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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**5 MARCH 2017:  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  
YEAR A**

## Sunday Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7

Psalm: Ps 50 (51): 3-6, 12-14, 17

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 5: 12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11

| Date              | Details  | Service  | Time                             |
|-------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|
| Sunday 5 March    | <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b><br>Second Collection: Building Fund  | <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b><br><b>Mass</b>                          | <b>9.00 am</b><br><b>9.30 am</b> |
| Tuesday 7 March   | Tuesday of the First Week of Lent                                | Sacrament of Reconciliation<br>Evening Prayer<br>Mass                      | 6.30 pm<br>7.00 pm<br>7.30 pm    |
| Wednesday 8 March | <i>Commemoration of St Duthac, Bishop</i>                        | Sacrament of Reconciliation<br>Mass<br>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | 10.30 am<br>11.00 am<br>11.30 am |
| Thursday 9 March  | Thursday of the First Week of Lent                               | Sacrament of Reconciliation<br>* Stations of the Cross *<br>Mass           | 6.30 pm<br>7.00 pm<br>7.30 pm    |
| Sunday 12 March   | <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b><br>Second Collection: Building Fund | <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b><br><b>Mass</b>                          | <b>9.00 am</b><br><b>9.30 am</b> |

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available 30 minutes before EVERY Mass.**

## First Sunday of Lent: A Tale of Two Adams

In today's Liturgy, the destiny of the human race is told as the tale of two "types" of men—the first man, Adam, and the new Adam, Jesus (see 1 Corinthians 15:21-22; 45-59).

Paul's argument in the Second Reading is built on a series of contrasts between "one" or "one person" and "the many" or "all." By one person's disobedience, sin and condemnation entered the world, and death came to reign over all. By the obedience of another one, grace abounded, all were justified, and life came to reign for all. This is the drama that unfolds in today's First Reading and Gospel.

Formed from the clay of the ground and filled with the breath of God's own Spirit, Adam was a son of God (see Luke 3:38), created in His image (see Genesis 5:1-3). Crowned with glory, he was given dominion over the world and the protection of His angels (see Psalms 8:6-8; 91:11-13). He was made to worship God—to live not by bread alone but in obedience to every word that comes from the mouth of the Father.

Adam, however, put the Lord his God to the test. He gave in to the serpent's temptation, trying to seize for himself all that God had already promised him. But in

his hour of temptation, Jesus prevailed where Adam failed—and drove the devil away.

Still we sin after the pattern of Adam's transgression. Like Adam, we let sin in the door (see Genesis 4:7) when we entertain doubts about God's promises, when we forget to call on Him in our hours of temptation. But the grace won for us by Christ's obedience means that sin is no longer our master.

As we begin this season of repentance, we can be confident in His compassion, that He will create in us a new heart (see Romans 5:5; Hebrews 8:10). As we do in today's Psalm, we can sing joyfully of our salvation, renewed in His presence. (Scott Hahn)



Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt.

— Pope Francis —

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## GENERAL NEWS

**Knights of St Columba Dance for Missio Scotland: Saturday 11 March, from 7.30pm, in St Mary's Church Hall, Huntly Street.** Dancing to the music of John Gordon. Licensed bar, and raffle. Tickets only £5 each (you can pay on the door). Tickets available from Neil Munro or Gary Fraser.

### **Justice and Peace Group: "Rediscovering Mercy"**

Members of the Justice and Peace group will be studying the SCIAF-sponsored course entitled "Rediscovering Mercy" during Lent. This is a four-week course reflecting Catholic Social Teaching, and the difference it can make in our lives. The sessions will be held on Tuesdays in **March (7, 14, 21, 28) in the Olive Grove Cafe from 7.30pm–9.00pm.** All welcome. If you have any questions please contact Jill Kent at [jillkent@me.com](mailto:jillkent@me.com).

### **Lent Station Masses 2017 (Fridays, at 7.00pm)**

10 March St Mary's, Inverness  
17 March Our Lady & St Bean, Marydale  
24 March St Vincent's, Tain \*

**31 March St Columba's, Culloden**

7 April St Anne's, Thurso

\* Principal Celebrant: Bishop Hugh Gilbert, OSB.  
In addition, **Bishop Hugh will dedicate the new outdoor altar at Stratherrick, at 12 noon on Saturday 25 March.**

**DIOCESAN CHRISM MASS: Thursday 6 April at 6.30pm, at St Mary's Inverness.** Principal Celebrant: Bishop Hugh Gilbert, OSB.

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**CATHOLICISM – Wednesday 8 March 2017, from 7.00pm – "The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul, and the Missionary Adventure":** Bishop Barron calls Peter and Paul "two indispensable men, the ones without whom the church never would have emerged and survived." In telling each man's story, Bishop Barron shows how the Holy Spirit worked through all the apostles and disciples to build the Church. Following the trail of these apostles as they took the Gospel to the ends of the earth, Bishop Barron presents the foundations of the apostolic faith, particularly the revelation of Christ's resurrection from the dead.

**FIRS: Thursday 9 March, from 2.00pm:** The Friends in Retirement Group are joined by Chrisanne Robertson, who will give a talk on the Highland Malawi Trust. All welcome!

**"Behold the Lamb of God: Reflections for Holy Week":** Join us for a Day of Recollection at St Columba's, **on Saturday 8 April, from 10.30am**

onwards. See the event posters for the full programme. The ideal preparation for Holy Week!

**Sainsbury's Active Kids Schools Vouchers:** St Joseph's Primary School are collecting vouchers to purchase sports equipment for the children. If you, or someone you know, shops at Sainsbury's – either in store or online – they will receive tokens towards the Active Kids Scheme. A collection box will be available in the entrance foyer of the church in the next few weeks. Vouchers are available from Sainsbury's until 2 May. Thank you for your support.

**Weekly Offertory Envelopes:** the envelopes for the new financial year (April onwards) are now available in the entrance foyer.

### **Parish Pilgrimages led by Fr Domenico:**

**Rome, October 2017:** I am currently negotiating the cheapest price possible for 5 days in Rome, during the Autumn School Holidays. Watch this space for details!  
**Holy Land, November 2018:** This pilgrimage will mark the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the dedication of our church. The approximate cost for 8 days will be in the region of £1,300. Why not join us for the trip of a life-time?! For details of the provisional itinerary, see the page on our parish website! If you are interested, please contact Fr Domenico asap.

**Cleaning Team:** Monday 6 March at 9.30am – Margaret, Marie and Don. If you would like to help us clean our church, just come along; the more volunteers, the better (it takes approx an hour)!

**"90 Club" – February Winners! -** No.8: Natalie; No.55: Margaret; No.15: Amanda. The next draw will be held on Sunday 26 March. New members are welcome to join in; only £2 per month!

**Prize Bingo – Next Draw: Friday 24 March, at 7.00pm (note change of date).** A family fun night, with great company! Come and join us! Items to give as prizes are always needed (toiletries, chocolates, wine/spirits, etc). Many thanks for your continued support – it is greatly appreciated!

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Anna Black + Audrey O'Connell + Amelia and John Drew + Leslie Murray + Frances Boyle + Ewen Macdonald Snr + Brian Murray + Lachlan MacNeil + Louisa and Suzanne Williams + Cath Maclean + Eilidh McPherson

**R.I.P.:** Jane Green + Nancy McRae

**Anniversaries:** Alice and Paddy Boyle + George MacPherson + James Connachie + Colonel John MacGregor + Donald MacLean +