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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

4 AUGUST 2019:
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
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Mass Readings

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23
Psalm: Ps 89 (90):3-6, 12-14, 17
2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 4 August	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 6 August	The Transfiguration of the Lord ~ Feast ~	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 7 August	Wednesday of Week 18 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 8 August	St. Dominic, Priest	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 9 August	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) Virgin and Martyr ~ Feast ~	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am 12 noon
Saturday 10 August	St. Laurence, Deacon and Martyr ~ Feast ~	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	10.30 am 11.00 am
Sunday 11 August	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: The futility of measuring our lives by what we own

“Make us know the shortness of our life, that we might gain wisdom of heart. In the morning fill us with your love, then shall we exult and rejoice all our days.”

The psalmist's meditation is both a reflection on the brevity of life and a call to wisdom, a wisdom born of the heart's deepest longing. This wisdom of heart is a lifelong discernment of the attitudes, conscious and unconscious, that drive our daily lives. It is for us to discern what fills us with the joy of God's presence and what distances us from his love.

“Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!” The words of Ecclesiastes are brutal in their confrontation with life's superficiality. Vanity, in its many forms, is the indulgence of self to the exclusion of others. As such, it is an unthinking denial of God himself.

With the Preacher, we must have the humility to consider the focus that drives our energies. Is that energy centred on self, or on the God whose love has called us into being?

Throughout history inheritance disputes have tended to reveal the darker aspects of our fallen nature. The generation

of Jesus was no different: “Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.” Jesus refused to become entangled in a self-centred sense of entitlement. Instead, he cautioned against the acquisitiveness that undermines a generous spirit. “Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.”

The parable of the rich man who built barns to safeguard his possessions underlines the futility of measuring our lives by what we own. True wealth is to rejoice in the grace that makes us rich in the sight of God.

Such wealth is beautifully described in the Letter to the Colossians: “You have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed, and he is your life, you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.” May the Lord give us a wisdom of heart that rests in his love, and a humility that shuns deceptive entitlement.

(Bishop David McGough, *Catholic Herald*, 1 August 2019)

GENERAL NEWS

Saturday 17 August: Day of Recollection and Healing at Stratherrick – POSTPONED. Please note that due to absences, convalescence, and the pressure of diary events, it seems prudent to postpone the Day of Recollection, and to wait for a more propitious date.

Deacon Dominic Nwaigwe – Priestly Ordination: Thanks be to God, Deacon Dominic will be ordained as a Priest at St. Mary's Inverness on **Tuesday 20 August 2019 at 6.00pm**. Please continue to pray for him and for his family in Nigeria, who are supporting him in their prayers.

The Relics of St. Thérèse: coming to our Diocese! – In an extraordinary spiritual gift to all of us, the relics of the Little Flower, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, will be coming to our Diocese, 9-11 September 2019.

The dates are as follows:

- Monday 9th September at 7.00pm:
Arrival at St. Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen.
- Tuesday 10th September:
at St. Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen.
- Wednesday 11th September at 11.00am:
Arrival at Pluscarden Abbey.
- **Wednesday 11th September**
- **5.00pm: Arrival at St. Mary's, Inverness**
- **7.00pm: Mass with the Relics**
- **Overnight Vigil with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, and other devotions.**
- **Thursday 12th September: 10.00am**
Mass with the school children
- **12 noon: Angelus and departure of the relics**

18-25 September: Pilgrimage to Medugorje with Fr. Andrew Niski. A place of prayer, reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration, inspired by the profound experience of the presence of our Heavenly Mother, the Queen of Peace. **Flying out of Inverness with BA, cost £600 – B&B, flight and transfers included.** First-time pilgrims warmly welcomed – please contact Fr. Andrew for more details and to book a place: niski.a@gmail.com; 07749732781.

PARISH NEWS

Things to do, places to see.. If anyone has any suggestions or advice for things to do and see in the Inverness area, for a young married couple with a one-year-old boy, please speak to Fr. Domenico.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2020! – See the Gospel come to life by following the footsteps of Jesus in the Holy Land. From Galilee to Jerusalem, you will find yourself immersed in spirituality and culture. The full itinerary promises to bring the faithful pilgrim an unforgettable experience, including a non-stop return flight from London Luton to Tel Aviv airport (there is also a departure option from Manchester), a touring coach and professional local guide throughout, as well as en-suite accommodation at the 4* Rimonim Hotel in Nazareth and 3* Star Hotel in Bethlehem. **Dates: 23rd – 30th April 2020 (8 Days / 7 nights).** Depart: London Luton (there is also an option to depart from Manchester). **Cost: from £1,094** per person, *Half Board*. To book your place, please phone 01793 608844. **Speak to Fr. Domenico for further details.**

Confirmations 2020 – preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin in the Autumn. **If you are starting S1 this year, or if you are already in Secondary School**, please register initial interest with Fr. Domenico. A meeting will be held in early October.

BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP: the group is on holiday just now, and will return after the Summer break.

CLEANING TEAM – Monday 5th August at 12 noon: Marie and Don. If anyone would like to join in and help on any of the days, please speak to Don. It's only once a month, and it helps to keep our church fresh and clean!

"90 Club": JULY WINNERS! - 1st (no. 42) Shona Volante; 2nd (no. 34) Laura Fraser; 3rd (no. 29) Pat Grant. The next draw will be Sunday 25th August. You could be a winner too! Ask Don for details!

PARISH BINGO – Our fabulous monthly Fundraiser Bingo will return in the Autumn. Non-perishable items can still be handed in for storing. Your continuing support is greatly appreciated!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Vinnie Walton + Michael Good + Fr. George Hutcheon + Norman Wood + Helen Macdonald + John Macdonald +

R.I.P: + Thomas Burns MacDonald +

Anniversaries: + Margaret Smith + Bill Esselmont + Virla MacLennan + Peter Tierney + Donald Joseph Peteranna +