvation, Paul says, is power in the present, “the power of His resurrection.”

We are to live awaiting a still greater and final Exodus, pursuing “the goal, the prize of God’s upward calling,” striving in faith to attain the last new thing God promises—“the resurrection of the dead.” (Scott Hahn)

NEWS

TODAY'S LITURGY (CTS New Sunday Missal): Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year C (pp. 232 ff.)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 244: Readings & Proper Prayers
p. 541: The Creed

p. 266: Preface: The Passion of the Lord
p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II
p. 631: Communion Rite

CONGRATULATIONS!! to Maria and Tui Vunibobo, whose marriage was convalidated yesterday. The happy couple were civilly married a number of years ago, and are now married sacramentally as well. The day was further blessed with the Baptism of their latest bundle of joy, Igenasio Leca Geregorio Vunibobo! May the Good Lord enrich you all with grace and love!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION): available after every weekday Mass, and by appointment.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: each Thursday evening from 6.45pm during Lent.

CHRISM MASS: this year, the Chrism Mass will take place at St. Mary's, Inverness, on **Thursday 7 April, beginning at 6.00pm**. The Principal Celebrant will be Bishop Hugh, and the Diocesan Choir will lead the singing. The sacramental oils will be blessed, and the priests of the diocese will publicly renew their Promises. If you have never attended a Chrism Mass, this is your opportunity!

FLOWERS FOR HOLY WEEK: our wonderful floral arrangers will be turning their thoughts towards Holy Week and the Easter celebrations. If you would like to assist with this, please pop your donation into an envelope, 'marked Easter flowers.' Thank you.

SYNODAL PROCESS: I have arranged for our Parish Synodal Meetings to take place after Easter, so that we can concentrate on the remainder of Lent and Holy Week. We will have two meetings – more about this in due course. The dates of these are as follows: **Saturday 30 April and Saturday 7 May, 10.30am-12.30pm**. There will be time for spiritual preparation beforehand, with the Parish Mass, preceded by Eucharistic Adoration. This is the first time the worldwide Church has undertaken this process, in every parish around the world. It is a unique opportunity for you to have your voice heard! Come and join us!

SCIAF WEE BOX APPEAL – Every Lent, thousands of Catholics in Scotland save money in their SCIAF WEE BOX to help give a hand up to people living in poverty overseas. By collecting your loose change, you can make a lasting difference to families in some of the world's poorest countries. **WEE BOX PACKS are available in the entrance foyer – please take one home.**

WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES: Our **numbered** pink weekly offering envelopes are available on the table in the entrance foyer. If anyone needs their envelopes to be delivered or posted to them, could you let Fr. Domenico know asap? Thank you.

'LENT WITH LUKE' STUDY COURSE – our final talk – 'Donkeys, Lambs, and Empty Tombs' (Holy Week) – takes place on **Wednesday 6 April, at 7.00pm**. As always, the talk will be available on Zoom. For the Zoom link, please contact Fr. Domenico.

STATION MASSES: the final Station Mass will take place at St. Lawrence's, Dingwall, on **Friday 8 April at 7.00pm**.

90 CLUB – MARCH WINNERS! First Prize: Ann Gow; Second Prize: Alice Reilly; Third Prize: Janet Webb. Congratulations to you all! If you would like to take part in this parish fundraiser, please speak to Fr. Domenico. It only costs £2 a month. You too could be a winner! Next Draw: Sunday 24 April. Good luck!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Ian Macdonald, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Anne Hamill, Winnie Ferrari, Colin MacMillan, Angus Cumming

RIP: Calum MacRury, Archie Nichol

Anniversaries: Eleanor Bonger, Steven Gallagher, Thelma Batty, Margaret Miller, June Hall