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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

30 APRIL 2023:
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
(Year A (I); Psalter: Week 4)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Acts 2: 14, 36-41
 Resp. Psalm: Ps 22 (23)
 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2: 20-25
 Gospel: John 10: 1-10

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 30 April	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (pp. 377 ff.) ~ Good Shepherd Sunday ~ Special Collection: Vocations	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am
Monday 1 May	St. Joseph the Worker	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 2 May	St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor Mass Intention: Donald MacCormick, RIP (First Anniversary: 30 April)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 4 May	Thursday of Week 4 in Eastertide	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 6 May	Saturday of Week 4 in Eastertide	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 7 May	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (pp. 381 ff.)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am

Fourth Sunday of Easter: What Are We To Do?

Easter's empty tomb is a call to conversion. By this tomb, we should know for certain that God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah, as Peter preaches in today's First Reading. He is the "Lord," the divine Son that David foresaw at God's right hand (see Psalms 110:1, 3; 132:10-11; Acts 2:34). And He is the Messiah that God had promised to shepherd the scattered flock of the house of Israel (see Ezekiel 34:11-14, 23; 37:24).

As we hear in today's Gospel, Jesus is that Good Shepherd, sent to a people who were like sheep without a shepherd (see Mark 6:34; Numbers 27:16-17). He calls not only to the children of Israel but to all those far off from Him—to whomever the Lord wishes to hear His voice. The call of the Good Shepherd leads to the restful waters of Baptism, to the anointing oil of Confirmation, and to the table and overflowing cup of the Eucharist, as we sing in today's Psalm.

Again on this Sunday in Easter, we hear His voice calling us His own. He should awaken in us the response of those who heard Peter's preaching. "What are we to do?" they cried.

We have been baptized. But each of us goes astray like sheep, as we hear in today's Epistle. We still need daily to repent, to seek forgiveness of our sins, to separate ourselves further from this corrupt generation. We are called to follow in the footsteps of the Shepherd of our souls. By His suffering He bore our sins in His body to free us from sin. But His suffering is also an example for us. From Him we should learn patience in our afflictions, to hand ourselves over to the will of God.

Jesus has gone ahead, has driven us through the dark valley of evil and death. His Cross has become the narrow gate through which we must pass to reach His empty tomb—the verdant pastures of life abundant. (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

Dear brothers and sisters, during this time many thoughts and worries lead us to turn inwards into ourselves. Let us pay attention to the voices that reach our hearts. Let us ask ourselves where they come from. Let us ask for the grace to recognise and follow the voice of the Good Shepherd, who brings us out of the enclosures of selfishness and leads us to the pastures of true freedom. (*Regina Caeli* Address, 3 May 2020)

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Today's Liturgy: Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A (pp. 377 ff.)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 377: Readings & Proper Prayers
p. 540: The Creed

p. 563: Preface IV of Easter
p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II
p. 631: Communion Rite

TODAY'S SPECIAL COLLECTION: Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations, and our Second Collection is for our Diocesan Seminarians' Bursary Fund. Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes, particularly within our own Diocese. We remember our seminarians: Aidan, Anh, and René.

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

PILGRIMAGE MASS AT SCALAN SEMINARY, Saturday 13 May at 12 noon – this forms part of the 'Lantern of the North' pilgrimage series through Moray. The Homilist will be Fr. Domenico. The day will begin with a short talk on the history of each location, followed by Mass, then a picnic lunch. Scalan is the site of a hidden seminary, located in the Braes of Glenlivet, and during the 18th century, more than a hundred 'Heather Priests' were trained there. For those with sat navs, the postcode is **AB37 9JS**; this will take you to Chapeltown of Glenlivet – please walk, or ask for a lift from others, for the last 1½ miles. All welcome!

FUNDRAISING BAKE SALE AT ST. COLUMBA'S, Sunday 14 May after Mass – the St. Andrew Community will be selling various items of baking after Mass. All proceeds go towards supporting the forthcoming youth pilgrimage to Fatima (Portugal) this Summer. Please do support our young people, and the work of the Sisters!

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 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.

90 CLUB: DRAW TODAY, AFTER MASS!! – Would you like to be a winner too? Why not speak to Don for details?

MONTHLY FUNDRAISER BINGO: NEXT EVENING ON 26 MAY – Eyes down at 7.00pm. Many items are needed to give as prizes; these are essential to make our fund raiser a success. Thank you for all your generosity!

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: Donald MacCormick, Lillian Stewart, Chris Green