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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**21 MAY 2023:**  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**(Year A (I); Psalter: Week 3)**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 1: 12-14  
Resp. Psalm: Ps 26 (27): 1, 4, 7-8  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 4: 13-16  
Gospel: John 17: 1-11

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 21 May	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (pp. 399 ff.)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am
Tuesday 23 May	Tuesday of Week 7 in Eastertide Mass Intention: Frank Webb, RIP (Anniversary: 21 May)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 25 May	Thursday of Week 7 in Eastertide	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 27 May	St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 28 May	SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST (pp. 417 ff.) Special Collection: Day for Life, 2023	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am

### Seventh Sunday of Easter: Knowing God

Jesus has been taken up into heaven as we begin today's First Reading. His disciples—including the Apostles and Mary—return to the upper room where He celebrated the Last Supper (see Luke 22:12). There, they devote themselves with one accord to prayer, awaiting the Spirit that He promised would come upon them (see Acts 1:8).

The unity of the early Church at Jerusalem is a sign of the oneness that Christ prays for in today's Gospel. The Church is to be a communion on earth that mirrors the glorious union of Father, Son, and Spirit in the Trinity. Jesus has proclaimed God's name to His brethren (see Hebrews 2:12; Psalm 22:23). The prophets had foretold this revelation: a new covenant by which all flesh would have knowledge of the Lord (see Jeremiah 31:33-34; Habakkuk 2:14). By the new covenant made in His blood and remembered in every Eucharist we know God as our Father. This is the eternal life Jesus promises. And this is the light and salvation we sing of in today's Psalm. As God made light to shine out of darkness when the world began, He has enlightened us in Baptism, making us new creations (see 2 Corinthians 5:17), giving us knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ (see Hebrews 10:32; 2 Corinthians 4:6). Our new life is a gift of "the Spirit of glory," we hear in today's Epistle (see John 7:38-39). Made one in His name, we are given a new name—"Christians"—a name used only here and in two other places in the Bible (see Acts 11:16; 26:28). We are to glorify God, though we will be insulted and suffer because of this name. But as we share in His sufferings, we know we will overcome (see Revelation 3:12) and rejoice when His glory is once more revealed. And we will dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives. (Scott Hahn)

### Thought for the Day: United in Prayer

The readings for the 7th Sunday of Easter (Year A) remind us that even though Jesus is not with us in his human body, we are still connected to him and to each other in prayer. The first reading tells of how after the ascension of Jesus, his followers grow in community by praying together. The psalm expresses our longing for God. The second reading reminds us to glorify God always, even when we are suffering. And in the gospel Jesus prays as he prepares to ascend.

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### Today's Liturgy: Seventh Sunday of Easter, Year A (pp. 399 ff.)

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**'Thank You!'** – the members of the St. Andrew Community were delighted with your magnificent support at last Sunday's World Youth Day Fundraiser Bake Sale. Thanks to your generosity, the Sisters raised a tremendous **£ 545.00!!** Thank you!

**30 May-1 June: Pluscarden Pentecost Lectures** – Fr. Abbot and the Community of Pluscarden Abbey are delighted to announce that this year's Pentecost Lectures will be held at the abbey, in St Scholastica's Guesthouse, from Tuesday 30 May until Thursday June 1. The speaker will be Fr. Richard Price, a retired priest in the Archdiocese of Westminster and a former lecturer at Heythrop College. His overall theme will be "Living the Faith in the World of Today". All welcome. See poster on noticeboard for details.

**Sunday 11 June: Parish Barbecue!!** – to celebrate with our candidates who will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time, we will be having a simple Parish Barbecue on the patio at the back of the church. Everyone is warmly welcome. **Any Barbecue Chefs among us? We are looking for a cook,** and helpers to organise the event. Please speak to Fr. Domenico, or see the sheet in the entrance foyer. Thank you.

**Saturday 17 June: 'New Dawn in the Church' at St. Ninian's, Inverness** – a day of Praise and Worship, inspiring talks, youth ministry, testimonies, workshops, healing and much more! The day begins at 10.30am with Holy Mass. Take a packed lunch with you. All welcome.

**Sunday 26 June: Diocesan Pilgrimage to Pluscarden** – Bishop Hugh is extending an invitation to ALL parishioners to attend this annual diocesan event together. There will be opportunities to relax in the grounds of the Abbey, with a chance to meet people from other parishes. Parishioners are encouraged to bring their own picnics; however, refreshments will also be available from 12 pm in the refreshments tent. **The focus for the pilgrimage will be on the ministry of Altar Servers,** who will be most welcome to attend, with their cassocks, cottas, and Guild of St. Stephen medal (if applicable):

1.00pm - Exposition in the Lady Chapel until 2.30pm

1.00pm - Individual confessions in the parlours at St. Benedict's Retreat until 2.30pm

3.00pm - Mass of the day, followed by a Marian procession to the garden facing St. Benedict's Retreat.

**PIETY STALL** – looking for First Holy Communion gifts, or ideas for presents? Why not check out our extensive range of items at our Piety Stall. Your one-stop shop for all things Catholic!

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IN 2024!** – Bishop Hugh has kindly agreed to come to the parish and bestow the Sacrament of Confirmation upon our candidates on **Sunday 21 April 2024.** If your child is of the appropriate age (P7/S1), please do get in contact with Fr. Domenico as soon as possible, please.

**MONTHLY FUNDRAISER BINGO: NEXT EVENING ON 26 MAY** – Eyes down at 7.00pm. Items are desperately needed to give as prizes; these are essential to make our fundraiser a success: please do help if you can. Thank you for all your generosity!

**90 CLUB: DRAW NEXT SUNDAY, 28 MAY, AFTER MASS!!** – Would you like to be a winner? Speak to Don for details!

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Winnie Ferrari, Eileen Anne Millar, Tony Lightfoot, Mary & Esther Smith, Linda Macdonald, Pat Peteranna, Lauren Marsh

**RIP:** Kenneth Cooper

**Anniversaries:** Eilidh MacLeod, Frank Webb, Canon Duncan Stone, Jimmy Cascarino, Noel Hadnett, Bob Tarr, Lillian Stewart, Chris Green, Mary McCann