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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

8TH NOVEMBER 2015

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Sunday Mass Readings

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

Psalm: 145:7-10

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 8 November	Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year B (2nd Collection: Building Fund)	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) Mass	09.00 09.30
Tuesday 10 November	St Leo the Great - Memorial	Mass	19.30
Wednesday 11 November	St Martin of Tours - Memorial	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00 11.30
Thursday 12 November	St Josaphat - Memorial	Mass	19.30
Friday 13 November	St Machar - Memorial	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00 11.30
Sunday 15 November	Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year B (2nd Collection: Mary's Meals)	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) Mass	09.00 09.30

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available 30 minutes before each Mass.

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) – The Widow's Faith

We must live by the obedience of faith, a faith that shows itself in works of charity and self-giving (see Galatians 5:6). That's the lesson of the two widows in today's liturgy.

The widow in the First Reading isn't even a Jew, yet she trusts in the word of Elijah and the promise of his Lord. Facing sure starvation, she gives all that she has, her last bit of food—feeding the man of God before herself and her family.

The widow in the Gospel also gives all that she has, offering her last bit of money to support the work of God's priests in the Temple.

In their self-sacrifice, these widows embody the love that Jesus last week revealed as the heart of the Law and the Gospel. They mirror the Father's love in giving His only Son, and Christ's love in sacrificing himself on the cross. Again in today's Second Reading, we hear Christ described as a new high priest and the suffering servant foretold by Isaiah. On the cross, He made sacrifice once and for all to take

away our sin and bring us to salvation (see Isaiah 53:12).

And again we are called to imitate His sacrifice of love in our own lives. We will be judged, not by how much we give—for the scribes and wealthy contribute far more than the widow. Rather, we will be judged by whether our gifts reflect our livelihood, our whole beings, all our heart and soul, mind and strength.

Are we giving all that we can to the Lord—not out of a sense of forced duty, but in a spirit of generosity and love (see 2 Corinthians 9:6-7)?

Do not be afraid, the man of God tells us today. As we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord will provide for us, as he sustains the widow.

Today, let us follow the widows' example, doing what God asks, confident that our jars of flour will not grow empty, nor our jugs of oil run dry.

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

Dear young friends, do not be afraid to give your all. Christ will never disappoint you.

GENERAL NEWS

Installation Mass for the Daughters of Divine Love: on **Saturday 21st November at 11.00am**. Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB will be presiding at this Mass, together with Priests from throughout the Deanery, to welcome the arrival of the Nigerian Sisters to Inverness. Come along and join us!

Catenian Christmas Dinner: Friday 4 December:

7.00pm for 7.30pm, until midnight, at the Inverness Golf Club, on Culcabock Road. Licensed Bar and Raffle. £25.00 per head. For tickets, please contact Tony Lightfoot (tel: 236495) or Joe Campbell (tel: 790888).

Jubilee Year of Mercy: Inaugural Opening of the Holy Doors at St Mary's, Inverness, on Monday 14 December at 7.00pm. Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB will be presiding at this Mass, together with Priests from throughout the Deanery. All welcome.

PARISH NEWS

Month of the Holy Souls: November is the month when we remember our dearly departed. If you would like to have any deceased relatives or friends remembered at Mass during November, please place their names in the brown envelopes in the foyer and hand them in to the sacristy. All names will be placed in front of the altar, and a selection will be read out at every Mass. All offerings will be donated to our Building Fund.

FIRS (Friends in Retirement): the next meeting of the FIRS group will take place at St Columba's on **Thursday 12 November, 2.00-4.00pm**. The guest is Mr Ramsay McGhee (Music and Quiz). All welcome!

Confirmation Classes: A reminder that there are 2 sessions this month on Thursday 12th and 19th November 6.30 - 7.15pm. We will be considering the person of Jesus and learning more about the Bible. It is important that candidates attend these classes.

St Columba's "Iona Group" for teenagers will meet on **Saturday 14 November from 5.00pm until 7.30pm**. Come along for a relaxing evening, with a good movie ("Soul Surfer", Certificate PG), some delicious food, and fine company! All this, and the opportunity to meet other young people your age! See you there!

Mary's Meals: the UK government will double all personal donations to Mary's Meals from now until the end of December. We will have a special Second Collection for Mary's Meals **next week (Sunday 15 November)**.

Shoebox Appeal: Update! – Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to make up 16 shoeboxes for the Blythswood appeal. This is a tremendous response! Ruairidh would like to thank most sincerely all of you who donated in any way.

The Jubilee Year of Mercy (8 Dec 2015 - 20 Nov 2016): in addition to **prayer cards** and **booklets** (at 50p) to prepare us for the forthcoming Year of Mercy, I will be offering **two Evenings of Reflection in November**. The format will be as follows: a short talk, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, some quiet time, and concluding with Benediction. The evenings of reflection begin at 7.00pm:

Wed 11 November: Introducing the Year of Mercy.

Wed 18 November: Pope Francis, the Pontiff of Mercy.

Day of Reflection at Stratherrick: led by Fr Domenico on **8 December (Immaculate Conception)**, to mark the beginning of the Year of Mercy. The Day will begin at 10.00am, and conclude at approx. 4.00pm. Details to follow. Lunch will be provided. If you would like to attend, please contact Therese Finlay on 01456 486678, for catering purposes. All welcome!

Christmas Carol Service, Wednesday 9 December: we will be hosting a service of Christmas carols, together with seasonal Scripture readings, here at St Columba's, with seasonal food and drink provided. More details soon.

Children's Christmas Party: Saturday 12 December. More details soon.

Church cleaning: Mary and Marie Coyle.

'90 Club – next draw will take place on **Sunday 25th November**. Some numbers still available. Only £2 monthly!

Prize Bingo: Friday's Bingo made a clear profit of £305. Over the last 10 months, this translates into a total of £3,000. This is a tremendous help for our Building Fund. Next Bingo: eyes down **Friday 6th December at 7.00pm**. Items to give out as prizes are always required. Thank you, as always, for your support. **Why not join us at our next Bingo? Great fun for all!**

FINANCES

St Columba's no. 1	£ 344.29
St Columba's Building Fund	£ 611.98
(of which, Mary Gribben Memorial Service donation	£ 375.00)
– Thank you for your great generosity and support –	

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Audrey O'Connell + Anna Black + Leslie Murray + Michelle Campbell + Laura Johnstone + Amelia Drew

Anniversaries and November Lists: Anna Campbell + Alexander MacDonald + Margaret Anne Welsh + Michael and Manji Dannish.

GROUPS AND DEVOTIONS

The Secular Franciscan Order meets at 2.00 pm on the second Saturday of each month at St Columba's, Culloden. Contact Helen MacGilp (01463 792149). Visit www.ofs.gb.org.uk.

Prayer and Praise Group every Thursday at St Columba's after 7.30pm Mass in the Lady Chapel. Call Brian (01463 790255) for details.

Inverness Catenian Circle meet on the Second Monday of the month at 7.30 pm. Meeting followed by dinner in the Craigmonie Hotel, Annfield Road, Inverness. Contact Donald (07780 603045.) Visit www.thecatenians.co.uk.