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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

14 APRIL 2024:
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
(Year B (II); Psalter: Week 3)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19
Resp. Psalm 4: 2, 4, 7, 9
2nd Reading: 1 John 2: 1-5
Gospel: Luke 24: 35-48

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 14 April	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (pp. 429 ff.)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 16 April	Tuesday of Week 3 in Eastertide Mass Intention: Michael Joseph MacKinnon, RIP (Anniversary on 17 April)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 17 April	FUNERAL SERVICE FOR WALTER GRANT RIP	Funeral Liturgy w/o Mass	10.30 am
Thursday 18 April	Thursday of Week 3 in Eastertide Mass Intention: 'Private Intention'	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 20 April	Saturday of Week 3 in Eastertide Mass Intention: 'Private Intention'	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 21 April	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (pp. 433 ff.) ~ 'GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY' ~ Special Collection for Vocations	CONFIRMATION MASS, WITH BISHOP HUGH Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am 12 NOON

Third Sunday of Easter: Understanding the Scriptures

Jesus in today's Gospel teaches His apostles how to interpret the Scriptures. He tells them that all the Scriptures of what we now call the Old Testament refer to Him. He says that all the promises found in the Old Testament have been fulfilled in His Passion, death, and Resurrection. And He tells them that these Scriptures foretell the mission of the Church—to preach forgiveness of sins to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

In today's First Reading and Epistle, we see the beginnings of that mission. And we see the apostles interpreting the Scriptures as Jesus taught them to. God has brought to fulfilment what He announced beforehand in all the prophets, Peter preaches. His sermon is shot through with Old Testament images. He evokes Moses and the Exodus, in which God revealed himself as the ancestral God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (see Exodus 3:6, 15). He identifies Jesus as Isaiah's suffering servant who has been glorified (see Isaiah 52:13).

John, too, describes Jesus in Old Testament terms. Alluding to how Israel's priests offered blood sacrifices to atone for the people's sins (see Leviticus 16; Hebrews 9–10), he says that Jesus intercedes for us before God (see Romans 8:34), and that His blood is a sacrificial expiation for the sins of the world (see 1 John 1:7).

Notice that in all three readings, the Scriptures are interpreted to serve and advance the Church's mission—to reveal the truth about Jesus, to bring people to repentance, the wiping away of sins, and the perfection of their love for God. This is how we, too, should hear the Scriptures. Not to know more "about" Jesus, but to truly know Him personally, and to know His plan for our lives.

In the Scriptures, the light of His face shines upon us, as we sing in today's Psalm. We know the wonders He has done throughout history. And we have the confidence to call to Him, and to know that He hears and answers.. (Scott Hahn)

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Today's Liturgy: Third Sunday of Easter, Year B (pp. 429 ff.)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 429: Readings & Proper Prayers
p. 543: The Apostles' Creed

p. 561: Preface II of Easter
p. 611: Eucharistic Prayer III
p. 631: Communion Rite

A warm welcome to our visitors! Toilets are available in the entrance foyer. Join us for tea/coffee & cake after Mass!

New to the Parish? Please introduce yourself to Fr. Domenico, and take a moment to fill in a Parish Register Form (forms are available in the entrance foyer).

Congratulations to Deacon Aidan! – one of our students for the Priesthood – Aidan Matheson from Elgin – was ordained a Deacon by Bishop Joseph Toal, in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls in Rome, on Saturday 13 April. Please pray for Deacon Aidan; for our other three seminarians: Anh, René, and Richard; and for those men who are currently discerning a vocation to the Priesthood.

NEXT WEEK: TWO SUNDAY MASSES! – Next Sunday, 21 April, there will be TWO morning Masses: our Confirmation Mass with Bishop Hugh at 9.30am, and a later liturgy at 12 noon. Given the number of candidates who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, with accompanying sponsors, parents, and families, the 9.30am will be quite busy. We would appreciate it if you could consider coming to the 12 noon Mass, if possible. NB: no-one will be turned away from the 9.30am Mass; don't worry!

Piety Stall – Looking for cards and gifts for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**? We have a wide range for sale at our Piety Stall! We also have cards and gifts to celebrate First Holy Communion – please ask Helen Macdonald.

Tuesday 21 May – Thursday 23 May: Pluscarden Pentecost Lectures – these will take place in St. Scholastica's Guesthouse, at Pluscarden Abbey. This year's lecturer will be Dr Linden Bicket from the Edinburgh University School of Divinity. She will give four lectures on the theme of Scottish Catholic Literature and the 'transfiguration of the commonplace'. The talks are as follows:

Tuesday 21st May at 3.00pm:	Faithful Fictions: what is Catholic Literature?;
Wednesday 22nd May at 10.30am:	George and Ann Scott-Moncrieff;
Wednesday 22nd May at 3.00pm:	George Friel and Muriel Spark;
Thursday 23rd May at 10.30am:	George Mackay Brown.

There is no charge for these lectures, and all are welcome to attend. To register for the talks, make further enquiries, or book accommodation, please write to: Pentecost Lectures, Pluscarden Abbey, Elgin, Moray IV30 8UA enclosing SAE; or email guestmaster@pluscardenabbey.org

Catholic Marriage Counselling Service – the Diocese now offers a Marriage Counselling Service for Catholic couples in need of Couples Counselling. The Service offers a supportive unbiased and non-judgemental space that enables couples to identify and resolve their interpersonal issues and disagreements, while building on the strengths of their relationship. The contact person for this service is Ms Rosaline Nain Chia, (MBACP, Accred). You can contact Rosaline by using the referral form on the Diocesan website (https://www.rcda.scot/?page_id=34139) or by emailing her directly at counsellor1@rcda.scot.

90 Club: Next Draw on Sunday 28 April! This year, money raised from the 90 Club will be used to tarmac additional disabled parking spaces outside the Church.

Our LAST Prize Bingo will take place Friday 26 April – Doors open: 6.30pm; eyes down: 7.00pm. Items to give as prizes are will be 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. ** Please note that this will be our LAST Bingo evening at St. Columba's. Our sincere thanks go to Don Williams for his selfless efforts in organising and hosting the evenings. Over the course of twenty years, he has raised almost £55,000 for the parish. This is an incredible sum, which was instrumental in helping to pay back some of the Building Fund loan to the Diocese. Many thanks, Don, for your wonderful support to the Parish and to the local community.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Kathleen Macpherson, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Linda Macdonald, Pat Peteranna, Lauren Marsh, Katie MacCormick, Brian Hamilton, Dorothy Macdonald, Cathy Grant, Patrick O'Donnell, Julie Marr

R.I.P: Joanne Macmillan, John Angus O'Henley, Margaret MacDonald, Esther Smith, Walter Grant, Rose Corbett

Anniversaries: Michael Joseph MacKinnon, Peggy Johnstone, Monsignor Robert MacDonald, Elsie Heinowski, Ruby Bell, Isobel Campbell, Peggy Martin, Mary Hutt