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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

3 JUNE 2018:
SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI
YEAR B

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Exodus 24: 3-8

Psalm: Ps 115 (116): 12-13, 15-18

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9: 11-15

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 3 June	SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI Second Collection: Day for Life	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 5 June	Memorial of St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 6 June	Optional Memorial of St. Norbert, Bishop Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 7 June	Thursday of Week 9 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 9 June	*** DOUBLE ANNIVERSARY MASS ON THE FEAST OF ST COLUMBA *** Principal Celebrant: Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB		12.00 noon
Sunday 10 June	10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Solemnity of Corpus Christi: A Confession of Faith in Love

What does *Corpus Christi* mean to me? It does not only bring the liturgy to mind; for me, it is a day on which heaven and earth work together. In my mind's eye it is the time when spring is turning into summer; the sun is high in the sky, and crops are ripening in field and meadow. The Church's feasts make present the mystery of Christ, but Jesus Christ was immersed in the faith of the people of Israel and so, arising from this background in Israel's life, the Christian feasts are also involved with the rhythm of the year, the rhythm of seedtime and harvest. How could it be otherwise in a liturgy that has at its centre the sign of bread, fruit of earth and heaven? Here this fruit of the earth, bread, is privileged to be the bearer of Him in whom heaven and earth, God and man have become one. The way the Church's feasts fit in with the seasons of the year is therefore not an accident. Consequently we must go on to discover the inner rhythm of the Church's year and see the place *Corpus Christi* has within it. First of all, clearly, it grows out of the mystery of Easter and Pentecost: it presupposes the Resurrection and the sending of the Spirit. But it is also in close proximity to the Feast of the Trinity, which reveals the inner logic in the connection between Easter and Pentecost. It is only because God Himself is the eternal dialogue

of love that He can speak and be spoken to. Only because He Himself is relationship can we relate to Him; only because He is love can He love and be loved in return. Only because He is threefold can He be the grain of wheat which dies and the bread of eternal life. Ultimately, then, *Corpus Christi* is an expression of faith in God, in love, in the fact that God is love. All that is said and done on *Corpus Christi* is in fact a single variation on the theme of love, what it is and what it does. In one of his *Corpus Christi* hymns, Thomas Aquinas puts it beautifully: *nec sumptus consumitur* – love does not consume: it gives and, in giving, receives. And in giving it is not used up but renews itself. Since *Corpus Christi* is a confession of faith in love, it is totally appropriate that the day should focus on the mystery of transubstantiation. Love is transubstantiation, transformation. *Corpus Christi* tells us: Yes, there is such a thing as love, and therefore there is transformation, therefore there is hope. And hope gives us the strength to live and face the world. Perhaps it was good to have experienced doubts about the meaning of celebrating *Corpus Christi*, for it has led us to the rediscovery of a feast which, today, we need more than ever. (Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger)

GENERAL NEWS

Sunday 10 June: 'Picasso Kids Day' in St. Mary's Church Hall – from 12 noon onwards. For all young budding Picassos! A family-centred day of fun, with painting and drawing for the children. All artwork will be displayed the following Sunday. There will also be an (indoor) Bouncy Castle! Teas, coffees, and cakes will be available. All donations go towards youth pilgrimages to Lourdes and Poland.

Wednesday 20 June: "The Best of Chopin" Concert – St Mary's Church Hall, Huntly Street, at 6.00pm. The Polish composer Frederic Chopin is known as the 'poet of the piano'. In this unforgettable evening of music and poetry, Dr. Wieslaw Prastowski invites us to explore and enjoy the elegant music of this great Polish composer. Illustrated throughout by music performed by pianist Szymon Komar, as well as by Dr. Prastowski's own poetry dedicated to Chopin. The poetry readings, as well as the presentation, will be given in Polish; however, all are welcome to come along and enjoy the music of Frederic Chopin. Phone PJ at St Mary's Parish Office for enquiries, on 01463 233519. **Tickets are priced at £5 each.**

Sunday 24 June: Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Pluscarden Abbey – This year marks the Centenary of the 1918 Education Act (Scotland), and all of our Catholic Primary Schools have been invited to participate, along with various youth groups, to mark this special anniversary. The programme for the day is as follows:
1.00pm-2.30pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Lady Chapel).
1.00pm-2.30pm: Confessions (St Benedict's Retreat).
3.00pm: Pilgrimage Mass and Procession in honour of Our Blessed Lady.
Refreshments will be available in the Marquee from 12 noon onwards. All welcome.

Sunday 1 July: Scalan Annual Pilgrimage: Mass at the venerable house of Scalan, in the Braes of Glenlivet, **beginning at 4.00pm.** Scalan was the site of a hidden seminary, and during the 18th century, more than a hundred 'Heather Priests' were trained there. For those with sat navs, the postcode is **AB37 9JS**; this will take you to Chapelton of Glenlivet – please walk, or ask for a lift from others, for the last 1½ miles.

PARISH NEWS

SATURDAY 9 JUNE 2018 AT 12 NOON: DOUBLE ANNIVERSARY MASS, ON THE FEAST OF ST COLUMBA! – Arrangements are well in hand for this special event. Bishop Hugh will be the Principal Celebrant at this Mass for us, together with the priests who were in attendance 10 years ago, at the Dedication of the Church. Come and join us for this important parish celebration.

Setting up: Chairs cleared on Thursday evening after Mass; setting up of tables in church/meeting room on Friday.

Catering: the building will be open from 9.00am on Saturday if you wish to bring along items for the buffet.

Clearing up: we would appreciate volunteers to help clear up and rearrange the chairs.

If you would like to offer your services, please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer! NB. **Photographers would be much appreciated**, to capture images of the occasion for our website. **Above all, you can support us best with your presence on the day! Don't forget to invite family and friends!**

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION: DAY FOR LIFE – *Day for Life* is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from the very moment of conception to natural death. Our Collection for the Day of Life this year will help to further the work of organisations such as the Santa Marta Group, formed by Pope Francis. This group, set up in 2014, brings the church, the police, and the local community together to combat human trafficking globally. If you would like more information, please have a look at the website at: **www.santamartagroup.com**.

Rowing the Pacific – Can you help?! – Raising £40,000 to support children with Down's Syndrome in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. On 2nd June, Michael Prendergast is going to be rowing from Monterrey (California) to Honolulu (Hawaii), as a member of Team Uniting Nations to compete in The Great Pacific Race. The funds that they will raise are going to go towards establishing an 'ABC', Achieving Better Communication, group in Inverness. The group's aim to help children and young people with Down's Syndrome to develop their speech, language, and communication skills. To support this wonderful initiative, simply go to the following website: **www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/michael-prendergast-rowingthepacific**.

St Columba's Baby and Toddler Group: This Monday, in the Meeting Room, at 9.30am-11.30am. Come along and join the fun!

Cleaning Team: Tuesday 5th June – Mary and Karen. Would you like to help out? Only one hour a month! See Don for details.

"90 Club": WINNERS FOR MAY – First Prize: Pat Grant; Second Prize: Kirsteen MacCorquodale; Third Prize: Sam Reilly. Congratulations to all our lucky winners! Only £2 monthly; please ask Don for a number.

NEXT PRIZE BINGO: FRIDAY, 29 JUNE! – 'eyes down' at 7.00pm. Family fun! Last meeting before the Summer break. Items to give as prizes are always needed. Thank you for your generosity!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Audrey O'Connell + Amelia & John Drew + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Johnny Gallagher + Denise Maclean + Ellen Williams + Eva Zandre

R.I.P: + Cathy Smith +

Anniversaries: + Anne Maclean + Maureen Mason + Neil Munro +