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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**4 JUNE 2017:  
SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST**

## Sunday Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2: 1-11

Psalm: Ps 103 (104): 1, 24, 29-31, 34

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20: 19-23

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 4 June	SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST Second Collection: Day for Life	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 6 June	Tuesday of Week 9 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 7 June	Wednesday of Week 9 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 8 June	Thursday of Week 9 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Sunday 11 June	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

## Pentecost Sunday: "A Mighty Wind"

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history.

The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people, in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai (see Leviticus 23:15-21; Deuteronomy 16:9-11).

In today's First Reading the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles (see Acts 1:14).

The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised (see 2 Corinthians 3:2-8; Romans 8:2).

The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm. In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth (see Genesis 1:2). And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth.

As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit (see Genesis 2:7), in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles (see 1 Corinthians 15:45,47).

Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Second Reading (see also John 7:37-39).

We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism (see 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15). Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist (see 1 Corinthians 10:4), we are the first fruits of a new humanity – fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit. (Scott Hahn)

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: POPE FRANCIS

The "living water", the Holy Spirit, the Gift of the Risen One who dwells in us, purifies us, illuminates us, renews us, transforms us because he makes us participants in the very life of God that is Love. That is why, the Apostle Paul says that the Christian's life is moved by the Holy Spirit and by his fruit, which is "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Gal 5:22-23). *The Holy Spirit introduces us to divine life as "children in the Only Begotten Son".*

## GENERAL NEWS

**Tuesday 6 June: Gabriel Society Meeting** in the Marian Room, at St Mary's, Inverness, at 7.30pm – **"St Paul: Model for Mission"**.

**Tuesday 6 – Thursday 8 June: 2017 Pluscarden Pentecost Lectures at Pluscarden Abbey:** *"Gnosis and the Theocrats from Mars"* – four talks by Dr Francesca Murphy (Notre Dame), as follows:

- Tuesday 6 June at 3.00 pm
- Wednesday 7 June at 10.30 am; then at 3.00 pm
- Thursday 8 June at 10.30 am

All talks will take place in the St Scholastica's Retreat House, just outside the Main Gate of Pluscarden. See the poster on the notice board for full details.

**Saturday 24 June: Day of Renewal at Stratherrick: "In the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary"**. Come and join us from 10.00 am onwards:

- ❖ Morning Prayer
- ❖ Recollection
- ❖ Rosary Procession
- ❖ Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Highlands
- ❖ Lunch with BBQ
- ❖ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with healing prayers and anointing with the balm of mercy
- ❖ Benediction
- ❖ Tea and depart.

All welcome! See you there!

## PARISH NEWS

**Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?**

Each year thousands of adults choose to become Catholics. They come from different backgrounds, and for different reasons: some are already Christians from other traditions; some are from another faith, or no faith at all; some are non-Catholics who have been coming regularly to Mass for years with their Catholic spouses or relatives; some have had no previous contact with the Church. If you would like to know more about the Catholic faith, please speak to Fr Domenico.

**Saturday 10 June: Parish Feast of St Columba!**

We will celebrate our parish patronal feast on Saturday 10 June (as opposed to 9 June!), with a Mass at 12 noon, followed by a family barbecue/picnic on our patio area. Chefs wanted!! Please see the poster, and the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

**Wednesday 21 June onwards, at 7.00pm: Living Faith Scripture Course: "From Genesis to Jesus – Unlocking the Bible"** – What is the Bible, where does it come from and what is its purpose? How are Catholics supposed to read the Bible and what story does it have to tell? These are just a few of the questions we'll consider. This informal course will give an overview of the Old and New Testaments, and will take the form of visual presentations, with discussion and Bible reading! Come and join us! All welcome!

**Cleaning Team:** Tuesday 6 June, at 4.00 pm: Margaret and Don. Extra help is needed in cleaning our church. Can you offer just one hour a week? See Don for details.

**"90 Club": May Winners!** – 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: no. 77 (Ez Loftus); 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: no. 56 (John McGlade); 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: no. 54 Mary Grady. Next draw 25th June. Would you like to be a winner?! There are numbers are still available; only £2 monthly. See Don for details.

**PRIZE BINGO: NEXT EYES DOWN – FRIDAY 30 JUNE!** Last chance before the holidays! There will be a break over the months of July and August. Our prize box is getting very low – items to give as prizes are much needed (chocolates, wine, toiletries, stationery, or any item you would like to win)! Can you help? Many thanks for your continued support!

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** + Anna Black + Audrey O'Connell + Amelia and John Drew + Ewen Macdonald Senior + Lachlan MacNeil + Rose Corbett + Frances Boyle + Laura MacIntyre + Murray Mackay

**Anniversaries:** + Anne MacLean + James McNiffe +