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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

3 NOVEMBER 2019:
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
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Mass Readings

1st Reading: Wisdom 11:22-12:2
 Psalm: Ps 144 (145): 1-2, 8-11, 13b-14
 2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2
 Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 3 November	THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 5 November	Tuesday of Week 31 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 6 November	Wednesday of Week 31 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	10.30 am 11.00 am
Thursday 7 November	Thursday of Week 31 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 8 November	Blessed John Duns Scotus, Priest Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am 12 noon
Saturday 9 November	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – Feast Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation ** Rosary ** Mass	10.15 am 10.40 am 11.00 am
Sunday 10 November	THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time: Lover of Souls

Our Lord is a lover of souls, the Liturgy shows us today. As we sing in today's Psalm, He is slow to anger and compassionate toward all that He has made.

In His mercy, our First Reading tells us, He overlooks our sins and ignorance, giving us space that we might repent and not perish in our sinfulness (see Wisdom 12:10; 2 Peter 3:9). In Jesus, He has become the Saviour of His children, coming Himself to save the lost (see Isaiah 63:8-9; Ezekiel 34:16).

In the figure of Zacchaeus in today's Gospel, we have a portrait of a lost soul. He is a tax collector, by profession a "sinner" excluded from Israel's religious life. Not only that, he is a "chief tax collector." Worse still, he is a rich man who has apparently gained his living by fraud.

But Zacchaeus' faith brings salvation to his house. He expresses his faith in his fervent desire to "see" Jesus, even humbling himself to climb a tree just to watch Him pass by. While those of loftier religious stature react to Jesus with grumbling, Zacchaeus receives Him with joy.

Zacchaeus is not like the other rich men Jesus meets or tells stories about (see Luke 12:16-21; 16:19-31; 18:18-25). He repents, vowing to pay restitution to those he has cheated and to give half of his money to the poor.

By his humility he is exalted, made worthy to welcome the Lord into his house. By his faith he is justified, made a descendant of Abraham (see Romans 4:16-17).

As He did last week, Jesus is again using a tax collector to show us the faith and humility we need to obtain salvation.

We are also called to seek Jesus daily with repentant hearts. And we should make our own Paul's prayer in today's Second Reading: that God might make us worthy of His calling, that by our lives we might give glory to the name of Jesus. (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

In asking to come to your house, Jesus calls you, as he did Zacchaeus, by name. Your name is precious to him.

GENERAL NEWS

Thursday 7 November: Inverness Justice and Peace Group – the next meeting of the local Justice & Peace group meets at the Olive Grove Café in Kingsmill. The meeting starts at 7.00pm, for 7.30pm.

8-10 November 2019: Encounter Christ Retreat – A renewing and inspiring weekend for women aged 18-30. Hosted by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, at Greyfriars Convent, Elgin. For further information, please contact Sr. Mary Gianna at op@rcda.scot.

30 November 2019: 'The Missionary Spirit of Jesus': A Discussion by the Emmanuel Community, at St. Mary's Beaulieu, from 10.30am-1.30pm. The programme is as follows (see poster):

10.30am: Tea/coffee and Introduction

11.00am: Mass

11.50am-12.40pm: Presentation

12.45pm-1.05pm: Discussion

1.10pm: Convene and Conclusions

1.30pm: Lunch and Dismissal

PARISH NEWS

November – Month of the Holy Souls: November is the month when we remember our dearly departed. If you would like to have any deceased relatives or friends remembered at Mass during November, please place their names in the brown envelopes in the foyer, and hand these in to the Sacristy. All names will be placed in front of the altar, and a selection will be read out at every Mass. All offerings received will be donated to our Building Fund.

TODAY – MARY'S MEALS – A representative from Mary's Meals will give us an update at the end of Mass on this very worthwhile Scottish-based global charity, now feeding over 1.5million starving children in 18 countries. There will be an opportunity to make a donation or buy raffle tickets, should you wish.

Passkeepers/Ushers – Would you like to help the Parish? Why not consider becoming a Passkeeper or Usher? Please speak to Fr. Domenico after Mass for further details.

Church Keyholders – there is an updated list in the Sacristy; could you please check to see that your name is included? Thank you.

Youth Mass at St. Columba's! - We hope to hold a Youth Mass at St. Columba's in the near future. In order for this to take place, we need volunteers of school age to play or sing in a music group, or to help with any of the other tasks during Mass, such as collections. We can use most instruments: piano, violin, flute, trumpet, guitar or whatever you play.

The music group would be **helped** by other youth from around the Deanery. The group would need a few practices, either here or at each other's houses, at times to fit in busy family lives. You don't need to have great experience. Practices should be fun, possibly with the occasional pizza! If you are interested, please see Fr. Domenico. Remember: this can only go ahead if there are willing young musicians and volunteers!

FAITH IN FILM EVENING: 'ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA' – **This Wednesday, 6 November, at 7.00pm.** "If you could hear the voice of God, would you want to keep it secret?" A historical drama based on the memoirs of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuit order. This is the story of a soldier, a man of vice and violence who, in his attempt to turn to the light, was forced to wrestle with his inner demons to the very brink of death. A Filipino production shot in Spain and the Philippines, the film chronicles his valiant but futile defence at the Battle of Pamplona, his struggles with depression and near-suicide, his trial before the Inquisition, and his ultimate vindication. Certificate: 15; duration 120 minutes. Please note that there are **NO SUBTITLES** for this film.

BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP: the group meets **tomorrow (Monday 4 November)**, in the Meeting Room at St. Columba's, from 9.30am to 11.30am. We are always looking for new members to join in the fun – please spread the word!

CLEANING TEAM – Monday 4th November at 1.30pm: Margaret, Isobel and Don. Would you like to help out too? Any help would be greatly appreciated!

"90 Club" – OCTOBER WINNERS! - No.4 (Mary); no.74 (Anna); No.55 (Margaret). Next draw: Sunday 24th November. There are still a few numbers available; why not try your luck, and help the parish? Ask Don for details.

Prize Bingo – ** THIS WEEK!! FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER AT 7.00pm ** – To help keep the event successful, please continue handing in items to give as prizes. Ideal items include: gift vouchers, toiletries, chocolates, wine, and other unusual things. Thank you for your generous help and support.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Angus Johnson + Vinnie Walton + Michael Good + Laura Johnstone + Fr. George Hutcheon + Norman Wood + John Macdonald + Alec Mackintosh + Katie Mary Fraser +

Anniversaries: + Renzo Serafini + John Horne + Tom O'Connor + William Hay +