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### ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

#### 11 JULY 2021: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B (I); Psalter: Week 3)

#### **Mass Readings**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Amos 7: 12-15 Resp. Psalm: Ps. 84 (85): 9-14 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 1: 3-14

Gospel: Mark 6: 7-13

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 11 July	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
	(p. 881 – Year B)	Holy Mass	11.00 am
	Retiring Collection: Sea Sunday		
Monday 12 July	Monday of Week 15 in Ordinary Time	Morning Prayer & Adoration	8.45 am
	Mass Intention: James Zanrè, RIP	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 13 July	Tuesday of Week 15 in Ordinary Time	Morning Prayer & Adoration	8.45 am
	Mass Intention: Bob Black, RIP	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
Wednesday 14 July	Wednesday of Week 15 in Ordinary Time	Morning Prayer & Adoration	8.45 am
	Mass Intention: Tony Murphy, RIP	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
Thursday 15 July	St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor	Morning Prayer & Adoration	8.45 am
	Mass Intention: Fr. John Maguire (Anniversary Today)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
Friday 16 July	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Morning Prayer & Adoration	8.45 am
	Mass Intention: Canon Ambrose Woods	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
	(Anniversary Anniversary)		
Saturday 17 July	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Morning Prayer & Adoration	8.45 am
	Mass Intention: Fr. Christopher Doig & Fr. Malachy Eze	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
Sunday 18 July	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
	(p. 885 – Year B)	Holy Mass	11.00 am

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Church's Mission

In commissioning the Apostles in today's Gospel, Jesus gives them, and us, a preview of His Church's mission after the Resurrection.

His instructions to the Twelve echo those of God to the twelve tribes of Israel on the eve of their exodus from Egypt. The Israelites likewise were sent out with no bread and only one set of clothes, wearing sandals and carrying a staff (see Exodus 12:11; Deuteronomy 8:2–4). Like the Israelites, the Apostles are to rely solely on the providence of God and His grace.

Perhaps, also, Mark wants us to see the Apostles' mission, the mission of the Church, as that of leading a new exodus—delivering people from their exile from God and bringing them to the promised land, the kingdom of heaven.

Like Amos in today's First Reading, the Apostles are not "professionals" who earn their bread by prophesying. Like Amos, they are simply men (see Acts 14:15) summoned from their ordinary jobs and sent by God to be shepherds of their brothers and sisters.

Again this week, we hear the theme of rejection: Amos experiences it, and Jesus warns the Apostles that some will not welcome or listen to them. The Church is called not necessarily to be successful but only to be faithful to God's command.

With authority and power given to her by Jesus, the Church proclaims God's peace and salvation to those who believe in Him, as we sing in today's Psalm.

This word of truth, this Gospel of salvation, is addressed to each of us, personally, as Paul proclaims in today's Second Reading. In the mystery of God's will, we have been chosen from before the foundation of the world—to be His sons and daughters, to live for the praise of His glory.

Let us, then, give thanks for the Church today, and for the spiritual blessings He has bestowed upon us. Let us resolve to further the Church's mission—to help others hear the call to repentance and welcome Christ into their lives. (Scott Hahn)

#### **PARISH NEWS**

# Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 881)

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 881: Readings & Proper Prayers

p. 541: The Creed

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Passover

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Remember one another – Please try to support one another in these challenging times: a phone call to check up on elderly and vulnerable parishioners and friends; a friendly call to see if anyone needs shopping; supporting your local shops and businesses, which will be hit hard from a financial perspective. We are all in this together.

**Remember your parish** – If you would like to support the maintenance of our parish during this time of lockdown, here are some different ways that the parish can be assisted:

- A regular Standing Order: the account details are in the next column opposite, under 'Parish Finances'.
- Donations in an envelope, put through the church letterbox. During this period, and for the foreseeable future, any offerings, donations or benefactions to the parish will be paid in to our No. 1 (Running) Account.
- A re-evaluation of your level of giving. If every parishioner at Mass gave an extra £5 (two coffees at Costa or Starbucks..), it would make an enormous difference to the future of the parish!!
- A Bequest, or gift left in a will, is an increasingly popular way of remembering your parish. All bequests should be made to St. Columba's Culloden Fabric Account. All benefactors are remembered at our Masses.

Thank you for your consideration and continuing generosity and support – it is greatly appreciated.

"I rejoiced when I heard them say: Let us go to God's House!" (Psalm 121/122) – St. Columba's is now open for public worship. At present, the maximum seating capacity at Mass is FIFTY souls – which should not be a problem for midweek worship. Fr. Domenico will continue to offer two Masses each Sunday: at 9.30am (which will also be live-streamed) and at 11.00am. To book a seat(s) for Mass, here are the links:

**18 July: 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time, at 9.30am** <a href="https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-18-07-2021-0930am.eventbrite.co.uk">https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-18-07-2021-0930am.eventbrite.co.uk</a>

**18 July: 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time, at 11.00am** <a href="https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-18-07-2021-1100am.eventbrite.co.uk">https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-18-07-2021-1100am.eventbrite.co.uk</a>

Please note that seats for both Masses will be available to book online from <u>Sunday 11 July, at 12 noon</u>. If you have a problem or query, please contact Fr. Domenico.

TODAY'S RETIRING COLLECTION: SEA SUNDAY – Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a Retiring Collection for Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea), the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. For an appeal talk, and a video showing some of the work undertaken by Stella Maris, please visit their website at: <a href="https://www.Stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday">www.Stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday</a>. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations. Thank you.

FATHER CHRISTOPHER DOIG: MASS OF THANKSGIVING – Fr. Christopher Doig will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Mary's in Huntly Street on Saturday 17 July at 12 noon. The Mass will be live-streamed on Facebook, here: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/53215733456868">https://www.facebook.com/events/53215733456868</a> 5/?ref=newsfeed

Mary's Meals – Rucksacks and Backpacks: this Highland charity is collecting used rucksacks and backpacks in good condition, which are no longer needed. These will be filled and sent to Malawi. If you have any forlorn bags (looking for a new home!), please feel free to leave them in the church entrance foyer, or contact Peter Harkins (07990 845116).

**90 Club: JUNE WINNERS!** – First Prize: Sandy Grant; Second Prize: Carmel Mackenzie; Third Prize: Don Williams. **Next Draw 25 July!** Good luck to everyone who has a ticket. You could be a winner too; spare numbers are available! Only £2 monthly, with three prizes to be won! Please speak to Father Domenico for details.

#### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Katie Mary Fraser, Norman Wood, John Macdonald, Patrick Macpherson, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Canon Alistair Doyle, Rina Herbison, Mary Ann MacDonald, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett

RIP: Dorothy Carson

**Anniversaries:** Bob Black, Tony Murphy, Alexander MacKinnon, George Cameron, Lizzy Gardener, Canon Ambrose Woods, Fr. John Maguire