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Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 3 February	FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Second Collection: Comboni Sisters	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 5 February	St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 6 February	Saints Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 7 February	Thursday of Week 4 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 8 February	NO MASS TODAY	---	---
Saturday 9 February	Saturday of Week 4 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	10.30 am 11.00 am
Sunday 10 February	FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Second Collection: Building Fund		9.00 am 9.30 am

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3 FEBRUARY 2019: FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 70 (71):1-6, 15, 17
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31 – 13:13
 Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Fourth Sunday of the Year: Prophet to the Nations

God's words in today's First Reading point us beyond Jeremiah to Jesus. Like Jeremiah, Jesus was consecrated in the womb and sent as a "prophet to the nations" (see Luke 1:31-33).

Like the prophets before Him, Jesus too faces hostility. In today's Gospel, the crowd in His hometown synagogue quickly turns on Him, apparently demanding a sign, some proof of divine origins—that He's more than just "the son of Joseph."

The sign He gives them is that of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. From their colourful careers Jesus draws two stories. In each, the prophets bypass "many . . . in Israel" to bestow God's blessings on non-Israelites who had faith that the prophets were men of God (see 1 Kings 17:1-16; 2 Kings 5:1-14). "None . . . not one" in Israel was found deserving, Jesus emphasizes.

His point isn't lost on His audience. They know He's likening them to the "many . . . in Israel" in the days of the prophets. That's why they try to shove Him

off the cliff. As He promised to protect Jeremiah, the Lord delivers Jesus from those who would crush Him.

And as were Elijah and Elisha, Jesus is sent to proclaim God's gift of salvation—not exclusively to one nation or people, but to all who realize in faith that from the womb God alone is their hope, their rescuer, their “rock of refuge,” as we sing in today's Psalm.

Prophecies, Paul tells us in today's Second Reading, are partial and pass away “when the perfect comes.” In Jesus, the word of the prophets has been brought to perfection, fulfilled in those who have ears to hear, as He declares in today's Gospel.

Greater than the gifts of faith and hope, Jesus shows us how to love as He loved—to love God as our Father, as the one who formed us in the womb and destined us to hear His saving Word.

This is the salvation, the “mighty works of the Lord,” that we, like the psalmist, are thankful to proclaim daily in the Eucharist. (Scott Hahn)

PARISH NEWS

Today's Second Collection: Missio Annual Appeal – the Comboni Sisters. Missio is the Catholic Church's official charity for overseas mission. It brings the hope of the Gospel where there is turmoil, poverty and uncertainty in the world, and where the Church is new, young or poor. Missio empowers local people to form and sustain communities of faith, and trains and nurtures future leaders so that the vital work of the Church in the world can take place.

The Comboni Sisters came into being in 1872 as an exclusively missionary institute and as a result of the prophetic inspiration of Daniel Comboni. He was a missionary who was passionate about Christ and about Africa and who always and everywhere gave priority to the poorest and most excluded people.

Comboni believed unreservedly that the peoples of Africa could, through the power of the Gospel, become protagonists for the regeneration and liberation of Africa. He recognised the importance and necessity of the presence of consecrated women in the evangelising mission of the Church, believing that their presence “constituted an indispensable element that was essential in all respects.”

Comboni had a clear idea of the kind of person the missionary sister should be; he demanded that they be “women in love with Jesus Christ, forever walking the road of the mission in order to be sisters and companions on the journey of the least important ones”.

Today, united in this single ideal, they form an exclusively missionary family. They come from 35 countries and work in 35 countries on four continents. At the moment, there are 1267 sisters. Their style of life, lived in multicultural communities, is already a proclamation of the good news and a sign of the Kingdom of God. Please give generously to this appeal.

Thursday 7 February: Introductory Meeting for Parents (Sacramental Preparation for First Holy Communion in 2019) – this meeting is for parents and

children. Any additional family members are welcome to attend too. If your child is of approximately P3 age at Primary School, and you would like to discuss the possibility of him/her being prepared to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and of Holy Communion in Summer 2019, please see Fr. Domenico.

Thursday 7 February: Parish Pastoral Council – please note that this meeting is postponed, due to the Funeral Mass of Fr. Domenico's Mother.

Friday 15 February at 7.30pm: “To Hell with Love! – The Politics of Passion in Dante's *Inferno*” – Fr. Domenico will be giving a presentation to the Highland Italian Circle on Dante's *Inferno*, with a suitable ‘Valentine’ theme. The venue is the Bowling Club at Auldcastle Road. All welcome.

Lenten Station Masses – the Station Masses for Lent 2019 are as follows:

8 March St. Mary's, Inverness

15 March St. Mary's, Beauly

22 March St. Ninian's, Inverness

29 March St. Joachim's, Wick

5 April St. Vincent's, Tain

12 April St. Columba's, Culloden

Monday 11 March: Jubilarians' Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen, at 12 noon. Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB invites all clergy, religious, parishioners, and friends to come together for a Mass for our Jubilarians:

Rt Rev Peter Moran (Bishop Emeritus) 60 years

Very Rev Peter Canon Barry 50 years

Rev Derick McCulloch 25 years

Deacon John Woodside 25 years

Pilgrimage to Northern Spain: 2-6 September 2019 – Fr. Domenico is happy to take names for our reserve list, if anyone is still interested.

Pilgrimage to the Oberammergau Passion Play, 20-27 July 2020 – We already have **22 people signed up** for this pilgrimage! Fr. Domenico has an option to take **up to 33 pilgrims** to Oberammergau. The price is £1,600 – this includes a return flight from Edinburgh to Munich, airport transfers, seven night's half-board accommodation, and a full excursion programme, with guides, together with the Oberammergau Passion Play tickets. Brochures and booking forms are forthcoming. Please see Fr. Domenico if you would like to register your interest for this pilgrimage.

A CHILD'S CAR SEAT has been offered free to anyone who could make use of it (pink and in excellent condition). From birth to 6/7 years. Please see Don.

BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP – The group has resumed its weekly meetings, on Mondays from 9.30am to 11.30am. Why not come along and join in the fun?!

Cleaning Team – Monday 4 February at 4pm: Shona and Jijy. Would you like to help us in 2019? Helping just one hour a month would lighten the load of others who keep the church nice and clean. See Don for details.

90 CLUB – January Winners: No.61: Donnie MacMillan; no.13: Sheila Allan; no.15: Amanda McNeill. The next draw will take place on Sunday 24 February.

There is still time to join in: ask Don for details. Almost £400 was banked this month (mostly paid in advance for 2019).

NEXT PRIZE BINGO: Friday 22nd February – items to give as prizes are always needed; thank you for all the wonderful items that come in: these make our fund raiser so successful.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Johnny Gallagher + Ellen Williams + Vinnie Walton + Laura Johnstone + Michael Good +

R.I.P: + Eva Zanre +

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