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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**  
**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY**  
**OF THE YEAR, C**

## Sunday Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Maccabees 7: 1-2, 9-14

Psalm: Ps 16: 1, 5-6, 8, 15

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16 – 3:5

Gospel: Luke 20: 27-38

Date	Details	Service	Time
<b>Sunday 6 November</b>	<b>THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> <b>(Second Collection: Deacon Andrew Niski)</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b>
Tuesday 8 November	Memorial of Blessed John Duns Scotus	Mass	7.30pm
Wednesday 9 November	FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am 11.30am
Thursday 10 November	Memorial of St Leo the Great	Mass	7.30pm
<b>Sunday 13 November</b>	<b>THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> <b>(Second Collection: Deacon Andrew Niski)</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b>

### Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year: To Rise Again

With their riddle about seven brothers and a childless widow, the Sadducees in today's Gospel mock the faith for which seven brothers and their mother die in the First Reading.

The Maccabean martyrs chose death—tortured limb by limb, burned alive—rather than betray God's Law. Their story is given to us in these last weeks of the Church year to strengthen us for endurance—that our feet not falter but remain steadfast on His paths.

The Maccabeans died hoping that the “King of the World” would raise them to live again forever (see 2 Maccabees 14:46).

The Sadducees don't believe in the Resurrection because they can't find it literally taught in the Scriptures. To ridicule this belief they fix on a law that requires a woman to marry her husband's brother if he should die without leaving an heir (see Genesis 38:8; Deuteronomy 25:5).

But God's Law wasn't given to ensure the raising up of descendants to earthly fathers. The Law was given, as Jesus explains, to make us worthy to be “children of God” — sons and daughters born of His Resurrection.

“God our Father,” today's Second Reading tells us, has given us “everlasting encouragement” in the Resurrection of Christ. Through His grace, we can now direct our hearts to the love of God.

As the Maccabeans suffered for the Old Law, we will have to suffer for our faith in the New Covenant. Yet He will guard us in the shadow of

His wing, keep us as the apple of His eye, as we sing in today's Psalm.

The Maccabeans' persecutors marvelled at their courage. We too can glorify the Lord in our sufferings and in the daily sacrifices we make.

And we have even greater cause than they for hope. One who has risen from the dead has given us His word — that He is the God of the living, that when we awake from the sleep of death we will behold His face, be content in His presence (see Psalm 76:6; Daniel 12:2).

(Scott Hahn)

### Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

“...already on this earth, in prayer, in the Sacraments, in fraternity, we encounter Jesus and his love, and thus we may already taste something of the risen life. The experience we have of his love and his faithfulness ignites in our hearts like a fire and increases our faith in the resurrection. In fact, if God is faithful and loves, he cannot be thus for only a limited time: faithfulness is eternal, it cannot change. God's love is eternal, it cannot change! It is not only for a time: it is forever! It is for going forward! He is faithful forever and he is waiting for us, each one of us, he accompanies each one of us with his eternal faithfulness.”

(Pope Francis, *Angelus*, 10 November 2013)

## GENERAL NEWS

**CLOSING OF THE HOLY DOORS OF MERCY** – the Jubilee Year of Mercy formally ends on the Solemnity of Christ the King, on 20 November; in order to avoid liturgical confusion, **the Holy Doors of Mercy will be closed at St Mary's, Inverness, at the 6.30pm Mass on Sunday 13 November.**

**“Take One ACTION!” Film Festival at Eden Court, Friday 18 November – Sunday 20 November.** “Take One Action” is Scotland's global change cinema project, and it premieres the most acclaimed international cinema focusing **on social and environmental justice.** See the flyers and poster in the foyer, or check out the list of films at: [www.takeoneaction.org.uk/](http://www.takeoneaction.org.uk/)

