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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

6 AUGUST 2023:
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
(Year A (I); Psalter: Week 2)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14
 Resp. Psalm: 96 (97): 1-2, 5-6, 9
 2nd Reading: 2 Peter 1: 16-19
 Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 6 August	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (pp. 1165 ff.)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am
Tuesday 8 August	St. Dominic, Priest Mass Intention: Special Intention	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 10 August	St. Laurence, Deacon, Martyr Mass Intention: Vi John, RIP (Recently Departed)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 12 August	St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious Mass Intention: James Shortt, RIP (Recently Departed)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 13 August	19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (pp. 755 ff.)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am

The Transfiguration of the Lord: Majestic Voice

High on the holy mountain in today's Gospel, the true identity of Jesus is fully revealed in His transfiguration. Standing between Moses and the prophet Elijah, Jesus is the bridge that joins the Law of Moses to the prophets and psalms (see Luke 24:24-27). As Moses did, Jesus climbs a mountain with three named friends and beholds God's glory in a cloud (see Exodus 24:1, 9, 15). As Elijah did, He hears God's voice on the mountain (see 1 Kings 19:8-19).

Elijah was prophesied to return as the herald of the Messiah and the Lord's new covenant (see Malachi 3:1, 23-24). Jesus is revealed today as that Messiah. By His death and resurrection, which He intimates today to the Apostles, He makes a new covenant with all creation. The majestic voice declares Jesus to be God's own beloved Son, in whom the Father is well pleased (see Psalm 2:7). here gives us a glimpse of His inner life. In the cloud of the Holy Spirit, the Father reveals His love for the Son, and invites us to share in that love as His beloved sons and daughters. Shadowed by the clouds of heaven, His clothes dazzling white, Jesus is the Son of Man whom Daniel foresees being enthroned in today's First Reading. He is the king, the Lord of all the earth, as we sing in today's Psalm. But is He truly the Lord of our hearts and minds?

The last word God speaks from heaven today is a command—"Listen to Him" (see Deuteronomy 18:15-19). The Word of the Lord should be like a lamp shining in the darkness of our days, as Peter tells us in today's Second Reading. How well are we listening? Do we attend to His word each day? Let us today rededicate ourselves to listening. Let us hear Him as the word of life, the bright morning star of divine life waiting to arise in our hearts (see Revelation 2:28; 22:16). (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

The ever more vibrant rediscovery of Jesus is not the aim in itself, but spurs us to "come down the mountain", energized by the power of the divine Spirit, so as to decide on new paths of conversion and to constantly witness to charity, as the law of daily life. Transformed by Christ's presence and by the ardour of his Word, we will be a concrete sign of the invigorating love of God for all our brothers and sisters, especially for those who are suffering, for those who are lonely and neglected, for the sick and for the multitude of men and women who, in different parts of the world, are humiliated by injustice, abuse and violence. (Angelus Address, St. Peter's Square, 6 August 2017)

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Today's Liturgy: The Transfiguration of the Lord, Year A (pp. 1165 ff.)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 1165: Readings & Proper Prayers
p. 540: The Creed

p. 1169: Preface – The Mystery of the Transfiguration
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THANK YOU! For your support and participation at Wednesday's excellent performance of "Oggie Oggie Oggie". We had a large number of people present, from parishes throughout the Deanery, and everyone had an enjoyable evening. Special thanks to those of you who assisted in stewarding, setting up and clearing away, and serving teas and coffees. Your help was much appreciated!

Boost your giving - Direct Debits Tripled to Mary's Meals! – Setting up a regular gift (either through a Direct Debit, standing order or recurring card payment) is a very special way to support Mary's Meals. The certainty of your donation will give us the confidence to plan for the future – safe in the knowledge that, together, we are keeping our promise to the 2.4 million children receiving our school meals while striving to reach the next child waiting. Until Friday 29 September 2023, any new regular gift will be tripled for the first three payments – thanks to a group of generous donors who have made funds available up to £150,000! And, if you already have a regular gift and would like to increase your donation, the additional amount will be tripled for the next three payments. This means your donations will feed even more hungry children. Even a small regular gift can make a huge difference. Visit <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/campaigns/direct-debits-tripled> for more details, or call 0800 6981212.

Highland Foodbank, July/August – can you help, by donating an item or two from the following list? The Foodbank store is short of: tins of corned beef, cartons of long life juice, jars of pasta sauce, oatcakes/crackers, tins of: chopped tomatoes, ham, and mince/meatballs, tins of fruit, washing-up liquid, deodorant, toilet rolls, new or used bags for life. Thank you.

26 August: Updated Safeguarding training – this will be available in the meeting room on 26th August 2023. There will be two sessions, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. but only one needs to be attended. Sessions will be about 1 ½ hours long. As this is all new material, **all existing PVG checked volunteers should attend** and hopefully any new volunteers. It is only for those working for the Church with children or vulnerable adults. Any such volunteer must have the training and a current PVG check for the Parish. Ewen would especially be grateful if any of the adults coming to Children's Liturgy with their children on a Sunday morning could attend training and get a PVG check so that he does not have to cancel any sessions because there are insufficient numbers of PVG checked persons in attendance (minimum of 2). If you would like to attend, or have any queries, please send an e-mail to Ewen at ewen1.macdonald@hotmail.co.uk.

St. Andrew Community Youth Group – every Friday in the church hall at St. Mary's, in Huntly Street, Inverness. Ages 6-11: 5.00pm-6.00pm; Ages 12-18: 6.30pm-9.00pm. For details: youth@standrewx.org, or call 07754 891808.

'Angel Stories for Children': A Colouring Book – this book, complete with stories and drawings to colour in, was compiled by Ishbel McGillivray-McGregor, a former parishioner of St. Columba's. It only costs £2, and is available at our Piety Stall.

Piety Stall – 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: July Winners! – First Prize: Heather Taylor; Second Prize: Ian MacDonald; Third Prize: Don Williams. Congratulations to all our winners. Would you like to join them? For details, please speak to Don.

Culloden Indoor Bowling – every Monday at 10.15am, at the Youth Centre next to the Library (Keppoch Rd). See 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, Mary & Esther Smith, Linda Macdonald, Pat Peteranna, Lauren Marsh, Mary Pene MacNeil, Special Intentions

RIP: Donald Allan MacKiggan, Vi John, James Shortt

Anniversaries: Margaret Smith, Bill Esselmont, Virla MacLennan, Donald Joseph Peteranna