

2nd Collection for Justice and Peace Commission

This Sunday 6th of January we will have a 2nd Collection which will go to support the Justice and Peace commission. This is a commission that promotes Justice and Peace in our country and the whole world. So please let us support the very important work they do as best we can.

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Calypso Cave Charity Thrift Shop (Burnside Road—former Test Centre) Our Charity Shop is open. Please do visit the shop, surely you will find some interesting things to buy for yourself or for your dear ones.

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Calypso Cave Volunteers needed

After many months of hard work, Fiona is stepping back from running Calypso Cave to concentrate on admin for the parish. We therefore need volunteers to give whatever time they can to run the shop and hopefully provide some financial help to the parish. The key will be kept at Viva in Pitlochry, so that helpers can collect it, do what hours they can, and return it. So that we have an idea of how many can help out, would you please e mail tina@viva-pitlochry.co.uk and Tina will get in touch with further details.

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St Vincent de Paul Society Group—E-mail: stbridessvdp@yahoo.com

St Vincent de Paul Society Group meets every second Thursday of the month at 10 am in St Bride's Church. New members welcome.

Coming Thursday 10th of January is the second Thursday of the month and time to have another meeting which will take place in St. Bride's foyer at 10.00 am. New members are very welcome.

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Aberfeldy Ladies Coffee Morning

Coming Thursday 10th January is the second Thursday of the month and we will be having the Aberfeldy Ladies Coffee Morning. This will take place in the Watermill Café at 11am. All are welcome not just ladies.

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Collections

29th & 30th December

St Bride's	£299.30
Our Lady of Mercy's	£126.90
St Columba's	£22.70
Total	£448.90

If you can offer to be a *volunteer* at the *Three Churches Charity Shop* in Dunkeld, please contact Cathy Reid on 01350727327 or mobile 07871107467.

Our **Parish Safeguarding co-Ordinator** is **Liz Douglas** and can be reached on Tel: 07754121629, e-mail: lizdouglas03@gmail.com

CWTA—Church Exchange Sunday

One of the most important reforms brought about by the second Vatican Council was that of Ecumenism; Ecumenism refers to the movement within the Christian Churches that endeavours to get different Churches closer together. Even though there are differences between different denominations of Christianity but there is much more that unites us than that which makes us different. Here in Pitlochry we are blessed with CWTA (Churches Working Together in Atholl) which brings together the different Christian Churches in Pitlochry to work together especially in organizing prayer moments and charity works. Each year in January we celebrate Churches Exchange Sunday which means that while two members of our congregation go to represent us during a service of one of the other Christian Churches, two members from that same congregation will come to celebrate with us during Sunday Mass. This year Exchange Sunday will take place on **Sunday 13th January**. We would like to thank Baron and Baroness Von Haldenwang for representing us on that Sunday at Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church Strathtay, while we welcome two persons from that congregation here in our Church.

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From our Bishop Stephen Robson

There will be a day of Information and Celebration for catechists on Saturday, 12th January, 2019 at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre. I would hope to introduce a programme for the formation of catechists in the Diocese for all age levels, and would like to share a vision which was given us by the Holy Father while we were in Rome of evangelisation, catechesis and the new evangelisation for those who are lapsed. Pope Francis ultimately asks all of us to become missionary disciples and clearly outlines that the process of evangelisation and catechesis never ceases; in fact, it is a life-long process. It is intended for current catechists in all our parishes. I would like to attract parishioners who would like to be formed as catechists, to hand on the faith among those who have never, in fact, taken part in this ministry. The day will begin at 10.00 a.m. with coffee and within the context of prayer an overall vision will be given of our hope for goals. We hope to learn together how to echo Christ in our lives. The day will conclude, after a packed lunch, with group work and the sharing of experiences, and then the celebration of Holy Mass concluding at 3.30 p.m.

Is the LORD calling you to be a catechist? Please come forward this is your opportunity. Teaching the Gospel to others is one of the most important missions in the Church.