## PARISH NEWS

**Second Collection: this week and next week, our second collection will be for Deacon Andrzej Niski.** Andrzej – or Andrew, as he is known – will be ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop Hugh Gilbert on **Friday 6 January 2016 at 3.00pm, in St Mary's, Inverness.** This will be the Diocese of Aberdeen's first Priestly Ordination in the Highland Deanery in 12 years (the last Diocesan Ordination here was for a certain Fr James Bell, in 2005)! Deacon Andrew is a 'well-kent' face at St Columba's, both as an Altar Server, and more recently as a Deacon. He will begin his Priestly ministry here in the Highlands, and he is very much looking forward to serving the People of God here in this Deanery! It is only right and proper that we support our Seminarians and Priests, and it would be good to offer him a gift, on behalf of the Parish of St Columba's, to mark this special occasion. Many thanks for your generosity and support of this future Highland Priest!

**November – Month of the Holy Souls:** November is the month when we remember our dearly departed. If you would like to have any deceased relatives or friends remembered at Mass during November, please place their names in the brown envelopes in the foyer, and hand these in to the Sacristy. All names will be placed in front of the altar, and a selection will be read out at every Mass. All offerings received will be donated to our Building Fund.

**FIRS: THIS THURSDAY, 10 November 2016, 2.00pm onwards.** The speaker for November's meeting will be **Fr Domenico**, who will talk about **“The Churches of Rome”** – mixing art and history with autobiography! Come along and find out a little more about your Parish Priest!

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: Next week, 13 November** this is a day for the nation to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom. We will have our own short Service of Remembrance in front of our War Memorial. If you have served – or are presently serving – in HM Armed Forces, or in any form of public service, or if you are a member of the Scouts, Guides, or other organisation, please do consider attending the event in your uniform.

**Morning of Renewal for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – Saturday 19 November, 10.00am – 1.00pm.** This is an opportunity for ALL Readers and Extraordinary Ministers – **from St Columba's and further afield** – to come together for a morning of reflection and renewal. There will be several short presentations, time for prayer, and Question-and-Answer Sessions. Please spread the word.

**Faith in Film Evening: Wednesday 23 November, from 7.00pm: *Courageous*.** As law enforcement officers, Adam Mitchell, Nathan Hayes and their partners willingly stand up to the worst the world can offer, yet at the end of the day, they face a challenge that none of them are truly prepared to tackle: fatherhood. While they consistently give their best on the job, they quickly discover that their children are beginning to drift further away from them. When tragedy hits home, these men are left with a newfound urgency to renew their faith and reach out to their own children. Will they be able to find a way to serve and protect those who are most dear to them? Certificate: 12 (c. 120 minutes).

**Safeguarding Training Session: Saturday 26 November at 10.00am at St Columba's.** This will last 1-2 hours only. This is for anyone who has undergone a PVG check or is due a PVG check for the Church, and has not previously attended a training session. Anyone who has previously attended a training session is also welcome to attend for a refresher, if they wish. **This training is regarded as mandatory by the Church.** If you are uncertain if you should attend please speak to Helen Macdonald, Safeguarding Co-ordinator.

**Gardeners required:** if you'd like to help maintain the beautiful appearance of the church grounds, please speak to Don – we need your help!

**Church cleaning** – Tuesday 8 November: Mary and Marie. New volunteers are always welcomed – please consider offering some of your spare time to help clean our beautiful church!

**“90 Club” Winners!** – No.19: Malcolm; No.54: Mary; No.9: Mary. Congratulations to our winners! There are a few tickets still available; £2.00 monthly. Please ask Don.

**PRIZE BINGO** – The next Fundraiser Bingo will be on **FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER, at 7.00 pm!! We will have a Christmas theme, with crackers, mince pies, and sweet treats!!** Items to give as prizes always needed, your generosity is greatly appreciated, without your help we would not be so successful in our fund raising efforts. Thank you!!

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** + Anna Black + Audrey O'Connell + Amelia Drew + Leslie Murray + Rhona MacGregor + Cath and Roddy Mackenzie +

**Anniversaries:** + William Hay + Anna Campbell +