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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**7 JANUARY 2018:
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 71 (72): 1-2, 7-8, 10-13

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 7 January	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Second Collection: Justice & Peace	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 9 January	Tuesday of Week 1 in Ordinary Time Mass intention: Joey McDougall R.I.P.	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 10 January	Wednesday of Week 1 in Ordinary Time Mass intention: Anne Lavery R.I.P.	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 11 January	Thursday of Week 1 in Ordinary Time Mass intention: Katie MacKinnon R.I.P.	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Sunday 14 January	SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

An 'epiphany' in Culloden: The Founding of St Columba's

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. This Solemnity marks the 'appearance' or 'unveiling' of the Lord in our world, when the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

The epiphany, or first appearance, of a worshipping Catholic community in Culloden in modern times, took place on 7 January 1978 – exactly 40 years ago today! A Mass was celebrated in the games hall of Duncan Forbes Primary School by the venerable Canon Duncan Stone, the-then Parish Priest of St Mary's in Inverness. This was a truly historic occasion, as it was the first Catholic Mass celebrated at Culloden since the battle of 1746! Several members of our present congregation were present during that special event.

The next ten years saw a succession of priests, from St Mary's, Inverness, and St Mary's, Nairn, looking after the community worshipping at Duncan Forbes School. The arrival of Sister Barbara Campbell in 1990 (R.I.P. 2014) helped to consolidate and develop the pastoral and spiritual care of the community, as indeed did Canon Peter Barry during his 12 years of involvement with us. Pastoral and spiritual provision was then provided by Fr James Bell of St Mary's, Inverness, during which time the church was built and formally dedicated on 1 November 2008 by Bishop Peter Moran.

On 13 March 2015, the community of St Columba's officially obtained the canonical status of 'Parish', thanks to an Episcopal Decree issued by the Right Reverend Hugh Gilbert, OSB, the Bishop of Aberdeen. Fr Domenico Zanrè was appointed as the first Parish Priest of St Columba's; he was formally installed in this post by Bishop Hugh on 12 August 2015.

As you can see, a lot has happened in a relatively short time! This year – 2018 – is a special year for the Parish; in fact, it marks a 'double anniversary': 40 years since the first Mass, and 10 years since the dedication of the church. How are we going to celebrate this event, as a worshipping community? We have an anniversary pilgrimage to the Holy Land planned for November, to coincide with the 10th anniversary of the dedication, a new parish house will be built, and there will be other events besides, but in the meantime, it would be good to develop and take forward ideas for the first half of this year.

An open and informal meeting to discuss ideas for this anniversary year will take place in the meeting room at St Columba's on Saturday 20 January at 11.00am – everyone is welcome! Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am for any who wish to attend – again, all welcome!

Meanwhile, all ideas and thoughts will be gratefully received – feel free to speak to Fr Domenico or to e-mail the parish any time. Remember: things can only happen in this parish if YOU make them happen!

GENERAL NEWS

Today: Day of Prayer for Justice and Peace – the Bishops' Conference of Scotland has asked all parishes to take up a Second Collection on this day for the work of Justice and Peace. Bishop William Nolan of Galloway, the President of the J&P Commission, has written a letter, a copy of which can be found on the noticeboard.

Friday 26 January: Youth Ministry Gathering – this day event, organised by the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia, will take place at Kilcoy Castle, Muir of Ord. It is intended for all those who are interested in starting a parish youth group. There will be invited guests and speakers, with talks and workshops. The programme is as follows:

10.00am: Holy Mass

10.30am: The Four Pillars of a Balanced, Relational Youth Ministry

12.30pm: Lunch

1.30pm: Workshops. Topics include: 'Tough Topics in Youth Ministry'; 'Designing a Successful Youth Night'; 'Take-Away Ideas'; 'Preparing Youth Masses'.

4.00pm: Depart.

See the poster on our noticeboard. For further details, please contact Sr. Anna Christi, at: ogilvie@rcda.scot.

PARISH NEWS

A very special 'Thank You' to Linda and all the team who helped to make our Hogmanay Dance such an enjoyable evening. A tremendous amount of work went in to arranging the event, and it was a great success. Thank you for your wonderful efforts!

Inverness Food Bank: During the month of January, we will provide a collection box for items to be donated to the Inverness Food Bank. Any unopened, non-perishable tins or packets of food can be placed in the box, and we will deliver them to the Food Bank. Why not give a little helping hand to those who are starting 2018 faced with worries and challenges? Thank you for your support.

Faith in Film returns! - Wednesday 24 January, from 7.00pm: 'Eye in the Sky'. Academy Award Winner Helen Mirren and Alan Rickman star in this nail-biting and thought-provoking film, which examines the moral and ethical implications of the war on terror, and, in particular, of drone strikes. There will be a short discussion after the film on the Catholic Church's teaching on this topic, and on the theory of the 'just war'. Certificate: 15 (c. 100 minutes).

House Blessings in Christmastide – if you would like to have your house blessed in January/February, at the start of this new year,

please speak to Fr Domenico to arrange a suitable time.

Preparation for First Holy Communion in 2018: if your child is of approximately P3 age at Primary School, and you would like to discuss the possibility of him/her being prepared to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion in Summer 2018, please see Fr Domenico.

Confirmation Classes in 2018: the dates for our next block of meetings are as follows: **11 and 18 January; 1 February.** As before, these will take place on Thursdays, and we will meet from 5.00pm–5.30pm. If you have any difficulty with the dates, please let Helen or Ewen know in advance. Many thanks.

Cleaning Team: Tuesday 9th January at 4.30pm – GiGi and Shona. Can you help? Come along and give us a hand! We are always looking for volunteers – only one hour a month! See Don for details.

"90 Club" Winners for December: First Prize: no.78 (Heather Taylor); Second Prize: no.61 (Donnie MacMillan); Third Prize: no.41 (Shona Peteranna). Our next draw takes place on Sunday 28th January. **Subscriptions are now due – please see Don about this,** and to receive details of how to join the "90 Club" (only £2.00 monthly).

Prize Bingo: our first fun-filled fundraiser evening of the new year will take place on **Friday 26 January 2018 at 7.00pm.** All welcome! Please note that our Bingo moves to the last Friday of the month. Items to give as prizes are always needed (we are particularly short of chocolates, and of wines and spirits; we'd also appreciate scented candles, toiletries, gift vouchers, tins of sweets/biscuits..). Thank you for your support of this important fund-raiser.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Audrey O'Connell + Ewen Macdonald Senior + Rose Corbett + Amelia & John Drew + Murray Mackay + Peter Simpson + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Johnny Gallagher +

R.I.P: Archie Thomson + Colin-Archie Johnson + Joan Kilmurray +

Anniversaries: + Christopher Kelman + Mary McGlade + Donald Brown + Members of the Campbell and MacPherson families + Pat O'Riordan + Molly Pocock + Archie Macdonald +