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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

3 MARCH 2019:
EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27: 5-8
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 91 (92): 2-3, 13-16
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58
 Gospel: Luke 6: 39-45

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 3 March	EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 5 March	Tuesday of Week 8 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 6 March	ASH WEDNESDAY ~ A DAY OF FASTING & ABSTAINING FROM MEAT ~ SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION AVAILABLE 1 HOUR BEFORE MORNING AND EVENING MASSES	Sacrament of Reconciliation MASS Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation MASS	10.00 am 11.00 am 11.30 am 6.30 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 7 March	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	Sacrament of Reconciliation * Stations of the Cross * Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 8 March	Friday after Ash Wednesday	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am 12 noon
Saturday 9 March	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	10.30 am 11.00 am
Sunday 10 March	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Eighth Sunday of the Year: How To Be A Good Disciple

The third and final section of Luke's Sermon on the Plain begins: "Jesus told a parable to his disciples". There are actually four parables, three of which we read today. They are all about how to be a good disciple.

The blind cannot lead the blind. And a disciple cannot be a good disciple unless he or she has learned from the teacher. Everyone who is fully trained is like the teacher who knows how to cure the blind. Before you can be a good disciple and teach others you must take care of yourself. Do not try to take a speck out of your brother's eye until you have taken the board out of your

own. Finally, only when you have purified yourself can you produce the good works that the teacher requires. Discipleship asks us to produce good deeds. But to produce them requires the integrity and purity of heart found in the teacher. When people see your good deeds they will know that this is because you have a good heart.

The final parable, which we do not read today, is about building on the solid foundation of rock and not on sand. This is the only way to face the difficulties a disciple will encounter and survive.

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GENERAL NEWS

Lenten Station Masses – the Station Masses for Lent 2019 in our Highland Deanery are as follows:

8 March St. Mary's, Inverness
 15 March St. Vincent's, Tain
 22 March St. Ninian's, Inverness
 29 March St. Joachim's, Wick
 5 April St. Mary's, Beaulieu
 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

Diocese of Aberdeen Pilgrimage, 12-17 July 2019 – to the Italian cities of Padua and Ravenna, led by Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB, with Fr. Domenico Zanre and Deacon John Wire. This pilgrimage flies from Aberdeen, and includes two nights' half-board accommodation in Ravenna, at the Grand Hotel Mattei, and three nights in the Casa del Pellegrino in Padua. Approx. £950 per person, dependent on flights and numbers. Single room supplement: £120. To reserve a place, please contact the Diocesan Office on: 01224 319154, or e-mail: joyce@rcd-abdn.org

PARISH NEWS

Thank you to Linda and all the family for arranging donations for our Building Fund at the Funeral Mass of Johnnie Gallagher, on Saturday 23 February. The total came to £601.56. Johnnie would have been so proud! God bless you all.

Thank you also to the kind parishioner who made a personal donation of £300.00 to our Building Fund account on 17 February. It is greatly appreciated.

START OF LENT – Ash Wednesday, 6 March: Please note that there will be **TWO Masses** on Ash Wednesday at St Columba's: at 11.00am, and 7.30pm. Remember that **Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence**: we fast by consuming only one main meal, and we abstain from eating meat.

Stations of the Cross: each Thursday evening during Lent – **beginning Thursday 7 March** – we will pray the Stations of the Cross, from 7.00pm, before the Evening Mass.

FREE Daily Lent Reflections - Would you like a deeper, more powerful Lent this year? Then sign up for Bishop Robert Barron's FREE daily Lent reflections at LentReflections.com. Each day, from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday, the creator and host of the CATHOLICISM Faith Formation programme will send you a short reflection, straight to your inbox. There's simply no better way to super-charge your Lent. Be sure to sign-up at LentReflections.com!

“The Seven Last Words of Jesus on the Cross”:
Lenten Reflections at St. Columba's – The Seven Last ‘Words’ of Jesus Christ from the cross are actually 7 short phrases that Jesus uttered on Calvary. We shall be examining each one of these seven phrases, or ‘words’, throughout Lent, on the following **Wednesday evenings, at 7.00pm**:

20 March – Introduction; First ‘Word’
 27 March – Second and Third ‘Words’
 3 April – Fourth and Fifth ‘Words’
 10 April – Sixth and Seventh ‘Words’

Sacramental Preparation for First Holy Communion in 2019 – classes will take place on **Thursdays at 5.30pm**, lasting for 30 minutes. The dates for this term are as follows:

- March 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th
- April 4th

First Holy Communion will take place on **Sunday 23 June 9.30am**. If you have any questions please get in touch with Helen.

BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP: the group meets tomorrow, 4 March, from 9.30am to 11.30am. Why not come along and join in the fun?!

Cleaning Team – Monday 4 March: 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: WINNERS - no.11: Ellen; no.16: Sam; no.2: Ewen. Next Draw: 31 March. There are still a few numbers available if you would like to try your luck. Ask Don for details.

NEXT PRIZE BINGO: FRIDAY, 29TH MARCH – ‘eyes down’ at 7.00pm. ALL WELCOME. Non-perishable items are always needed, to give as prizes; thank you for all the wonderful items that come in: these make our fundraiser so successful.

PARISH FINANCES – 17 & 24 February 2019

17 February

Current Account:	£ 252.28
Building Fund Account:	£ 541.72
(including a donation:	£ 300.00)

24 February

Current Account:	£ 285.22
Building Fund Account:	£ 1,238.88
(including Bingo	£ 437.00)
(Funeral of Johnnie Gallagher, R.I.P.	£ 601.56)

Thank you for your generosity and support.

No. 1 Account	Building Fund Account
Acc. No: 00809358	Acc. No: 00809390
Sort Code: 80 91 26	Sort Code: 80 91 26

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Vinnie Walton + Michael Good +

Anniversaries: + Colonel John MacGregor +