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Parish Pastoral Council—Thursday 10th January

This coming Thursday 10th January at 7 pm we will have another PPC meeting in St. Bride's foyer. This is always a very important meeting and I would like to ask all members to do their best to attend and to all the parishioners to pass on any suggestions, comments, constructive criticism to one of the members of the council.

Welcome to all our Visitors

We are very happy to welcome visitors to our parish as visitors are a percentage of our community throughout the year. Any donations given by visitors who pay tax are worth 25% more if they are Gift Aided. Gift Aid envelopes are provided on the table at the back of the church and all you need to do is fill out the details at the back of the envelope where you put your donation. If you need any assistance, please talk to Fr. Edward. Thanks very much.

Gift Aid: We are very grateful to all those who support our community. If you are a taxpayer and you would like to help our community we suggest you join Gift Aid. To do so all you need to do is to fill up a form provided by the parish. This would mean that the parish will get 25% tax refund on the donation you contribute. You can either donate by Standing Order or by putting your cash donation in a Gift Aid envelope provided. If you need a standing order form to take to your bank, or if you prefer to use weekly envelopes, please contact Father Edward.

The Mustard Seed Bible Group: Every last Thursday of the Month at 7.00 pm you have the opportunity to learn more about the most important book ever written, the HOLY BIBLE, by attending a **prayer/study/reading group** run by Fr. Edward. It's purpose is to implant the seed of God's Word and Love in our Life. **Next prayer group will take place Thursday 31st January in St. Bride's Pitlochry.** As preparation please read the Book of Leviticus.

A Prayer for our Parish

God our Father, we thank you for the place in which you have called us to live, and work and worship. Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon our parish, and may the seed of your grace sown in our hearts grow and bear fruit.

Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word and a new consecration to your service. As you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world to bring the light of your love into our darkness, so may we go in your name to the people amongst whom we live and work, may we be for them the light of your presence.

Guide and protect our bishop and our priest,
and may your love grow among us and your kingdom come.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readers / Eucharistic Ministers

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
St. Columba's	R. Phyllis Ponsonby E.M. Liz Douglas	Maryanne Blackburn Alan Blackburn
Our Lady of Mercy	R. Jason O'Flynn	Barbara Tinto
St. Bride's	R: Pat Sheppard & Margaret Pirnie E.M. Tina Simpson & Kathleen Yates	Kate S. Fotheringham & Adeline Dorrian Linda Moyes & Thomas S. Fotheringham
Teas and Coffees	Anne & Tim Rogers	Pat Sheppard



Parish Priest: Fr. Edward Vella
ST. BRIDE'S R.C. CHURCH

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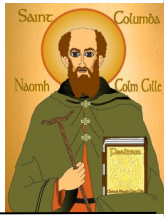
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St. Columba's
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Sunday Mass Times

St. Columba's Birnam	Saturday Vigil Mass	6.00 pm
Our Lady of Mercy's Aberfeldy		9.30 am
St. Bride's Pitlochry		11.30 am

Weekday Mass Times

Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	Our Lady of Mercy's Aberfeldy	9.30 am
<i>Followed by Adoration Rosary and Benediction at about 10.30 am.</i>		
Wednesday	St. Bride's Pitlochry	9.30 am
Thursday	St. Bride's Pitlochry	9.30 am
Friday	St. Bride's Pitlochry	9.30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession

St. Bride's Pitlochry	First Friday of the month	12.00 pm. to 12.25 pm.
St Columba's Birnam	First Saturday of the month	5.30 pm to 5.55 pm.
Our Lady of Mercy's	First Tuesday of the month	10.00 am to 10.25 am

If you would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) you can either ask Fr. Edward before or after a Sunday Mass or please contact him on 01796 472174 or e mail: stbridesrchurch@yahoo.com

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord **Sunday, 6th January, 2019.**

Response to the Psalm:

All nations shall fall prostrate before you,
O Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

We saw his star as it rose and have come to do
the Lord homage. **Alleluia!**

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