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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

8 MARCH 2020:
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
(Year A (II); Psalter: Week 2)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Genesis 12: 1-4
 Psalm: Ps 32 (33): 4-5, 18-20, 22
 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 8-10
 Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 8 March	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (p. 157) Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 10 March	St. John Ogilvie, Priest, Martyr – Feast Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 11 March	Wednesday of Week 2 in Lent Mass Intention: Donor's Intention Lenten Reflections: Mysteries of the Passion	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 'The Scourging at the Pillar'	10.00 am 11.00 am 11.30 am 7.00 pm
Thursday 12 March	Thursday of Week 2 in Lent Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation * Stations of the Cross * Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 13 March	Friday of Week 2 in Lent Mass Intention: Donor's Intention LENT STATION MASS: STRATHERRICK	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Benediction Station Mass	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am 12 noon 7.00 pm
Saturday 14 March	Saturday of Week 2 in Lent Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation ** Rosary ** Mass	10.15 am 10.40 am 11.00 am
Sunday 15 March	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (p. 162) Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Guidelines regarding the Coronavirus in the Diocese of Aberdeen

Bishop Hugh has asked that the following procedures be introduced in every parish with immediate effect:

- Holy Water Stoups at the entrance to churches should be emptied. People may still continue to bless themselves as they enter their church or place of worship where Holy Mass will be celebrated, but without having recourse to blessed water.
- The Sign of Peace is suspended entirely, for the time being.
- Holy Communion will be distributed under one kind: the Lay Faithful will receive the Consecrated Host only.
- Holy Communion will be received in the hand only, and not on the tongue.
- All Ministers of the Eucharist, whether they be Ordinary or Extraordinary, must wash and sanitise their hands before distributing Holy Communion.
- Only the Priest Celebrant or the Assisting Deacon will purify the Sacred Vessels used at Mass (i.e., Chalice, Paten, and Ciborium).
- Parish Sacristans, and anyone responsible for setting up for the celebration of Holy Mass, should wash their hands thoroughly before touching the Sacred Vessels and the altar breads to be consecrated during the Mass.
- Sanitising hand gel should be available for use in our churches and Mass centres, and near the altar, for Celebrants, Deacons, and Extraordinary Ministers.

All of these steps are being introduced as helpful precautionary measures; they are not meant to worry or to panic people, but simply to alert them to the fact that certain hygiene protocols be followed in order to combat the potential threat of infection.

GENERAL NEWS

Lent Station Masses 2020 – Fridays at 7.00pm:

13 March: Immaculate Conception, Stratherrick #
(Bus departs 5.45pm)

20 March: St. Columba's, Culloden

27 March: Our Lady and St. Bean, Marydale * #
(Bus departs 5.45pm)

3 April: Christ the King, Brora # (5.15pm)

* Principal Celebrant: Bishop Hugh Gilbert, OSB.

Bus departs St. Mary's Inverness (£7.50). Phone to book.

CHRISM MASS: this will take place on Thursday 2 April, at St. Mary's Inverness, beginning at 6.00pm.

This is an important Diocesan event. All of the priests of the diocese gather together for this Mass, and during it Bishop Hugh will consecrate the sacred oils used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Orders. Each parish receives its annual supply of these oils at the Chrism Mass. Pope Benedict XVI related some of the symbolism of this Mass in a homily given in 2010. He said: "In the Chrism Mass ... the holy oils are at the centre of the liturgical action. They are consecrated ... for the whole year. They thus serve also as an expression of the Church's unity, guaranteed by the episcopate, and they point to Christ, the true 'shepherd and guardian' of our souls." Everyone is welcome to attend – come early to obtain a seat!

Coronavirus: Public Information – The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus. You can help too. Germs can live on some surfaces for hours. To protect yourself and others: * Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze. * Bin the tissue, and to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel. * If you have arrived back from China or Italy within 14 days, follow the specific advice for returning travellers. This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus. Find out more at gov.uk/coronavirus. Please be careful in church.

PARISH NEWS

Today's Lenten Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Second Sunday of Lent, Year A (p. 157) –

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 157: Readings and Proper Prayers

p. 541: Creed

p. 160: Preface: The Transfiguration of the Lord

p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II

p. 631: Communion Rite

For your reassurance and comfort.. thanks to our dedicated team of cleaners, all of the door handles, the seat backs in the church, and – of course – the toilets are cleaned and disinfected weekly, along with all else. Our gratitude goes to our committed team for this and for keeping our lovely church clean, safe and warm.

Public Meeting in the Smithton/Culloden Youth Centre on **Wednesday 18 March**. All welcome.

Weekly Offertory Envelopes: the envelopes for the new financial year (April onwards) are now available in the entrance foyer.

Reflect with Bishop Robert Barron on the Stations of the Cross – a beautiful video reflection is now available FREE here: <https://stations.wordonfire.org/stations-of-the-cross> - together with pdf text and mp3 audio versions. We pray the Stations of the Cross at St. Columba's each Thursday at 7pm.

Defibrillator and Emergency Life Support Training – the Training Day at St. Columba's will be **Saturday 21 March, from 10.00am-12 noon**. We have over 30 people signed up for the free course; if you cannot make this training event, please inform Fr. Domenico.

'The Mysteries of the Passion' – a series of Lenten Reflections at St. Columba's, complete with readings from Holy Scripture and images from the Holy Land, offering a fresh perspective on the five Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. The Reflections take place on **Wednesdays at 7.00pm** throughout the Lenten season.

The programme continues as follows:

11 March: The Scourging at the Pillar

18 March: The Crowning with Thorns

25 March: The Carrying of the Cross

1 April: The Crucifixion

All welcome. Please spread the word!

Highland Foodbank – March and April 2020:

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 Ham** * **Weetabix/Corn Flakes (small)** * **Tins of Corned Beef** * **Tins of Potatoes** * **Washing up liquid (small)** *. Please leave these items in the plastic box at the front door of the church. Thank you!

Baby and Toddlers' Group: the group will meet tomorrow, **Monday 9 March, from 9.30am to 11.30am**. We are looking for new children to join the group, and to take part in the fun! Why not come along?

Cleaning Team – Monday 9th March at 12.15pm: Marie and Don. Would you like to help out too? Many hands make light work! See Don for details.

90 Club: Next Draw on Sunday 29th March –there are still a few numbers available if you would like a number speak to Don. Only £2 monthly.

PRIZE BINGO: The next session will be on Friday 27th March. Eyes down at 7.00pm! ALL WELCOME. Thanks for your help with the lovely items handed in, to give as prizes; they are greatly appreciated!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Angus Johnson + Michael Good + Laura Johnstone + Norman Wood + Katie Mary Fraser + Margaret and Stuart MacLennan + Jeanette Catto + John Macdonald + Evelyn MacGregor + Mary Ritchie + Denise Maclean + David Munro + Rena Herbison +

R.I.P: + Jean Bewley + Mgr. Thomas Wynne + Morag MacInnes +

Anniversaries: + Douglas Taylor + Colonel John MacGregor + Donald Maclean +