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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**12 SEPTEMBER 2021:**  
**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**(Year B (I); Psalter: Week 4)**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 50: 5-9  
 Resp. Psalm: Ps. 114: 1-6, 8-9  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 2: 14-18  
 Gospel: Mark 8: 27-35

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
<b>Sunday 12 September</b>	<b>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> (p. 916 – Year B)	<b>Live-Streamed Holy Mass</b> <b>Holy Mass</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>11.00 am</b>
Monday 13 September	St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Mass Intention: Gerard Gorman, RIP	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 14 September	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross	<b>Evening Prayer &amp; Adoration</b> <b>Live-Streamed Holy Mass</b>	<b>6.45 pm</b> <b>7.30 pm</b>
Wednesday 15 September	Our Lady of Sorrows Mass Intention: Kenneth MacIntyre, RIP (Anniversary: 10 September)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Thursday 16 September	Feast of St. Ninian, Bishop	<b>Evening Prayer &amp; Adoration</b> <b>Live-Streamed Holy Mass</b>	<b>6.45 pm</b> <b>7.30 pm</b>
Friday 17 September	St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin, Doctor of the Church	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Saturday 18 September	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
<b>Sunday 19 September</b>	<b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> (p. 920 – Year B)	<b>Live-Streamed Holy Mass</b> <b>Holy Mass</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>11.00 am</b>

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Following the Messiah

In today's Gospel, we reach a pivotal moment in our walk with the Lord. After weeks of listening to His words and witnessing His deeds, along with the disciples we're asked to decide who Jesus truly is.

Peter answers for them, and for us, too, when he declares: "You are the Messiah." Many expected the Messiah to be a miracle worker who would vanquish Israel's enemies and restore the kingdom of David (see John 6:15).

Jesus today reveals a different portrait. He calls Himself the Son of Man, evoking the royal figure Daniel saw in his heavenly visions (see Daniel 7:13–14). But Jesus' kingship is not to be of this world (see John 18:36). And the path to His throne, as He reveals, is by way of suffering and death.

Jesus identifies the Messiah with the suffering servant that Isaiah foretells in today's First Reading. The words of Isaiah's servant are Jesus' words—as He gives Himself to be shamed and beaten, trusting that God will be His help. We hear our Lord's voice again in today's Psalm, as He gives thanks that God has freed Him from the cords of death.

As Jesus tells us today, to believe that He is the Messiah is to follow His way of self-denial—losing our lives to save them in order to rise with Him to new life. Our faith, we hear again in today's Second Reading, must express itself in works of love (see Galatians 5:6).

Notice that Jesus questions the Apostles today "along the way." They are on the way to Jerusalem, where the Lord will lay down His life. We, too, are on a journey with the Lord. We must take up our cross, giving to others and enduring all our trials for His sake and the sake of the Gospel. Our lives must be an offering of thanksgiving for the new life He has given us until that day when we reach our destination and walk before the Lord in the land of the living. (Scott Hahn)

## PARISH NEWS

### Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 916)

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 916: Readings & Proper Prayers

p. 541: The Creed

p. 567: Preface VI: The Pledge of the Eternal  
Passover

p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II

p. 631: Communion Rite

**There is no longer any advance online booking required for the 9.30am and 11.00am Masses.**

**Everyone is free to come along to St. Columba's, and to sit wherever they wish!**

- Although social distancing is no longer essential, we will continue with the current two-seat widths between different household groups – please respect the space of others.
- Face coverings are mandatory, and must still be worn. Sanitising protocols will still be maintained.
- We are now permitted to sing at Mass, and hymn books and Sunday Missals can be used.
- Fr. Domenico will continue to offer two Masses each Sunday: at 9.30am (which will also be live-streamed) and at 11.00am.

**Piety Stall: Confirmation?** We have many new items in stock to mark these special Sacrament. Are you in need of a diary for 2022? Our new Catholic Diaries are now in stock, with Mass readings indicated for every day. How about a Rosary for the Marian month of October? – We have all sizes and styles! Looking for a children's prayer book? Look no further! Plus, we have many other tempting gifts and holy items. Why not browse our well-stocked stall? Christmas cards and gifts will soon be available too!

**Mary's Meals:** this week Mary's Meals proudly announced that they are now serving OVER 2 MILLION meals to deserving children, every day they attend school, in 19 countries across the world. This is a fantastic achievement by a charity that was started by one man and his family in Dalmally, in 2002. Many people in this parish and throughout the Highlands can be proud of their contribution, and their little acts of love, which have undoubtedly saved many young lives and shaped countless futures. Thanks be to God! If you want to learn more about this astonishing landmark, or to make a donation, just visit [marysmeals.org](http://marysmeals.org) OR speak to Peter Harkins, at either of our Sunday Masses.

### **Pope Francis: Prayers and Fasting for the People of Afghanistan**

The Holy Father has asked all Christians to show their solidarity with the people of Afghanistan at this time, by offering up prayers and fasting, to unite ourselves spiritually with them. "Let us continue to assist those in need", he says, "and pray that dialogue and solidarity may lead to peaceful and fraternal coexistence." Why not take Friday – traditionally a day of fasting and abstinence – and devote time to prayer for our brothers and sisters who are suffering?

**Altar Servers:** happily, we are now permitted to have Altar Servers on the Sanctuary once again. Any child who has received First Holy Communion is encouraged to consider helping the Parish Liturgy by serving at Mass. It doesn't matter if you are a new Server, or if you are one of our 'old hands'; if you would like to assist during our Sunday Masses, just let us know. Full training will be given! Please speak to Fr. Domenico to register your interest.

**90 Club: Next Draw on Sunday 26th September!** – There are a few numbers available if anyone would like to join in. Three good 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, Ian Macdonald, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett

**RIP:** Ian MacFarlane, Dolly Russell, Gerard Gorman

**Anniversaries:** Hector MacPhee, Mary MacKinnon, Tay Siew Khim