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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

6 OCTOBER 2019: TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Psalm: Ps 94 (95):1-2, 6-9

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 6 October	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY	Sacrament of Reconciliation	9.00 am
	IN ORDINARY TIME	Mass	9.30 am
	Second Collection: Building Fund		
Tuesday 8 October	Tuesday of Week 27 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Reconciliation	6.30 pm
	Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Evening Prayer	7.00 pm
		Mass	7.30 pm
Wednesday 9 October	Wednesday of Week 27 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Reconciliation	10.30 am
	Mass Intention: Morag MacIntyre RIP	Mass	11.00 am
		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.30 am
Thursday 10 October	Thursday of Week 27 in Ordinary Time	NO MASS AT ST. COLUMBA'S	
Friday 11 October	Friday of Week 27 in Ordinary Time	NO MASS AT ST. COLUMBA'S	
Saturday 12 October	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Sacrament of Reconciliation	10.15 am
	Mass Intention: Morag MacIntyre RIP	** Rosary **	10.45 am
		Mass	11.00 am
Sunday 13 October	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY	Sacrament of Reconciliation	9.00 am
	IN ORDINARY TIME	Mass	9.30 am
	Second Collection: Building Fund		

EXTRAORDINARY MISSIONARY MONTH - OCTOBER 2019

"For the month of October 2019, I have asked that the whole Church revive her missionary awareness and commitment as we commemorate the centenary of the Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud* of Pope Benedict XV (30 November 1919). Its farsighted and prophetic vision of the apostolate has made me realize once again the importance of renewing the Church's missionary commitment and giving fresh evangelical impulse to her work of preaching and bringing to the world the salvation of Jesus Christ, who died and rose again.

The title of October's Missionary Month is: *Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World.* Celebrating this month will help us first to rediscover the missionary dimension of our faith in Jesus Christ, a faith graciously bestowed on us in baptism. Our filial relationship with God is not something simply private, but always in relation to the Church. Through our communion with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we, together with so many of our other brothers and sisters, are born to new life. This divine life is not a product for sale .. but a treasure to be given, communicated and proclaimed: that is the meaning of mission. We received this gift freely and we share it freely (cf. *Mt*10:8), without excluding anyone. God wills that all

people be saved by coming to know the truth and experiencing his mercy through the ministry of the Church, the universal sacrament of salvation (cf. 1 Tim 2:4; Lumen Gentium, 48).

The Church is on mission in the world... A Church that presses forward to the farthest frontiers requires a constant and ongoing missionary conversion... This missionary mandate touches us personally: I am a mission, always; you are a mission, always; every baptized man and woman is a mission. People in love never stand still: they are drawn out of themselves; they are attracted and attract others in turn; they give themselves to others and build relationships that are life-giving. As far as God's love is concerned, no one is useless or insignificant. Each of us is a mission to the world, for each of us is the fruit of God's love... From eternity he has destined each of his children to share in his divine and eternal life (cf. Eph 1:3-6)... This mission is part of our identity as Christians; it makes us responsible for enabling all men and women to realize their vocation to be adoptive children of the Father, to recognize their personal dignity and to appreciate the intrinsic worth of every human life, from conception until natural death." (Excerpts from the Message of Pope Francis for World Mission Day 2019)

GENERAL NEWS

Retreat for Busy Women: 25-27 October 2019 – Women are busy people! With many demands made on their time and resources, women need an opportunity to step aside and recharge their spiritual, emotional, and physical strength from time to time. The Ogilvie Centre is happy to offer a yearly retreat for Women at Kilcoy Castle on the Muir of Ord. For registration, contact: ogilvie@rcda.scot.

Encounter Christ Retreat: 8-10 November 2019 – A renewing and inspiring weekend for women aged 18-30. Hosted by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, at Greyfriars Convent, Elgin. To register, contact Sister Mary Gianna at op@rcda.scot.

Extraordinary Missionary Month, October 2019 – There is an Official Prayer for this special month, which the Holy Father has asked us to recite on Fridays, after the midday Angelus:

Heavenly Father, when your only begotten Son Jesus Christ rose from the dead, he commissioned his followers to "go and make disciples of all nations" and you remind us that through our Baptism we are made sharers in the mission of the Church.

Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be courageous and zealous in bearing witness to the Gospel, so that the mission entrusted to the Church, which is still very far from completion, may find new and efficacious expressions that bring life and light to the world.

Help us make it possible for all peoples to experience the saving love and mercy of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

PARISH NEWS

Saturday 12 October: "Called to be Missionary": A Day of Recollection and Discussion at St. Columba's. The Programme for the Day is as follows:

11.00am-11.35am: Mass

11.45am-12.00pm: Welcome & Introduction to the

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12.00pm-12.30pm: Presentation 1 12.30pm-1.00pm: Discussion Groups 1.00pm-1.30pm: Pot-luck shared lunch

1.40pm-2.15pm: Presentation 2 2.20pm-2.45pm: Discussion Groups

2.45pm-3.45pm: Holy Hour, Adoration, Benediction

Sacrament of Confession available

Ogilvie Centre for New Evangelisation and Catechesis: The Ogilvie Centre exists to encourage, strengthen and build the faithful in encountering

Christ, becoming intentional disciples, and using their gifts to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It does this by providing on-going support and resources for evangelisation, catechesis and adult faith formation. For information, go to: https://ogilvie.rcda.scot/

October: Month of the Rosary – to mark the Marian month of October, and to increase the devotional life of the parish, we will pray the Rosary together each Saturday, before Mass, from 10.45am-11.00am. The Sacrament of Confession will be available from 10.15am-10.45am.

Highland Foodbank – Harvest Appeal: Your donations help to provide emergency food and support to local people in crisis. As part of our Harvest Appeal, we would be grateful for the following items: * Long Life Juice * Tins of Potatoes * Tins of Mince/Stew * Oatcakes/Crackers * Tins of Ham * Shower Gel/Shampoo. Please leave these items in the plastic box at the front door of the church. Thank you!

Confirmations 2020 – Initial Meeting with Families, Thursday 10 October at 6.30pm. Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin in the Autumn; families are invited to attend this initial meeting to introduce the programme and plan a suitable timetable.

BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP: the group meets **tomorrow** (Monday 7 October), in the Meeting Room at St. Columba's, from 9.30am to 11.30am. Come along and join in the fun!

CLEANING TEAM – Altered time this week: please ask Don. Could someone offer a kind hand to assist? Any help would be greatly appreciated!

"90 Club" – SEPTEMBER WINNERS! First Prize: Ian MacDonald; Second Prize: John MacPhee; Third Prize: Brian MacLennan. The next draw is on Sunday 27th October. There are a few remaining numbers waiting for names to go next to them..! Only £2 monthly, with three prizes to be won. Ask Don for details.

PARISH BINGO: FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER. at 7.00pm: (ALL SAINTS DAY!). Why not come along? Prayers to all the Saints may help you to win a few prizes! Items to give as prizes are urgently required, such as: gift vouchers, toiletries, chocolates, wine. and other unusual things. Thank you for your generous help and support.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Angus Johnson + Vinnie Walton + Michael Good + Laura Johnstone + Fr. George Hutcheon + Norman Wood + John Macdonald + Alec Mackintosh + Katie Mary Fraser +

R.I.P: + Morag MacIntyre + Mark Kelly +

Anniversaries: + Maureen Kelly + John Campbell +