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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**13 JUNE 2021:**  
**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**(Year B (I); Psalter: Week 3)**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 17: 22-24  
Resp. Psalm: Ps. 91 (92): 2-3, 13-16  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10  
Gospel: Mark 4: 26, 22-34

Date	Details	Live-Streamed Liturgies	Time
<b>Sunday 13 June</b>	<b>ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>(p. 867 – Year B)</b>	<b>Live-Streamed Holy Mass</b> <b>Holy Mass</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>11.00 am</b>
Monday 14 June	Monday of Week 11 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: David Munro (Health and Intentions)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 15 June	Tuesday of Week 11 in Ordinary Time	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Wednesday 16 June	Wednesday of Week 11 in Ordinary Time	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Thursday 17 June	Thursday of Week 11 in Ordinary Time	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Friday 18 June	Friday of Week 11 in Ordinary Time	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Saturday 19 June	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
<b>Sunday 20 June</b>	<b>TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>(p. 870 – Year B)</b>	<b>Live-Streamed Holy Mass</b> <b>Holy Mass</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>11.00 am</b>

## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: Tree of Righteousness

In the cryptic message of the prophet Ezekiel, long centuries before the Lord's coming, God gave His people reason to hope. Ezekiel glimpsed a day when the Lord God would place a tree on a mountain in Israel, a tree that would "put forth branches and bear fruit." Who could have predicted that the tree would be a cross on the hill of Calvary, and that the fruit would be salvation?

Ezekiel foresees salvation coming to "birds of every kind"—thus, not just to the people of Israel, but also to the Gentiles, who will "take wing" through their new life in Christ. God indeed will "lift high the lowly tree," as He solemnly promises.

Such salvation surpasses humanity's most ambitious dreams. And so we express our gratitude in the Psalm: "Lord, it is good to give thanks to you." It is indeed good, and better still to give thanks with praise. The Psalmist speaks of those who are just upon the earth, but looks to God as the source and measure of justice, of righteousness. Like Ezekiel, he evokes the image of a flourishing tree to describe the lives of the just.

The image, again, suggests the Cross as the measure of righteousness.

The Cross is a sign of contradiction to those who would rather "flourish" in worldly terms. As St. Paul emphasizes to the Corinthians, we need courage. Our faith makes us strong, and it is proved in our deeds. He reminds us that we will be judged by the ways our faith manifests itself in works: "so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil."

God Himself will empower the works He expects from us, though we freely choose to correspond to His grace. In the prophetic oracles, He scattered the seed that sprang up and became the mustard tree, large enough to accommodate all the birds of the sky, just as Ezekiel had seen. He gave this doctrine to His disciples in terms they were able to understand, and He provided a full explanation. In the sacraments He provides still more: the grace of faith and the courage we need to live in the world as children of God. (Scott Hahn)

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### Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 867)

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 867: Readings & Proper Prayers

p. 541: The Creed

p. 567: Preface II of Sundays in Ordinary Time

p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II

p. 631: Communion Rite

**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:

**20 June: 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time, at 9.30am**  
<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-20-06-2021-0930am.eventbrite.co.uk>

**20 June: 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time, at 11.00am**  
<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-20-06-2021-1100am.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Please note that seats for both Masses will be available to book online from Sunday 13 June, at 12 noon.** If you have a problem or query, please contact Fr. Domenico.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DAVID!** – Tomorrow (Monday 14 June) is a 'significant' birthday for David Munro, one of our parishioners, who is currently in the Royal Northern Infirmary. Congratulations, David! Please be assured of all our prayers! "Haste ye hame!"

**Piety Stall: First Holy Communion celebration? Confirmation?** We have many new items in stock to mark these special sacramental life-events. Are you in need of a Rosary in this Marian month of May? – 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?

**90 Club: Next Draw takes place on Sunday 27 June!** You too 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, Angela Rogers, Angela Broad, Chris Hamilton, Agnes Murphy, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett

**RIP:** Gerry Burns, Gregory John D'Almeida

**Anniversaries:** Cardinal Thomas Joseph Winning, Vincent Lowe