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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

7 MAY 2023:
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
(Year A (I); Psalter: Week 1)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Acts 6: 1-7
Resp. Psalm: Ps 32 (33): 1-2, 4-5, 18-19
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2: 4-9
Gospel: John 14: 1-12

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 7 May	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (pp. 381 ff.)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am
Tuesday 9 May	Tuesday of Week 5 in Eastertide	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 11 May	Thursday of Week 5 in Eastertide	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 12 May	Secular Franciscan Profession Mass	Holy Mass, followed by Buffet Lunch	12 noon
Saturday 13 May	Our Lady of Fatima	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 14 May	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (pp. 385 ff.)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am

Fifth Sunday of Easter: Building His House

By His death, Resurrection, and Ascension, Jesus has gone ahead to prepare a place for us in His Father's house. His Father's house is no longer a temple made by human hands. It is the spiritual house of the Church, built on the living stone of Christ's body. As Peter interprets the Scriptures in today's Epistle, Jesus is the "stone" destined to be rejected by men but made the precious cornerstone of God's dwelling on earth (see Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 8:14; 28:16). Each of us is called to be a living stone in God's building (see 1 Corinthians 3:9, 16). In this edifice of the Spirit, we are to be "holy priests" offering up "spiritual sacrifices"—all our prayer, work and intentions—to God. This is our lofty calling as Christians. This is why Christ led us out of the darkness of sin and death as Moses led the Israelites from bondage in Egypt. God's covenant with Israel made them a royal and priestly people who were to announce His praises (see Exodus 19:6). By our faith in Christ's new covenant, we have been made heirs of this chosen race, called to glorify the Father in the temple of our bodies (see 1 Corinthians 6:19–20; Romans 12:1). In today's First Reading, we see the spiritual house of the Church being built up as the Apostles consecrate seven deacons so they can devote themselves more fully to the "ministry of the Word." The Lord's Word is upright and all His works trustworthy, we sing in today's Psalm. So we can trust Jesus when He tells us never to be troubled but to believe that His Word and works come from the Father. His Word continues its work in the world through the Church. We see its beginnings today in Jerusalem. It is destined to spread with influence and power (see Acts 19:20) and to become the imperishable seed by which every heart is born anew (see 1 Peter 1:23). (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

We do not live aimlessly and without destination. We are awaited. We are precious. God is in love with us, we are his children. And he has prepared for us the most worthy and beautiful place: Paradise. Let us not forget this: the dwelling place that awaits us is Paradise. . (Regina Caeli Address, 10 May 2020)

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Today's Liturgy: Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A (pp. 381 ff.)

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 381: Readings & Proper Prayers

p. 540: The Creed

p. 563: Preface V of Easter

p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II

p. 631: Communion Rite

THANK YOU! – to Sandy Grant, for donating to St. Columba's a wheelchair in excellent condition. We greatly appreciate Sandy's kindness and generosity!

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 Chapelton 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: APRIL WINNERS! – First Prize: Louie and Shona Volante; Second Prize: Anna Black; Third Prize: Theresa Hamilton. Congratulations to you all! Would you like to be a winner too! Why not speak to Don for details? **NEXT DRAW ON SUNDAY 28 MAY, AFTER MASS!!**

MONTHLY FUNDRAISER BINGO: NEXT EVENING ON 26 MAY – Eyes down at 7.00pm. Items are 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!

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

RIP: Bob Pollock

Anniversaries: Stuart MacLennan, Anne Lowe