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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**6 MAY 2018:  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 10: 25-26, 34-25, 44-48

Psalm: Ps 97 (98): 1-4

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 4: 7-10

Gospel: John 15: 9-17

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 6 May	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> Second Collection: Building Fund	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>9.30 am</b>
Tuesday 8 May	<b>NO MASS</b>	—	—
Wednesday 9 May	Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Eastertide Mass Intention: Donald John MacNeil R.I.P.	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 10 May	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b> <b>Holy Day of Obligation</b> Mass Intention: Neil McDaid R.I.P.	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b> <b>7.30 pm</b>
Sunday 13 May	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> Second Collection: Building Fund	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>9.30 am</b>

## Sixth Sunday of Easter: Begotten By Love

God is love, and He revealed that love in sending His only Son to be a sacrificial offering for our sins.

In these words from today's Second Reading, we should hear an echo of the story of Abraham's offering of Isaac at the dawn of salvation history. Because Abraham obeyed God's command and did not withhold his only beloved son, God promised that Abraham's descendants, the children of Israel, would be the source of blessing for all nations (see Genesis 22:16–18).

We see that promise coming to fulfilment in today's First Reading. God pours out His Spirit upon the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, as they listen to the word of Peter's preaching. Notice they receive the same gifts received by the devout Jews who heard Peter's preaching at Pentecost—the Spirit comes to rest upon them and they speak in tongues, glorifying God (see Acts 2:5–11).

In his love today, God reveals that His salvation embraces the house of Israel and peoples of all nations. Not by circumcision or blood relation to Abraham, but by faith in the Word of Christ, sealed in the Sacrament of Baptism, people are to be made children of Abraham, heirs to God's

covenants of promise (see Galatians 3:7–9; Ephesians 2:12).

This is the wondrous work of God that we sing of in today's Psalm. It is the work of the Church, the good fruit that Jesus chooses and appoints His Apostles for in today's Gospel.

As Peter raises up Cornelius today, the Church continues to lift all eyes to Christ, the only one in whose name they can find salvation.

In the Church, each of us has been begotten by the love of God. But the Scriptures today reveal that this divine gift brings with it a command and a duty. We are to love one another as we have been loved. We are to lay down our lives in giving ourselves to others—that they too might find friendship with Christ, and new life through Him. (Scott Hahn)

### Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

“The world tells us to seek success, power and money; God tells us to seek humility, service and love.”

## GENERAL NEWS

**Monday 7 May 2018: PILGRIMAGE TO CRAIG LODGE** – a one-day Pilgrimage to Craig Lodge, Dalmally, on Monday, 7 May, 2018. The Coach will leave from St Mary's, Beaully, at 7:30am, arriving at about 10:30am and leaving Dalmally at 4:30pm and returning at about 7:30pm. We will have about 6 hours for Holy Mass, prayers, lunch (packed lunch), free time, walk and devotions. The cost for the Coach is £20 per person. For further details, please contact Fr Maximilian Nwosu at St Mary's, Beaully: [stmarysbeaully@btinternet.com](mailto:stmarysbeaully@btinternet.com) / tel. 01463 782232.

**22nd-24th May 2018: Pluscarden Pentecost Lectures** – *"You Have Come to Mount Sion": The Christian Pilgrimage in the Letter to the Hebrews*. Four talks by Fr. Richard Ounsworth OP, which are as follows:

Tuesday 22nd May at 3.00pm: "Potato Stamps: Reading the Old Testament in the Light of Christ".

Wednesday 23rd May at 10.30am: "Jesus is Joshua: What's in a Name?"

Wednesday 23rd May at 3.00pm: "Passing Through the Veil: Christ the High Priest and the Day of Atonement"

Thursday 24 May at 10.30am: "Robed in Flesh, Our Great High Priest"

There is no charge for these lectures, and all are welcome to attend. To register for the talks, make further enquiries, or book accommodation, contact Pluscarden Abbey, Elgin, Moray, IV30 8UA. To register your interest in this event, please e-mail: [guestmaster@pluscardenabbey.org](mailto:guestmaster@pluscardenabbey.org). See the poster on the front page of our parish website.

**Wednesday 23 May: "The Claim: Archbishop Romero, his people, and Pope Francis"** – SCIAF and the Justice & Peace Group will be hosting this film, which highlights the life of Blessed Oscar Romero, the El Salvadorian archbishop who will be canonised in October. Please join us in the **Marian Room, 32 Huntly Street (next to St Mary's Inverness)**. Refreshments at 6.30pm, for a 7.00pm start.

## PARISH NEWS

**SUNDAY 20 MAY: PENTECOST SUNDAY** – We are looking for speakers of different languages to read out the Bidding Prayers in their native tongues, and for any singing groups! Please come and speak to Fr Domenico if you'd like to help add an international flavour to our Mass!

**SATURDAY 9 JUNE: DOUBLE ANNIVERSARY MASS, ON THE FEAST OF ST COLUMBA!** – A date for your diaries! Bishop Hugh has been invited to celebrate this Mass for us, together with the priests who were in attendance 10 years ago, at the

Dedication of the Church. Come and join us for this important parish celebration. **We will need to think about: musicians; readers; servers; catering (buffet).** Please be prepared to offer your services to make this a truly memorable celebration! More details to follow!

**Pope Francis' new document "Gaudete et Exsultate" ("Rejoice and be glad")** – the Apostolic Exhortation on Holiness – is on sale in the entrance foyer. It is very readable, and relevant to all of us; why not pick up a copy? If there is sufficient interest, we will organise a reading group to discuss it together!

**Marital Accompaniment in the Diocese** – Following the teaching of Pope Francis in his Apostolic Exhortation entitled "Amoris Laetitia", Bishop Hugh has invited certain priests to be available to help those in what the Church calls "irregular marital situations". This is not a Relationship or Marriage Counselling Service, which already exists, but is for those who may wish to discuss their situation and are wondering how they might participate more fully in the life of the Church. Any individual or couple who would appreciate confidential conversations in this area are invited to approach the following priests:

Fr Mark Impson (Stonehaven):

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Fr Giles Conacher OSB (Pluscarden):

[fr.giles-osb@rcda.scot](mailto:fr.giles-osb@rcda.scot)

Fr Richard Reese (Tain):

[reeserj@gmail.com](mailto:reeserj@gmail.com)

**St Columba's Baby and Toddler Group:**  
No meeting this week (Bank Holiday Monday!)

**Cleaning Team:** Tuesday 8th May – Mary and Karen. Would you like to help out? Only one hour a month! See Don for details.

**"90 Club" April Winners:** 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: no.77 (Ez Loftus); 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: no.55 (Margaret Marshall); 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: no.37 (Mary MacKinnon). Well done to you all! The next draw will take place on Sunday 27 May. There are still a few numbers available; only £2 monthly. All profits go to the Building Fund; ask Don.

**Next Prize Bingo: FRIDAY, 25 MAY – 'eyes down' at 7.00pm.** Family fun! A warm welcome awaits you. Items to give as prizes are always needed. Thank you!

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** + Anna Black + Audrey O'Connell + Amelia & John Drew + Peter Simpson + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Johnny Gallagher + Denise Maclean + Ellen Williams + Eva Zandre

**R.I.P:** + Neil McDaid +