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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

17 JANUARY 2021:
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year B (I); Psalter: Week 2)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: 1 Sm 3: 3-10. 19
 Resp. Psalm: Ps 39 (40): 2. 4. 7-10
 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 6: 13-15. 17-20
 Gospel: Jn 1: 35-42

Date	Details	Live-Streamed Liturgies	Time
Sunday 17 January	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 835 – Year B)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Monday 18 January	Monday of Week 2 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Angela Rogers (Health and Intentions)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Tuesday 19 January	Tuesday of Week 2 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Angela Broad (Health and Intentions)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Wednesday 20 January	Wednesday of Week 2 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: William Stuart and beneficiaries	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Thursday 21 January	Memorial of St. Agnes, Virgin Martyr Mass Intention: Canon Bernard Macdonald's Intentions	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Friday 22 January	Friday of Week 2 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Canon Bernard Macdonald's Intentions	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Saturday 23 January	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Sunday 24 January	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 838 – Year B)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Hearing the Call

In the call of Samuel and of the first Apostles, today's readings shed light on our own calling to be followers of Christ.

Notice in the Gospel today that John's disciples are prepared to hear God's call. They are already looking for the Messiah, so they trust in John's word and follow when he points out the Lamb of God walking by. Samuel is also waiting on the Lord—sleeping near the Ark of the Covenant where God's glory dwells, taking instruction from Eli, the high priest. Samuel listened to God's word and the Lord was with him. And Samuel, through his word, turned all Israel to the Lord (see 1 Samuel 3:21; 7:2–3). The disciples too heard and followed — words we hear repeatedly in today's Gospel. They stayed with the Lord and by their testimony brought others to the Lord.

These scenes from salvation history should give us strength to embrace God's will and to follow His call in our lives.

God is constantly calling to each of us—personally, by name (see Isaiah 43:1; John 10:3). He wants us to seek Him in love,

to long for His word (see Wisdom 6:11–12). We must desire always, as the apostles did, to stay where the Lord stays, to constantly seek His face (see Psalm 42:2).

We are not our own, but belong to the Lord, as Paul says in today's Second Reading. We must have ears open to obedience, and write His word within our hearts. We must trust in the Lord's promise—that if we come to Him in faith, He will abide with us (see John 15:14; 14:21–23), and raise us by His power. And we must reflect in our lives the love He has shown us, so that others too may find the Messiah.

As we renew our vows of discipleship in this Eucharist, let us approach the altar singing the new song of today's Psalm: "Behold I come . . . to do your will O God." (Scott Hahn).

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

The life of faith consists in the wish to abide in the Lord, and thus in a continuing search for the place where he lives.

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 835)

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 835: Readings & Proper Prayers

p. 541: The Creed

p. 567: Preface I 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 Building Fund Account. All benefactors are remembered at our Masses.

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

Schedule of Online Daily Devotions – Our new daily schedule of parish devotions are as follows. Please feel free to join us, and do spread the word!

8.45 am: Morning Prayer

9.00 am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30 am: Holy Mass

6.00 pm: Angelus, & Evening Prayer

6.15pm: Holy Rosary

This year's Lenten Course at St. Columba's – 'Voices of the Passion': a series of reflections delivered online via Zoom, on **Wednesdays at 7.00pm** throughout the Lenten season, focusing on the major characters of the Passion of Christ.

The draft programme is as follows:

17 February: Peter & Judas

24 February: 3 March: Pilate & Herod

3 March: Jesus & Barabbas

10 March: Simon of Cyrene and Veronica

17 March: The Women of Jerusalem &

Mary Magdalen

24 March: John and Mary

(31 March: Screening of "Passionate Voices")

All welcome to join us online. Please contact Fr. Domenico to register your interest.

SYRIAN REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROJECT

– In his latest encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis encourages us to show compassion to our brothers and sisters. Specifically, he asks us to welcome, protect, promote and integrate refugees fleeing tragic situations (#129). In response, a group of parishioners from the Highlands are planning to take advantage of the Home Office's Community Resettlement Programme to sponsor one Syrian family to come to the Inverness area. We are currently looking to set up a steering group to take this forward. If you would like to get involved with this project, please contact Jill Kent at: welcometohighland@gmail.com

90 Club: Next Draw: Sunday 31 January 2021. You too could be a winner! It's only £2 a month! Please speak to Fr. Domenico for further information. If you have dues to pay, simply pop your remittance, together with your name and number, in an envelope and place it in the church letter-box, and Father will get it to me.

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, Alex Fruters, Patrick Macpherson, Kathleen Macpherson, June Lee, Marian Ellis, Morag Lloyd + Angela Rogers + Angela Broad +

RIP: + Ishbel McGillivray MacGregor + Adrian Pieraccini + Archbishop Philip Tartaglia + Bishop Emeritus Vincent Logan

Anniversaries: + Mary Eleanor McKeever + Margaret Coryn + William Loftus + Cyril Ainsley + Theresa McKelvie + Harry Lawless +