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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

Mass Readings

17 OCTOBER 2021: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B (I); Psalter: Week 1) 1st Reading: Isaiah 53: 10-11 Resp. Psalm: Ps. 32 (33): 4-5, 18-20, 22 2nd Reading: Hebrews 4: 14-16 Gospel: Mark 10: 35-45

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 17 October	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ CONFIRMATION MASS (9.30am) ~ (p. 935 – Year B)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 18 October	St. Luke the Evangelist, Apostle and Martyr	NO LITURGIES	
Tuesday 19 October	Sts. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, & Companions, Martyrs	Rosary & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 20 October	Thursday of Week 29 in Ordinary Time	Rosary & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Thursday 21 October	Wednesday of Week 29 in Ordinary Time	Rosary & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 22 October	St. John Paul II, Pope	Rosary & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Saturday 23 October	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Rosary & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 24 October	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SPECIAL COLLECTION: MISSIO ~ (p. 938 – Year B)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Cup of Salvation

The sons of Zebedee hardly know what they're asking in today's Gospel. They are thinking in terms of how the Gentiles rule, of royal privileges and honours. But the road to Christ's kingdom is by way of His Cross. To share in His glory, we must be willing to drink the cup that He drinks.

The cup is an Old Testament image for God's judgment. The wicked would be made to drink this cup in punishment for their sins (see Psalm 75:9; Jeremiah 25:15, 28; Isaiah 51:17). But Jesus has come to drink this cup on behalf of all humanity. He has come to be baptized—which means plunged or immersed—into the sufferings we all deserve for our sins (compare Luke 12:50).

In this He will fulfil the task of Isaiah's suffering servant, whom we read about in today's First Reading. Like Isaiah's servant, the Son of Man will give His life as an offering for sin, as once Israel's priests offered sacrifices for the sins of the people (see Leviticus 5:17–19).

Jesus is the heavenly high priest of all humanity, as we hear in today's Second Reading. Israel's high priests offered the blood of goats and calves in the temple sanctuary. But Jesus entered the heavenly sanctuary with His own blood (see Hebrews 9:12). And by bearing our guilt and offering His life to do the will of God, Jesus ransomed "the many"—paying the price to redeem humanity from spiritual slavery to sin and death. He has delivered us from death, as we rejoice in today's Psalm.

We need to hold fast to our confession of faith, as today's Second Reading exhorts us. We must look upon our trials and sufferings as our portion of the cup He promised to those who believe in Him (see Colossians 1:24). We must remember that we have been baptized into His passion and death (see Romans 6:3). In confidence, let us approach the altar today, the throne of grace, at which we drink the cup of His saving blood (see Mark 14:23–24). (Scott Hahn).

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 935)

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p. 567: Preface II: The Mystery of Salvation

- p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II
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TODAY'S CONFIRMATION MASS AT 9.30AM: Congratulations to our young people who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation: Alison Macmillan, Anna Kelly, Cameron Wilson, Jamie Wilson, Jessica Mitchell, Nuala Parker, and Sophie-Maree Rusk. Please continue to keep them in your prayers. May the Lord who has begun this good work in them, bring it to fulfilment!

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! Why not browse our well-stocked stall?

Next Sunday's Special Collection – World Mission Sunday: Next weekend, at Pope Francis' invitation, Catholics in parishes all over the world will be asked to contribute to a special collection for the Pontifical Mission Societies (PMS) – his official charity for overseas mission – during World Mission Sunday. This year, the theme is "We cannot remain silent about what we have seen and heard." (Acts 4:20) That is to say, everything we have received from the Lord is meant to be put to good use and freely shared with others. Our missionary priests and religious live out their apostolate, and support our brothers and sisters in faith throughout the world. Like them, you can spread the Good News, and play your part in the life of the Universal Church by supporting Missio Scotland. For further information, please go to: www.missioscotland.com

Welcome In is a new group, set up by members from the local the Justice and Peace group and other community members, motivated to respond to the global refugee crisis. The aim of the group is to help resettle a refugee family here in the Inverness area. We are fundraising, planning, and looking for a suitable home to resettle a family through the Home Office's Community Sponsorship scheme. For more information about this project, please join us at Eden Court near the Faces of Kabul exhibition by photographer Nick Sidle on Sunday 24 October from 2-4pm. Contact welcomeinhighland@gmail.com for more information.

Novena and Litany of St. Columba: This Novena and Litany were composed to mark the 1500th anniversary of Saint Columba's birth and it can be used by the faithful all year round. It puts us in touch again with the roots of our faith, and the trilingual format reconnects the Irish, Scottish and English communities among which Saint Columba and his missionaries lived and worked. As we celebrate this anniversary, let us seek the intercession of this holy man of God for the needs of our own times. **Copies are available in the Entrance Foyer of the church, priced £3.95 each.**

St. Columba's Culloden: Pilgrimages in 2022! – Fr. Domenico will be leading two pilgrimages next year: one to the **Holy Land**, on behalf of All Saints Travel, **16-23 May 2022**; the other to Germany and Austria, to see the great Passion Play in the small alpine village of **Oberammergau**. This trip is courtesy of McCabe Pilgrimages, and is **18-25 July 2022**. For further details, see the respective pages on our parish website, or contact Fr. Domenico directly for more information.

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 31 October: plenty of time for you to join our parish fund-raiser! For details, please speak to Father Domenico.

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: Nigel Robson, Isabel Watson, Norma Marion Black

Anniversaries: Alastair MacInnes, Matt Hamilton, Ron MacLean, Mary Brown, Mary Gribbons, Peggy Horne