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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

13 SEPTEMBER 2020:
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year A (II); Psalter: Week 4)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 102 (103):1-4, 9-12
 2nd Reading: Romans 14: 7-9
 Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 13 September	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 772 – Year A) Retiring Collection: Sick and Retired Priests	LIVE-STREAMED PUBLIC MASS PUBLIC MASS	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 14 September	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed PUBLIC Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 15 September	Our Lady of Sorrows Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed PUBLIC Mass	9.30 am
Wednesday 16 September	Feast of St. Ninian, Bishop Mass Intention: Luciana MacNeil, RIP (Funeral Today)	Live-Streamed PUBLIC Mass	9.30 am
Thursday 17 September	St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed PUBLIC Mass	9.30 am
Friday 18 September	Friday of Week 24 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Catherine ('Kay') Scott, RIP (Funeral Today)	Live-Streamed PUBLIC Mass	9.30 am
Saturday 19 September	St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed PUBLIC Mass	9.30 am
Sunday 20 September	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 776 – Year A)	LIVE-STREAMED PUBLIC MASS PUBLIC MASS	9.30 am 11.00 am

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Forgive.. and Forget?

This Sunday's Gospel passage (cf. Mt 18:21-35) offers us a lesson on forgiveness which does not deny wrongdoing, but recognizes that human beings, created in God's image, are always greater than the evil they commit. Saint Peter asks Jesus: "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" (v. 21). To Peter, forgiving the same person seven times already seemed the maximum possible. And perhaps to us it may already seem too much to do so twice. But Jesus answers, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven" (v. 22), meaning always. You must always forgive. And he confirms this by telling the parable of the merciful king and the wicked servant, in which he shows the inconsistency of the man who was first forgiven and then refused to forgive.

The king in the parable is a generous man who, spurred by compassion, forgives an enormous debt — "10,000 talents": enormous — to a servant who beseeches him. That same servant, however, as soon as he meets another servant like

himself who owes him 100 denarii — which is much less — behaves in a ruthless way and has him thrown in prison. The servant's inconsistent behaviour is the same as ours when we refuse to forgive our brothers and sisters. Whereas the king in the parable is the image of God who loves us with a love that is so rich in mercy as to welcome us, love us and forgive us continuously. From the time of our Baptism, God has forgiven us, releasing us from an intractable debt: original sin. But that is the first time. Then, with boundless mercy, he forgives us all our faults as soon as we show even the least sign of repentance. This is how God is: merciful. When we are tempted to close our heart to those who have offended us and tell us they are sorry, let us remember our Heavenly Father's words to the wicked servant: "I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" (vv. 32-33). (Pope Francis, *Angelus*, 17 September 2017)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 772) –

- p. 521: Introductory Rites
- p. 772: Readings & Proper Prayers
- p. 543: Apostles' Creed
- p. 567: Preface II: The Mystery of Salvation
- 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 Building Fund 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) – Have you been back to God's House? St. Columba's is open every day for Mass at 9.30am. 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 next Sunday, here are the links:

20 September 9.30am:

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-20-09-2020-0930am.eventbrite.co.uk>

20 September 11.00am:

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-20-09-2020-1100am.eventbrite.co.uk>

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

Today's Retiring Collection: is for our **Sick and Retired Priests**. We have just over thirty priests ministering in a Diocese that covers an area almost the same size as Belgium. Priests normally retire from active ministry at the age of 75, though we have a number of dedicated men who are still working beyond this age, and even a few hardy octogenarians – particularly in this Highland Deanery! At least a dozen of our own clergy will reach the age of retirement within the next ten years. How are we to provide for them, after so many years of selfless service to the People of God?

SEASON OF CREATION: 1 September-4 October: to mark five years since the publication of Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si*, on the care of our common home, a 'Season of Creation' has been organised, to run from 1 September (World Day of Prayer for Creation) to 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi)..

THE HIGHLAND GATHERING: MEN'S VIRTUAL CONFERENCE – Saturday 19 September. What does a Catholic man in Scotland in 2020 look like? How does or should our faith effect our lives? Does it look different to what the world tells us it is? If you are looking for help to find these answers, then this FREE virtual conference is for you. All of the talks are available on the conference's dedicated YouTube page. Just click here to access it: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrnp0AkM97GesZiQNKEhD3g/>

Conference speakers include: Bishop Hugh Gilbert; Bishop John Keenan; Fr. Domenico Zanrè; Fr. Damien Martell; Fr. Max Nwosu; Fr. Balaraj Chencetty; Fr. Neil Ritchie (Chaplain to Liverpool Universities); Fr. Nicholas Blackwell (aka 'The Frank Friar'); Sam Baker (Catholic Man UK); David Edwards (Highland Catholic Men); Ged Farrell; Maciej Kaminski (Polish); Klaudiusz Mozolewski; Leves Pereira; Rory Mackinnon (from Craig Lodge).

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Confessions will be heard in the Parish Meeting Room. If you would like to avail yourself of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, simply contact Fr. Domenico to make an appointment.

90 Club: there are a few numbers still available our next draw, on Sunday 27th September. Speak to Fr. Domenico for details of how you can get a number.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Michael Good, Laura Johnstone, Katie Mary Fraser, Norman Wood, Stuart MacLennan, John Macdonald, Evelyn MacGregor, Rena Herbison, Louise Flett, Alex Fruters, Morag Lloyd, Patrick Macpherson, Kathleen Macpherson, Steve Knight, Ricci Hudson-Storey

RIP: + Catherine ('Kay') Murray Scott + Catriona MacRury +

Anniversaries: + Dr Sally McEwen + Mina Liddle + Janet MacDonald + Sheena McCulloch + Hector McPhee