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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

7 JULY 2019:
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
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Mass Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 66: 10-14
Psalm: Ps 65 (66): 1-7, 16, 20
2nd Reading: Galatians 6: 14-18
Gospel: Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 7 July	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 9 July	Feast of Our Lady of Aberdeen	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 10 July	Wednesday of Week 14 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 11 July	Feast of St. Benedict	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 12 July	Friday of Week 14 in Ordinary Time Optional Memorial of St. Drostan	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am 12 noon
Saturday 13 July	Saturday of Week 14 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	10.30 am 11.00 am
Sunday 14 July	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Second Collection: Sea Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Harvest Time

Jesus has a vision in the full version of this week's Gospel—Satan falling like lightning from the sky, the enemy vanquished by the missionary preaching of His Church. Sent out by Jesus to begin gathering the nations into the harvest of divine judgment (see Isaiah 27:12-13; Joel 4:13), the 70 are a sign of the continuing mission of the Church. Carrying out the work of the 70, the Church proclaims the coming of God's kingdom, offers His blessings of peace and mercy to every household on earth—"every town and place He intended to visit."

Our Lord's tone is solemn today. For in the preaching of the Church "the kingdom of God is at hand," the time of decision has come for every person. Those who do not receive His messengers will be doomed like Sodom.

But those who believe will find peace and mercy, protection and nourishment in the bosom of the Church, the Mother Zion we celebrate in this week's beautiful First Reading, the "Israel of God" Paul blesses in this week's Second Reading.

The Church is a new family of faith (see Galatians 6:10) in which we receive a new name that will endure forever (see Isaiah 66:22), a name written in heaven.

In this week's Psalm we sing of God's "tremendous deeds among men" throughout salvation history. But of all the works of God, none has been greater than what He has wrought by the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Changing the sea into dry land was but an anticipation and preparation for our passing over, for what Paul calls the "new creation."

And as the exodus generation was protected in a wilderness of serpents and scorpions (see Deuteronomy 8:15), He has given His Church power now over "the full force of the Enemy." Nothing will harm us as we make our way through the wilderness of this world, awaiting the Master of the harvest, awaiting the day when all on earth will shout joyfully to the Lord, sing praise to the glory of His name. (Scott Hahn)

GENERAL NEWS

2-5 August 2019: Monastic Experience Weekend at Pluscarden Abbey – The monks of Pluscarden Abbey are offering a special opportunity to experience at first hand what monastic life is about, during the weekend of Friday 2 August to Monday 5 August 2019. There will be no charge for the weekend. The invitation is extended to single young men, Catholics who practise their faith, aged 18 to 35. Anyone who is interested in attending should get in touch with Fr. Benedict Hardy OSB at: novicemaster@pluscardenabbey.org

Saturday 17 August: Day of Recollection and Healing at Stratherrick, for the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady – A series of reflections by Fr. James Bell on Our Lady, as seen through the eyes of Blessed John Duns Scotus, and his influence on the poetry and prayers of Gerard Manley Hopkins, Thomas Merton, & George Mackay Brown. With Musical reflections on the Clarinet by Fr Andrew Harden. The programme is as follows:

10:00a.m. Register

10:30a.m.–4:30 p.m. Marian Hymns, Reflections, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Angelus, Confessions, Mass, Rosary Walk, Exposition, Litany & Benediction. All welcome!

The Relics of St. Thérèse: coming to our Diocese! – In an extraordinary spiritual gift to all of us, the relics of the Little Flower, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, will be coming to our Diocese, 9-11 September 2019.

The dates are as follows:

- Monday 9th September at 7.00pm:
Arrival at St. Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen.
- Tuesday 10th September:
at St. Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen.
- Wednesday 11th September at 11.00am:
Arrival at Pluscarden Abbey.
- **Wednesday 11th September at 5.00pm: Arrival at St. Mary's, Inverness**

Further information and publicity will be available in due course.

18-25 September: Pilgrimage to Medugorje with Fr. Andrew Niski. A place of prayer, reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration, inspired by the profound experience of the

presence of our Heavenly Mother, the Queen of Peace. **Flying out of Inverness with BA, cost £600 – B&B, flight and transfers included.** First time pilgrims warmly welcomed – contact Fr. Niski for more details and to book a place: niski.a@gmail.com; 07749732781.

PARISH NEWS

Confirmations 2020 - preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin in the autumn. **If you are starting S1 this year, or if you are already in Secondary School**, please register initial interest with Fr. Domenico. A meeting will be advertised for early October.

Highland Foodbank – June and July: Your donations help to provide emergency food and support to local people in crisis. During these months, we would be grateful for the following items: * **Tins of Potatoes** * **Tins of Tomatoes** * **Tins of Fruit** * **Tins of Ham**. Please leave these items in the plastic box at the front door of the church. Thank you!

BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP: the group meets on Mondays, from 9.30am to 11.30am. Why not come along and join in the fun?!

CLEANING TEAM – Monday 8th July at 12 Noon: Marie and Don. If anyone would like to join in and help on any of the days, please speak to Don. It's only once a month, and it helps to keep our church fresh and clean!

"90 Club" – NEXT DRAW on 31 JULY – Good luck to all who have a number. There is still time to join in! Please speak to Don.

PARISH BINGO – Our fabulous monthly Fundraiser Bingo will return in the Autumn. Your continuing support is greatly appreciated!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Vinnie Walton + Michael Good + Laura Johnstone + Fr. George Hutcheon + Norman Wood +

Anniversaries: + Sr. Eva Flannery LSU + Brian Campbell + Margaret, Ilene and Tom O'Connor + Bob Black +