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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

23 APRIL 2023:
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
(Year A (I); Psalter: Week 3)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Acts 2: 14, 22-33
Resp. Psalm: Ps 15 (16): 1-2, 5, 7-11
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1: 17-21
Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 23 April	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (pp. 372 ff.)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am
Tuesday 25 April	St. Mark, Evangelist (Feast)	No Liturgies	---
Thursday 27 April	Thursday of Week 3 in Eastertide	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 29 April	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor (Feast) Mass Intention: 'Private Intention'	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 30 April	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (pp. 377 ff.) ~ Good Shepherd Sunday ~ Special Collection: Vocations	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am

Third Sunday of Easter: Emmaus and Us

We should put ourselves in the shoes of the disciples in today's Gospel. Downcast and confused, they're making their way down the road, unable to understand all the things that have occurred. They know what they've seen—a prophet mighty in word and deed. They know what they were hoping for—that He would be the redeemer of Israel. But they don't know what to make of His violent death at the hands of their rulers. They can't even recognize Jesus as He draws near to walk with them. He seems like just another foreigner visiting Jerusalem for the Passover.

Note that Jesus doesn't disclose His identity until they describe how they found His tomb empty but "Him they did not see." That's how it is with us, too. Unless He revealed Himself, we would see only an empty tomb and a meaningless death.

How does Jesus make Himself known at Emmaus? First, He interprets "all the Scriptures" as referring to Him. In today's First Reading and Epistle, Peter also opens the Scriptures to proclaim the meaning of Christ's death according to the Father's "set plan"—foreknown before the foundation of the world.

Jesus is described as a new Moses and a new Passover lamb. He is the one of whom David sang in today's Psalm, whose soul was not abandoned to corruption but was shown the path of life. After opening the Scriptures, Jesus at table took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples—exactly what He did at the Last Supper (see Luke 22:14–20).

In every Eucharist, we reenact that Easter Sunday at Emmaus. Jesus reveals Himself to us in our journey. He speaks to our hearts in the Scriptures. Then at the table of the altar, in the person of the priest, He breaks the bread.

The disciples begged Him, "Stay with us." So He does. Though He has vanished from our sight, in the Eucharist—as at Emmaus—we know Him in the breaking of the bread. (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

We too often go to Sunday Mass with our worries, difficulties and disappointments.... Life sometimes wounds us and we go away feeling sad, towards our "Emmaus", turning our backs on God's plan. We distance ourselves from God. But the Liturgy of the Word welcomes us: Jesus explains the Scriptures to us and rekindles in our hearts the warmth of faith and hope, and in Communion he gives us strength. (Regina Caeli Address, 4 May 2014)

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Today's Liturgy: Third Sunday of Easter, Year A (pp. 372 ff.)

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 372: Readings & Proper Prayers

p. 540: The Creed

p. 561: Preface II of Easter: New Life in Christ

p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II

p. 631: Communion Rite

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER PROFESSION MASS Friday 12 May at 12noon – The Franciscan Fraternity of San Damiano invites you to this special event, which will take place at St. Columba's. The main celebrant will be Fr. Domenico. There will be a buffet lunch after the Mass to which all are invited. Please consider coming along to find out more about the Secular Franciscans. The Order has regular meetings at St Columba's, and has had a presence in Inverness since 1994. If you would like more information, please go to: www.ofsgb.org

'LIGHT OF THE NORTH' – the Easter edition is available online. You'll find lots of news in the magazine from around the Diocese, including Dr Shelagh Noden's article about St Mary's Cathedral organist, Ronald Leith, who celebrates his 50th year at the keyboards. Then there's Eileen Grant's article about St John, 'the beloved disciple', and Fr. John Bowles, Regional Director of the Columban Missionaries in Britain, gives an insight into the life of the Orcadian writer George Mackay Brown (1921-96), regarded by many as Scotland's greatest writer of the twentieth century. Also, for our Polish readers, Lidia Konar reveals why the Blessed Virgin Mary has always been perceived by Poles as their special intercessor, and as the Queen of Polish hearts. The issue can be found here: <https://bit.ly/Lightofthenorthspringissue-52-2023>

'LANTERN OF THE NORTH' – A historic Post-Reformation pilgrimage through Moray. Each day will begin with a short talk on the history of each location, followed by Mass, then a picnic lunch. All welcome!

Saturday 22 April at 12 noon: St. Ninian's, Tynet

Saturday 13 May at 12 noon: Scalan Seminary (Homilist: Fr. Domenico)

Saturday 27 May at 12 noon: St. Gregory's, Preshome

SCIAF Wee Boxes – Please hand in your Wee Boxes to St. Columba's as soon as possible. Please remember that if you are a UK taxpayer, you can gift aid your donation; simply fill out your details on the box. Thank you for your generosity.

PIETY STALL – looking for Easter Cards, 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.

PRIZE BINGO: our next evening together will be THIS FRIDAY, 28 APRIL. Doors open at 6.30pm; 'eyes down' at 7.00pm. Thank you for the many lovely items handed in to give as prizes; there are often very appreciative comments from the players. Your kindness and support is greatly appreciated!

90 CLUB: NEXT DRAW THIS SUNDAY, 30 APRIL! – Would you like to be a winner too? Why not 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

RIP: Archie MacCallum

Anniversaries: John Prendergast, Craig Reid, Charles Connochie