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13 FEBRUARY 2022:
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year C (II); Psalter: Week 2)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Jeremiah 17: 5-8
 Resp. Psalm: Psalm 1: 1-4, 6
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20
 Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 13 February	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 987 – Year C)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 14 February	Feast of Sts. Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop Mass Intention: Helen and Alexander Forbes, RIP	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 15 February	Tuesday of Week 6 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Matthias Xavier, RIP (7 th Anniversary)	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 16 February	Wednesday of Week 6 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Charlie Grant, RIP Reception of Charlie Grant RIP	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass, in Honour of St. Joseph Reception in the Church	8.45 am 9.30 am 4.00 pm
Thursday 17 February	Funeral Mass of Charlie Grant RIP The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order Mass Intention: John Smith, RIP (2 nd Anniversary Today)	Funeral Mass Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	12.00 noon 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 18 February	Friday of Week 6 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Johnnie Gallagher (Anniversary on 20 February)	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Saturday 19 February	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: in honour of Our Lady	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 20 February	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 991 – Year C)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Rich in Poverty

The blessings and woes we hear in today's Gospel mark the perfection of all the wisdom of the Old Testament. That wisdom is summed up with marvellous symmetry in today's First Reading and Psalm: Each declares that the righteous—those who hope in the Lord and delight in His Law—will prosper like a tree planted near living waters. The wicked, who put their “trust in human beings,” are cursed to wither and die. Jesus is saying the same thing in the Gospel. The rich and poor are, for Him, more than members of literal economic classes. Their material state symbolizes their spiritual state. The rich are “the insolent” of today's Psalm, boasting of their self-sufficiency, the strength of their flesh, as Jeremiah says in the First Reading. The poor are the humble, who put all their hope and trust in the Lord. We've already seen today's dramatic imagery of reversal in Mary's *Magnificat*. There, too, the rich are cast down while the hungry are filled and the lowly exalted (see Luke 1:45–55, also 16:19–31). That's the upside-down world of the Gospel: in poverty, we gain spiritual treasure unimaginable; in suffering and even dying “on account of the Son of Man,” we find everlasting life. The promises of the Old Testament were promises of power and prosperity—in the here and now. The promise of the New Covenant is joy and true freedom even amid the misery and toil of this life. But not only that. As Paul says in today's Second Reading, we're to be pitied if our hope is “for this life only.” The blessings of God mean that we'll laugh with the thanksgiving of captives released from exile (see Psalm 126:1–2), feast at the heavenly table of the Lord (see Psalm 107:3–9), “leap for joy” as John the Baptist leapt in his mother's womb (see Luke 6:23; 1:41, 44), and rise with Christ, “the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.” (Scott Hahn)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 987)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 987: Readings & Proper Prayers
p. 541: The Creed

p. 569: Preface IV of Sundays in Ordinary Time
p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II
p. 631: Communion Rite

TONIGHT: Meeting with Young People – Fr. Laurence Gambella, the new Assistant Priest at St. Mary's, invites young adults from 18-35 to join him in the Marian Room, at 32 Huntly Street, after the 6.30pm Mass. This will be an opportunity to meet others, to think and talk about matters of Faith and to deepen your spiritual and social life. It is hoped that this will be a regular event with a weekly theme.

'Lent with Luke' – this is a Scripture-based course at St. Columba's, organised over four evenings during the Lenten season. The course will focus on the author of the 'third Gospel', providing biographical and contextual information, before a discussion of the major themes present in the life of Jesus Christ. We will then examine the Sunday Gospel readings from St. Luke that feature throughout Lent and into Holy Week. The talks will take place on the following Wednesdays at 7.00pm:

9 March 'Who was Luke?' – 'In the Wilderness' (1st Sunday in Lent)
16 March 'Mountains and Fig Trees' (2nd and 3rd Sundays in Lent)
30 March 'Profligates and Adulteresses' (4th and 5th Sundays in Lent)
6 April 'Donkeys, Lambs, and Empty Tombs' (Holy Week)

A Zoom link will also be available. Please contact Fr. Domenico if you wish to register interest in this event.

Restoration of the Sunday Obligation: the obligation for Catholics to celebrate Sunday as a Holy Day by gathering together for Mass will be restored from the **First Sunday in Lent, 6 March**. Given the easing of restrictions in every other walk of life, we all look forward to welcoming members of our parish family back to Holy Mass at St. Columba's!! As always, the obligation does not apply to those who are sick and their carers, or to those aware of their greater vulnerability to the virus.

Station Masses: we are restoring this well-supported practice in our Deanery, albeit on a limited scale. There will be no traditional 'Highland Bun-Fight' offered after each Mass, given the current circumstances, nor will a coach be provided. The dates and locations of the Station Masses are listed below. Masses take place on Fridays at 7.00pm:

04 March St. Columba's, Culloden
11 March St. Mary's, Beaulieu
18 March St. Ninian's, Inverness
25 March St. Mary's, Inverness
01 April St. Vincent's, Tain
08 April St. Lawrence's, Dingwall

Defibrillator – you will see that we have a new defibrillator, located outside the entrance to the church, thanks to the generosity of benefactors. This will not only be of benefit to the parish but to the local community. See the forthcoming newspaper stories!

Catenian Association: please note that the monthly Catenian meetings, which are held in the Craigmonie hotel, now take place on the **second Thursday of each month**, at 6.45pm. for 7.00pm. New members are always very welcome.

90 Club: Next Draw on Sunday 27 February – good luck to all with a number! If you would like to take part in this parish fundraiser, please speak to Fr. Domenico. It only costs £2 a month to join, and there are three prizes to be won.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Ian Macdonald, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Anne Hamill, Winnie Ferrari

RIP: Charlie Grant, Dan MacDonald

Anniversaries: Anne Marie Grout, Johnny Gallagher, Ian Smith, Jack Hasterick, Jim Murray