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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**9 JUNE 2019:
 SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST
 YEAR C**

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Acts 2: 1-11
 Psalm: Ps 103 (104): 1. 24. 29-31. 34
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7. 12-13
 Gospel: John 20: 19-23

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 9 June	SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST Second Collection: Day for Life	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 11 June	St. Barnabas, Apostle	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 12 June	Wednesday of Week 10 in Ordinary Time Funeral Service of Elspeth Angus At Kilvean Crematorium	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Funeral Service in the Large Chapel	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am 1.00pm
Thursday 13 June	St. Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doctor	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 14 June	Friday of Week 10 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am 12 noon
Saturday 15 June	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	10.30 am 11.00 am
Sunday 16 June	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Solemnity of Pentecost: A Mighty Wind

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history.

The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai (see Leviticus 23:15-21; Deuteronomy 16:9-11).

In today's First Reading the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles (see Acts 1:14).

The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised (see 2 Corinthians 3:2-8; Romans 8:2).

The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm. In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth (see Genesis 1:2). And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth.

As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit (see Genesis 2:7), in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles (see 1 Corinthians 15:45, 47).

Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Second Reading (see also John 7:37-39).

We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism (see 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15). Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist (see 1 Corinthians 10:4), we are the first fruits of a new humanity—fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit. (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

"The Pentecost of the Upper Room in Jerusalem was the beginning, a beginning which endures."

GENERAL NEWS

11–13 June 2019: Pluscarden Pentecost Lectures – *“Beauty will Save the World” – A Theological and Pastoral Reflection on the Role of Beauty in the Life of the Church.* The series will consist of four talks by Fr. Martin Boland. These lectures will contend that without beauty, the Church becomes less attractive and the good news of God’s grace is expressed with less clarity and conviction. When the beauty of the Church is celebrated, men and women will develop a deeper appreciation of the transcendence of the Triune God. The dates and titles of the talks are as follows:

- Tues 11 June at 3.00pm: The problem of beauty in the contemporary mind.
- Wed 12 June at 10.30am: Retrieving beauty.
- Wed 12 June at 3.00pm: The Incarnation as the revelation of beauty itself.
- Thurs 13 June at 10.30am: Celebrating beauty in the life of the Church.

There is no charge for these lectures, and all are welcome to attend. To register for the talks, or to make further enquiries, please e-mail: guestmaster@pluscardenabbey.org.

Thinking about becoming a Priest? Want to know more about how to apply for the Priesthood in Scotland? Why not come along to the **Information Day on Saturday 15 June from 10.00am to 3.00pm**. For further information, or to book a place, please contact Fr. Keith Herrera at administrator@cathedral-abdn.org.

Sunday 16 June: Mass at Scalan Seminary – this annual event at Scalan, near Tomintoul in the Braes of Glenlivet, takes place on **Sunday 16 June at 4.00 p.m.** (In previous years the Mass was always held on first Sunday in July). The reason for this change is that we are celebrating the 250th anniversary of the consecration of Bishop George Hay, which took place at Scalan, and in secret because of the Penal Laws, on Trinity Sunday 1769. **Drivers:** those driving from Inverness area are best to drive to Grantown on Spey and taking the A939 road to Tomintoul. Scalan is a short distance from Tomintoul. It is always a great gathering of pilgrims from across Scotland, and especially from the Aberdeen Diocese. All welcome. **The Principal Celebrant and Homilist will be our own Bishop Hugh Gilbert, OSB.**

Sunday 30 June: Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Pluscarden Abbey – Mass at 3.00pm (be seated by 2.30pm). This year marks the Year of the Catechist. The programme for the day is as follows:

1.00pm-2.30pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Lady Chapel), and **Sacrament of Confessions** (St. Benedict’s Retreat)

3.00pm: Pilgrimage Mass and Procession (Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul).

There will be testimonies from catechists and pupils before the Mass, and the Diocesan children’s schola will be singing, under the direction of John Horton.

PARISH NEWS

SECOND COLLECTION: DAY FOR LIFE – each year, on or about this time, the Catholic Church in the UK and Ireland commemorates a Day of Prayer for, and Protection of, Human Life at all stages, from the moment of conception to the end of natural life. This year, the organising group has chosen to concentrate on the scourge of Domestic Abuse, a phenomenon that is not only widespread, but is also often hidden or covered up. Domestic abuse can occur in many types of homes and

within all kinds of families – rich and poor, large and small. Furthermore, both women and men can be subject to violent abuse and exploitation. One in four women and about one in six men suffer from domestic abuse in their lifetime. It is rightly described as a scourge, and must be faced and rooted out wherever and whenever it is brought to light. It is not only a serious crime, but also and often leaves deep wounds that might take years to heal; indeed, certain memories – even with the best of help – often blight a person’s life, leading to tragic and far-reaching consequences. How can we help? As Catholic Christians, we know that the best healing often comes through love and prayer. The Church, as a field hospital, can often provide that charitable help which can bring expert healing through the caring and expertise of those best placed and trained to give the appropriate care where and when it is needed. The Day for Life Collection seeks to provide resources to those who are in a position, with the right formation and skill set, to help bring healing and recovery to those who have suffered the traumas of domestic abuse.

Sunday 23 June: First Holy Communion (Corpus Christi). Please continue to pray for Annrose, Caitlin, Calum, Emily, Katie, and Ruby, as they prepare for their special day!

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 for your generosity!

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 10 June at 12 noon: Marie and Don. **Please see the notice in the front lobby with weeks 1 to 4 with cleaning times; all of them are on Mondays. 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 really helps to keep our church looking fresh and clean!

“90 Club” – Next draw SUNDAY 23 June. There is still time to join in and get your number! Please speak to Don.

Next Prize Bingo: FRIDAY, 28 JUNE! – ‘eyes down’ at 7.00pm. Family fun for all! A warm welcome awaits you. The bingo success is all down to the many wonderful items that you hand in; please do keep them coming! Thank you!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

R.I.P: + Elspeth Angus + Leslie Murray + Noel McIlpatrick + Mary O’Boyle +

Anniversaries: + Maureen Mason + Anne MacLean + James McNiffe + Dorothy MacKenzie + Fr. Ted Murphy +