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17 MARCH 2024:
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
(Year B (II); Psalter: Week 1)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-34
 Resp. Psalm: 50 (51): 3-4, 12-15
 2nd Reading: Hebrews 5: 7-9
 Gospel: John 12: 20-33

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 17 March	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (p. 202)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 19 March	SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH Mass Intention: Peter Simpson, RIP (Interment tomorrow)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 21 March	CHRISM MASS IN ABERDEEN CATHEDRAL PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT: BISHOP HUGH	CHRISM MASS	6.00 pm
Saturday 23 March	Saturday of Week 5 of Lent Mass Intention: Mary MacCormick, RIP (Anniversary Today)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 24 March	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION (pp. 232; 253)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 26 March	Tuesday of Holy Week Mass Intention: Czesław Mojściak, RIP (Recently Departed)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.00 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 28 March	MAUNDY THURSDAY: MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (pp. 277 ff.) Mass Intention: George Alexander MacLennan, RIP (Anniversary 29 March)	Mass Watching at the Altar of Repose & Night Prayer	8.30 pm
Friday 29 March	GOOD FRIDAY: LITURGY OF THE PASSION (pp. 286 ff.)	Liturgy Sacrament of Confession Stations of the Cross & Veneration	3.00pm 6.00pm 7.00pm
Saturday 30 March	EASTER BLESSING OF FOOD (IN ENGLISH) ** NO EASTER VIGIL AT ST. COLUMBA'S **	Sacrament of Confession Liturgy of Blessing VIGIL AT ST. MARY'S NAIRN	10.00 am 11.00 am 8.30 pm
Sunday 31 March	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION (pp. 362 ff.) Special Collection: Holy Places	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

[...] this dynamism of the grain of wheat which was accomplished in Jesus must also take place within us, his disciples. We are called to take on the *Paschal law* of losing life in order to receive it renewed and eternal. And what does *losing life* mean? That is, what does it mean to be the grain of wheat? It means to think less about oneself, about personal interests and to know how to "see" and to meet the needs of our neighbours, especially the least of them. To joyfully carry out works of charity towards those who suffer in body and spirit is the most authentic way of living the Gospel. It is the necessary foundation upon which our communities can grow in reciprocal fraternity and welcome. I want to see Jesus, but from within. Penetrate his wounds and contemplate that love in his heart for you, for you, for you, for me, for everyone. (Angelus, 18 March 2018)

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Today's Liturgy: Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B (p. 202)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 202: Readings & Proper Prayers
p. 543: The Apostles' Creed

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

Easter Flowers – we are blessed with the generosity and talents of parishioners, who always provide us with such beautiful flowers for Easter. Would you consider helping us with a donation, which will go towards making our church even more beautiful, and fitting for celebrating the Resurrection of Our Saviour?

Piety Stall – Looking for cards and gifts for the **Easter Season**, or 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.

Sacrament of Confession: there will be extended hours for the Sacrament of Confession on Tuesday 19 March and Thursday 21 March, and then on Tuesday 26 March, on Good Friday, 29 March, and on the morning of Holy Saturday, 30 March.

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 **on 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. The ideal preparation for Holy Week!

Lenten Station Masses 2024 – the final Station Mass will take place on 22 March at 7.00pm, in 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.

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.

90 Club: Draw next 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: Czesław Mojścik, Ann Mackinnon, Joanne Macmillan

Anniversaries: Mary MacCormick, Mary Armstrong, Maureen Harkins, Veronica Smith, Sheena Urquhart