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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

10 MARCH 2024:
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
(Year B (II); Psalter: Week 4)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23
Resp. Psalm: 136 (137): 1-6
2nd Reading: Ephesians 2: 4-10
Gospel: John 3: 14-21

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 10 March	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (p. 197) SECOND COLLECTION: SCIAF	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 12 March	Tuesday of Week 4 of Lent Mass Intention: Andrzej Dąbrowski, RIP (Left us on 7 December 1999)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 14 March	Thursday of Week 4 of Lent Mass Intention: Angus Buchanan, RIP (Recently Departed: 1 February 2024)	Sacrament of Confession Stations of the Cross Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 16 March	Saturday of Week 4 of Lent Mass Intention: Fr. Joachim Zok, RIP (Recently Departed: 2 February 2024)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 17 March	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (p. 202)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am

Fourth Sunday of Lent: Living in the Light

The Sunday readings in Lent have been showing us the high points of salvation history—God’s covenant with creation in the time of Noah; His promises to Abraham; the law He gave to Israel at Sinai. In today’s First Reading, we hear of the destruction of the kingdom established by God’s final Old Testament covenant—the covenant with David (see 2 Samuel 7; Psalm 89:3). His chosen people abandoned the law He gave them. For their sins, the temple was destroyed, and they were exiled in Babylon. We hear their sorrow and repentance in the exile lament we sing as today’s Psalm. But we also hear how God, in His mercy, gathered them back, even anointing a pagan king to shepherd them and rebuild the temple (see Isaiah 44:28–45:1, 4). God is rich in mercy, as today’s Epistle teaches. He promised that David’s kingdom would last forever, that David’s son would be His Son and rule all nations (see 2 Samuel 7:14–15; Psalm 2:7–9). In Jesus, God keeps that promise (see Revelation 22:16).

Moses lifted up the serpent as a sign of salvation (see Wisdom 16:6–7; Numbers 21:9). Now Jesus is lifted up on the Cross, to draw all people to Himself (see John 12:32). Those who refuse to believe in this sign of the Father’s love condemn themselves—as the Israelites in their infidelity brought judgment upon themselves. But God did not leave Israel in exile, and He does not want to leave any of us dead in our transgressions. We are God’s handiwork, saved to live as His people in the light of His truth.

Midway through this season of repentance, let us again behold the Pierced One (see John 19:37) and rededicate ourselves to living the “good works” that God has prepared us for. (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

It is good to know our limitations and our weaknesses; we must be aware of them, however, not in order to despair, but to offer them to the Lord. And he helps us on the path of healing; he takes us by the hand, and never abandons us, never! God is with us and for this reason I “rejoice”; we “rejoice” today: “Rejoice, Jerusalem”, [the antiphon] says, because God is with us. (Angelus, 11 March 2018)

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Today's Liturgy: Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year B (p. 197)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 197: Readings & Proper Prayers
p. 540: The Creed

p. 557: Preface II of Lent
p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II
p. 631: Communion Rite

Happy Mothers' Day! Congratulations to all our Mums – past, present, and expecting. Thank you for all you have done - and do – for us! Special congratulations to Adriana, on the birth of Luca (27 Feb), and to Anna on the arrival of Leo (2 March).

Easter at the Piety Stall – We have a range of Easter cards and other gifts for sale. Items to commemorate the forthcoming conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation will soon be on display.

Parish Lenten Course: "No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through the Passion" – Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a biblical pilgrimage, led by Professor Edward Sri, who will guide you through the last hours of Christ's life. You'll walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. The last meeting will take place **next Wednesday, 20 March, at 7.00pm**.

"Behold the Lamb of God: Reflections for Holy Week": Join us for a Day of Recollection at **St Mary's Nairn, on Saturday 23 March, from 11.00am** onwards. See the event poster for the full programme.

Lenten Station Masses 2024 – the final Station Masses will take place at 7.00pm, at the following locations:

15 March: St. Joseph's, Invergordon (**Bishop Hugh**)** 22 March: St. Ninian's, Inverness

Highland Foodbank: items needed for March/April 2024 – 1 kg bags of rice, microwave packs of rice, tins of custard, cartons of long-life juice, UHT milk, tins of ham/corned beef, tins of macaroni cheese, washing-up liquid, cat food. All items can be placed in the box at the piety stall.

Tesco Tokens – St. Joseph's RC Primary School in Inverness needs your help! We have been selected by Tesco's as one of three schools that can benefit from up to £1500 of funding for a project of their choosing. As a city centre school without much green space we are hoping to use the money to build a school garden where the children can grow their own vegetables. We might even make them into some delicious meals! If you can drop a token into the St Joseph's box next time you're in Tesco we would really appreciate it. As Tesco say, "every little helps!"

A Pilgrimage with the Northern Saints, 25-31 August 2024 – A pilgrimage to northern England is being organised for the end of August, leaving from St. Mary's, Inverness. The trip, for up to twenty people, will include visits to the shrines of Blessed Dominic Barberi (St Helens); St. Margaret Clitherow (York) and St. Aidan (Lindisfarne) on their patronal feasts; plus excursions to St. Winefride's shrine in North Wales; Durham Cathedral, Ushaw (former seminary); as well as time in Chester, Manchester, Liverpool and Skipton. In order to minimise the expense, it is hoped that four or five cars could be taken, and the cost of the fuel divided. The approximate overall cost for six nights' (25-31 August) bed and breakfast accommodation in mostly religious retreat centres (some sharing in twin rooms may be necessary) plus fuel will be around £600. Lunch, dinner and other expenses are not included. Anyone interested should contact the office at St Mary's, Inverness, on 01463 233519." **NB. There will be a meeting about the pilgrimage in the Marian Room at St. Mary's (32 Huntly Street) on Wednesday 13 March at 7.00pm.**

90 Club: Next Draw on Sunday 24 March! Anyone who has yet to pay their dues: please see Amanda MacNeil. If you would like to try your luck, it only costs £2 monthly, and you could win one of 3 prizes.

Prize Bingo will return on Friday 26 April – Doors open: 6.30pm; eyes down: 7.00pm. Items to give as prizes are always needed, and gratefully received; thank you for your support. There is a box in the entrance foyer, under the Piety Stall, in which you can place your donations. NB. We are still looking for someone to take over the Bingo – can you help us? If so, speak to Don.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Kathleen Macpherson, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Esther Smith, Linda Macdonald, Pat Peteranna, Lauren Marsh, Katie MacCormick, Brian Hamilton, Dorothy Macdonald, Cathy Grant

R.I.P: Fr. Joachim Zok, Czesław Mojścik, Moreen Gibson, Ronald MacLeod, Angus Buchanan, Betty Thompson, Marian Ellis

Anniversaries: Donald Maclean (12 March 2012), Elsie Heinowski (15 March 2019)