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7 OCTOBER 2018: CONFIRMATION MASS

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Genesis 2: 18-24

Psalm: Ps 127 (128)

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2: 9-11

Gospel: Mark 10: 2-16

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 7 October	CONFIRMATION MASS WITH BISHOP HUGH (No Second Collection)	Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 9 October	Tuesday of Week 27 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intentions	Sacrament of Confession Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 10 October	Wednesday of Week 27 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intentions	Sacrament of Confession Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 11 October	Saint John XXIII, Pope Mass Intention: Donor's Intentions	Sacrament of Confession Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Sunday 14 October	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Second Collection: Sick and Retired Priests	Sacrament of Confession Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Pope Francis: The Sacrament of Confirmation

Before receiving the spiritual anointing that confirms and strengthens the grace of Baptism, the confirmands are called to renew the promises made one day by their parents and godparents. Now they themselves profess the faith of the Church, ready to respond "I believe" to the questions asked by the Bishop; ready, in particular, to believe "in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who came upon the apostles at Pentecost and today is given to [them] sacramentally in confirmation" (*Rite of Confirmation*).

As the coming of the Holy Spirit requires hearts gathered in prayer (cf. Acts 1:14), after the silent prayer of the community, the Bishop, extending his hands over the confirmands, asks God to instil in them his Holy Spirit Paraclete. There is only one Spirit (cf. 1 Cor 12:4), but in coming to us he brings with him an abundance of gifts: wisdom, understanding, right judgment, courage, knowledge, reverence, and awe in the presence of God (cf. rc, n. 25). According to the Prophet Isaiah (11:2), these are the seven virtues the Spirit poured out on the Messiah for the fulfilment of his mission.

Through the tradition established by the Apostles, the Spirit, who completes the grace of Baptism, is communicated through the laying on of hands (cf. Acts 8:15-17, 19:5-6; Heb 6:2). To this biblical gesture, to better express the outpouring of the Spirit which permeates those who receive it, early on an anointing with perfumed oil called *chrism* was added, which is still in use today, in both the East and West.

The oil — chrism — is a therapeutic and cosmetic substance which by entering the bodily tissues medicates wounds and perfumes the limbs; because of these qualities it is used in biblical and liturgical symbolism to express the action of the Holy Spirit who consecrates and permeates the baptised, adorning them with charisms. The Sacrament is conferred through the anointing with chrism on the forehead, administered by the Bishop by the imposition of his hand and with the words: "Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit".[2] The Holy Spirit is the invisible *gift* that is bestowed and the chrism is its visible *seal*.

In receiving on the forehead the sign of the cross with fragrant oil, confirmands thus receive an indelible spiritual imprint, the 'character', which confirms them more perfectly to Christ and gives them the grace to spread the 'good aroma' among men (cf. 2 Cor 2:15).

The Holy Spirit is an unmerited gift, to be received with gratitude, making room for his boundless creativity. It is a gift to be safeguarded with care, yielded to with docility, allowing oneself to be moulded, like wax, by the warmth of his charity, so as to "reflect Jesus Christ in today's world". (General Audience, 23 May 2018 - excerpts)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

"[The Sacrament of] Confirmation strengthens us to defend the faith and to spread the Gospel courageously."

PARISH NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to Eilidh, Isla, Finlay, and Logan on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation today! May you continue to grow in your faith, fortified by the power and grace of this Sacrament, and become worthy Ambassadors of Christ! Be assured of the prayers of the entire community of St. Columba's!

.. AND THANK YOU to Helen and Ewen for their hard work and commitment in preparing our 'fab four'. Many thanks also to Bishop Hugh for his continuing support of the parish, and for taking time to visit us and to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation today.

PARKING – please remember that we have the kind permission of our neighbours at Smithton Free Church to use their car park during our Sunday 9.30am Mass. There should be no need to park on the pavement at the entrance to St. Columba's! Thank you for your consideration!

FAITH IN FILM EVENING: 'ROMERO' – **Wednesday 10 October at 7.00pm.** *Romero* is a compelling and deeply moving look at the life of Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador, who made the ultimate sacrifice in a passionate stand against social injustice and oppression in his country. Certificate: 15; duration 100 minutes.

'THE HOLY MASS: GIFT OF CHRIST' – A half-day workshop at St. Columba's, **on Saturday 20 October, from 11.00am onwards.**

The workshop will include:

11.00-11.50am: History & Development of the Mass

12.00-12.45pm: Q&A ('The Mass as Heaven on Earth')

12.45-2.00pm: 'Pot-Luck Lunch' (bring & share!)

2.00-2.50pm: A Biblical 'Walk' Through the Mass

3.00-3.30pm: Q&A ('The liturgy, and how to deal with distractions')

3.30pm-4.30pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Eucharistic Adoration; Rosary; Sacrament of Confession; Benediction.

This is your opportunity to learn everything about the Mass that you ever wanted to know, but never had the opportunity to ask! All welcome: from post-Confirmation candidates, and teenagers, to the 'young at heart'! Please spread the word!

BIRDS: WHATS IN A NAME? – Canon Peter Barry's book has now arrived! Those of you who have not yet received your orders can pick them up from the Sacristy.

TWO NEW BOOKLETS: You will find two new booklets, available for purchase, on the table in the foyer: **'Eucharistic Reflections'** (£1.50) – Join Cardinal Vincent Nichols in these Eucharistic Reflections, which help to draw us ever more deeply into the mystery of Christ made real and present in the gift of the Eucharist. **'The Rosary'** (£3.00) – a superb, full-colour booklet, which helps us to pray the Rosary in a new and exciting way. With reproductions of paintings by the Old Masters, and reflections on every mystery of the Rosary. A wonderful resource for the Marian month of October.

HIGHLAND FOODBANK HARVEST APPEAL: Your donations help to provide three days of emergency food and support to local people in crisis. We would be grateful for the following items: * Breakfast Cereal * Tins of Tomatoes * Tins of Corned Beef * Jars of Instant Coffee * Cartons of Long Life Juice * Toothpaste/Toothbrushes. Please leave them in the plastic box at the front door of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

Cleaning Team: Monday 8th October at 12 noon – Margaret and Don. Would you like to help clean the church? It only takes up one hour a month! See Don for details.

"90 Club": SEPTEMBER WINNERS! – No. 47 (Anne O'Neill); No. 34 (Laura Fraser); No. 60 (Mary Munro). Next "90 Club" Draw: Sunday 28 October.

NEXT PRIZE BINGO: FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER – 'EYES DOWN' AT 7.00PM! – We are VERY SHORT of non-perishable items for prizes (toiletries, gift packs, store vouchers, wine, spirits, chocolates, boxes of biscuits, etc.). Can you help us?? A sincere 'thank you' for all of the items that have been handed in; these are very important to us, and are much appreciated. Your support is instrumental in making the Bingo such a success for the parish!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Audrey O'Connell + John Drew + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Johnny Gallagher + Denise Maclean + Ellen Williams + Eva Zandre + Richard Karasek + Sophie-Maree Rusk +