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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**5 AUGUST 2018:
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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Mass Readings

1st Reading: Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15

Psalm: Ps 77 (78): 3-4, 23-25, 54

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24

Gospel: John 6: 24-35

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 5 August	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 7 August	Tuesday of Week 18 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 8 August	Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 9 August	Feast of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Sunday 12 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: Endurance Test

The journey of discipleship is a life-long exodus from the slavery of sin and death to the holiness of truth on Mount Zion, the promised land of eternal life.

The road can get rough. And when it does, we can be tempted to complain like the Israelites in this week's First Reading.

We have to see these times of hardship as a test of what is in our hearts, a call to trust God more and to purify the motives for our faith (Deuteronomy 8:2-3).

As Paul reminds us in this week's Second Reading, we must leave behind our old self-deceptions and desires and live according to the likeness of God in which we are made.

Jesus tells the crowd in this week's Gospel that they are following him for the wrong reasons. They seek him because he filled their bellies. The Israelites, too, were content to follow God so long as there was plenty of food.

Food is the most obvious of signs—because it is the most basic of our human needs. We need our daily bread to live. But we cannot live by this bread alone. We need the bread of eternal life that preserves those who believe in Him (Wisdom 16:20, 26).

The manna in the wilderness, like the bread Jesus multiplied for the crowd, was a sign of God's Providence—that we should trust that He will provide. These signs pointed to their fulfilment in the Eucharist, the abundant bread of angels we sing about in this week's Psalm.

This is the food that God longs to give us. This is the bread we should be seeking. But too often we don't ask for this bread. Instead we seek the perishable stuff of our every day wants and anxieties. In our weakness we think these things are what we really need.

We have to trust God more. If we seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, all these things will be ours as well (Matthew 6:33). (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God.

GENERAL NEWS

7-16 August: CATHOLICISM – FREE Anniversary Online Screening. To register and watch ALL of the episodes for free, simply go to: <https://CatholicismSeries.com>

2 September: National Pilgrimage to Carfin – in honour of St. John Ogilvie. The Pilgrimage Mass will be celebrated within the Grotto at 3.00 p.m. with Archbishop Philip Tartaglia of Glasgow as Principal Celebrant and Bishop Stephen Robson of Dunkeld as homilist. All Welcome.

8th to 9th September: ‘Celebrate Scotland’ – at St. Ninian’s High School, Giffnock, Glasgow. A weekend of faith-sharing and celebration for families of all sizes, young and old. The weekend is comprised of talks and workshops for adults, and faith-building activities for various age groups up to 21 years old; these are run by experienced catechists, teachers and youth ministers, along with the opportunity for lively worship, contemplative adoration, the celebration of Holy Mass, and individual prayer ministry:

Adults - £40 Children - £10

16-22 - £20 Under 5 - Free

All fees include Saturday evening meal. For further details, please see the posters and leaflets in the entrance foyer of the church.

Sunday 9 September: Annual Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair – this annual pilgrimage will take place on from 2.00pm to 6.00pm at St Patrick’s Church, Cowgate, in Edinburgh. 2pm – Opening; 3pm – Film: The Story of Margaret Sinclair, Servant of God; 4.30 pm – Holy Mass. Refreshments available.

Saturday 15 September: The Salvation Army International Staff Songsters – at 7.30pm in St. Andrew’s Cathedral, Ardross Street, Inverness, IV3 5NS. Ticket prices: £10 Adults; £5 for under-16s, plus booking fee. Available from Eventbrite <https://the-international-staff-songsters.eventbrite.co.uk>

PARISH NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS! to Zuzana, Martin, Benjamin and Lily, on the birth of their baby boy on Thursday morning. We look forward to welcoming him to our parish family here at St. Columba’s!

Supporting the Parish – Going away on your Summer holidays? Why not set up a Standing Order to assist the Parish financially, and ensure

that you are contributing to the continual growth of St. Columba’s each and every week?! It’s quick and easy to do; just speak to Ewen, our Treasurer, or to Fr. Domenico.

Hospital Admissions: if you, or any member of your family, is to be admitted to hospital, and would like a visit from Fr. Domenico, please do inform him. Please note that it is neither the duty, nor, indeed, the policy, of hospitals to inform priests and ministers when congregation members are admitted; the responsibility is placed solely on family and friends.

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. If you would like to know more about the Catholic faith, please speak to Fr. Domenico.

Cleaning Team: Monday 6th August: Marie, Laura and Don. Would you like to help out? Only one hour a month! See Don for details.

“90 Club” – July Winners: 1st Prize - Jane MacMaster (no. 58); 2nd Prize - Linda Gallagher (no. 89); 3rd Prize - John McGlade (no. 56). Next draw Sunday 26th August: lots of time to get a number! Only £2 monthly! Just ask Don for details.

ST COLUMBA’S PRIZE BINGO: NEXT MEETING ON FRIDAY 7 SEPTEMBER; thereafter every first Friday until December. Items to give as prizes can start coming in anytime now. Help on the evening is always gratefully accepted and appreciated! Thank You.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Audrey O’Connell + Amelia & John Drew + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Johnny Gallagher + Denise Maclean + Ellen Williams + Eva Zanre + Richard Karasek + Brian Carr +

Anniversaries: + Margaret Smith + Bill Esselmont + Virla MacLennan + Ronald MacCormick +