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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**7 APRIL 2019:
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)**

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 43: 16-21
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 125 (126)
2nd Reading: Philippians 3: 8-14
Gospel: John 8: 1-11

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 7 April	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 9 April	Tuesday of Week 5 of Lent Mass Intention: Lachlan MacNeil, RIP	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 10 April	Wednesday of Week 5 of Lent Mass Intention: Moira McAvoy, R.I.P.	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 11 April	Thursday of Week 5 of Lent ~ NO EVENING MASS ~	DIOCESAN CHRISM MASS ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL ABERDEEN	6.00 pm
Friday 12 April	Friday of Week 5 of Lent ~ NO MORNING MASS/ADORATION ~	DEANERY STATION MASS AT ST. COLUMBA'S	7.00pm
Saturday 13 April	Saturday of Week 5 of Lent Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	10.30 am 11.00 am
Sunday 14 April	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION Second Collection: Holy Places	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Fifth Sunday of Lent: Pastoral Letter from Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Easter is almost here. We might picture 'Easter' as a person, as someone coming to visit us. She comes with her cortege of feasts: Palm Sunday and Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and especially the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday - which then open out into the 50 days of Eastertide. Through signs and symbols, words and ceremonies, she brings us the Cross and Resurrection of Christ. She takes us to the heart of our faith. I encourage you to go out and meet her, not to miss the opportunity even if it disturbs usual routines or cuts across appealing alternatives. Let us thirst for the living God! Easter offers us wisdom and grace, the forgiveness of sins and peace with God. It is a chance to recover good priorities and tap into new energies. It is a time for the dry tree we are to experience a springtime and become green and fruitful again, and there is the goodness of coming together, of seeing our brothers and sisters in Christ.

"We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world." My great hope for this diocese has always been that Christ becomes more real to us. The liturgies of Holy Week and Easter, the time we can give to personal reflection on the depths they contain, the opportunities for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion, are the "favourable time" for this to happen. "Our Saviour is ready for those who are thirsty"

(St. Athanasius). As a poet put it, Christ can Easter in us and "be a dayspring to the dimness of us".

We are living in uncertain times. We all know this! As Christians, we can be disconcerted too by aspects of the world of which we are part. They seem to threaten our humanity. At Easter, though, we can connect our lives to the risen Christ, just as the current year is inscribed on the Paschal Candle. "All time belongs to him and all the ages", ours too. At Easter, we can link up again to the great narrative of God's plan of salvation. We can refresh ourselves at the springs of our baptismal faith. We can realise what God the Father has given us by making us members of Christ and his Body, the Church, and recover a sense of responsibility for the world and environment in which we live. We can resonate with Pope Francis when he says, "We know well that with Jesus life becomes richer and that with him it is easier to find meaning in everything" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 266).

Someone once wrote. "In work we learn strength of character; in the family goodness of character." Let's add: in Holy Week and Easter, the character of Christ. Everything else passes. He doesn't. Let's go to meet Easter! "Our Saviour is ready for those who are thirsty."

Yours devotedly in Christ,
+ Hugh OSB

GENERAL NEWS

Chrism Mass 2018: Thursday 11 April, at St Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen. Mass begins at 6.00pm. All welcome.

PARISH NEWS

Station Mass at St. Columba's – the remaining Station Mass for Lent 2019 in our Highland Deanery is here in **St. Columba's, on Friday 12 April, at 7.00pm.** We are looking for a good attendance from the 'home team'. Please do come along and support your parish, as we host congregations from every part of the Deanery.

Assistance for Holy Week liturgies – we are looking for people to assist us with our Holy Week liturgies; in particular, we need:

- **Readers**
- **Extraordinary Ministers**
- **Servers**
- **Volunteers for Holy Thursday Washing of the Feet**

Can you help? Please do come to the Sacristy and put your name down **in advance**, or speak to Fr. Domenico and/or the Sacristans.

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

14 April: Palm Sunday:

9.00am: Confessions
9.30am: Holy Mass

16 April: Tuesday of Holy Week

6.30pm: Confessions
7.00pm: Evening Prayer
7.30pm: Holy Mass

17 April: Wednesday of Holy Week

10.00am: Confessions
11.00am: Holy Mass & Eucharistic Adoration
7.00pm: Film: 'The Passion of the Christ'

18 April: Holy Thursday

6.30pm: Confessions
7.30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper
Watching at the Altar of Repose & Night Prayer

19 April: Good Friday

3.00pm: Liturgy of the Passion
7.00pm: Stations of the Cross

20 April: Holy Saturday

11.00am: Blessing of Food
8.30pm: Easter Vigil

21 April: Easter Sunday

9.00am: Confessions
9.30am: Holy Mass

"The Seven Last Words of Jesus on the Cross": Lenten Reflections at St. Columba's – We will focus on the **Sixth and Seventh 'Words' on Wednesday 10 April, at 7.00pm.**

'THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST' will be shown on **Wednesday 17 April from 7.00pm**, as part of our regular FAITH IN FILM series. Certificate: 18 (2 hours 15 mins).

BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP: NO MEETINGS for the next three weeks (Easter break).

Cleaning Team – Tuesday 8th April at 10am: Mary and Karen. Would you like to help us in 2019? Helping just one hour a month would lighten the load of others who keep the church nice and clean. See Don for details.

EASTER BUNNY RAFFLE – Tickets now on sale in the front hall: **only £1 per strip of 5 tickets** – chocolates and wine to be won also. Please write your name and phone number on the back of the tickets. **DRAW ON EASTER SUNDAY AFTER MASS – GOOD LUCK!!**

90 CLUB – MARCH WINNERS! – First Prize: No. 30 (Jean Hay); Second Prize: No. 31 (Rosie Good); Third Prize: No. 17 (Angus Sinclair). **Next Draw: Sunday 28 April.** You too could be a winner if you join in! Only £2 monthly! Ask Don for details.

NEXT PRIZE BINGO: Friday 26th April – thank you for all the wonderful items you donate to give as prizes. We are a little short of items at the moment. Thank you for your support.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Vinnie Walton + Michael Good + Elspeth Angus + Laura Johnstone +

R.I.P.: + Ruby Bell + Deacon Jacques Cooke +

Anniversaries: + Francis Black + Peggy Johnstone + June Olga Hall +