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18 JULY 2021: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B (I); Psalter: Week 4)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Jeremiah 23: 1-6 Resp. Psalm: Ps. 22 (23)

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2: 13-18

Gospel: Mark 6: 30-34

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 18 July	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 885 – Year B)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 19 July	Monday of Week 16 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Calum MacIntyre (Health and Wellbeing: 96 Years Old Yesterday)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 20 July	Tuesday of Week 16 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Mary Ann MacDonald, RIP (Recently Departed)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Wednesday 21 July	Wednesday of Week 16 in Ordinary Time	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Thursday 22 July	Feast of St. Mary Magdalen Mass Intention: Samuel Thomson, RIP (Anniversary Tomorrow)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Friday 23 July	Feast of St. Bridget of Sweden Mass Intention: Tom MacDonald, RIP (Second Anniversary Today)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Saturday 24 July	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: Eileen Webb, RIP (Anniversary Tomorrow)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 25 July	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 889 – Year B)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: One Flock

As the Twelve return from their first missionary journey in today's Gospel, our readings continue to reflect on the authority and mission of the Church.

Jeremiah says in the First Reading that Israel's leaders, through godlessness and fanciful teachings, had misled and scattered God's people. He promises God will send a shepherd, a king and son of David, to gather the lost sheep and appoint for them new shepherds (see Ezekiel 34:23). The crowd gathering on the green grass (see Mark 6:39) in today's Gospel is the start of the remnant that Jeremiah promised would be brought back to the meadow of Israel. The people seem to sense that Jesus is the Lord, the good shepherd (see John 10:11), the king they've been waiting for (see Hosea 3:1–5).

Jesus is moved to pity, seeing them as sheep without a shepherd. This phrase was used by Moses to describe Israel's need for a shepherd to succeed him (see Numbers

27:17). And as Moses appointed Joshua, Jesus appointed the Twelve to continue shepherding His people on earth. Jesus had said there were other sheep who did not belong to Israel's fold but would hear His voice and be joined to the one flock of the one shepherd (see John 10:16).

In God's plan, the Church is to seek out first the lost sheep of the house of Israel and then to bring all nations into the fold (see Acts 13:36; Romans 1:16).

Paul, too, in today's Second Reading, sees the Church as a new creation, in which those nations who were once far off from God are joined as "one new person" with the children of Israel.

As we sing in today's Psalm, through the Church, the Lord, our good shepherd, still leads people to the verdant pastures of the kingdom, to the restful waters of baptism; He still anoints with the oil of confirmation, and spreads the Eucharistic table before all people, filling their cups to overflowing. (Scott Hahn)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 885)

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 885: Readings & Proper Prayers

p. 541: The Creed

p. 571: Preface VI: Pledge of The Eternal

Passover

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.

As from Monday 19 July, social distancing is reduced to ONE METRE. This equates exactly to two seat-widths. This means that our maximum seating capacity at Mass is now SEVENTY souls. Face coverings are still mandatory, as are full sanitising protocols.

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:

25 July: 17th Sunday in Ord. Time, at 9.30am https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-25-07-2021-0930am.eventbrite.co.uk

25 July: 17th Sunday in Ord. Time, at 11.00am https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-25-07-2021-1100am.eventbrite.co.uk

Please note that seats for both Masses will be available to book online from Sunday 18 July, at 12 noon. If you have a problem or query, please contact Fr. Domenico.

Mary's Meals – Rucksacks and Backpacks: this Highland charity is collecting used rucksacks and backpacks in good condition, which are no longer needed. These will be filled and sent to Malawi. If you have any forlorn bags (looking for a new home!), please feel free to leave them in the church entrance foyer, or contact Peter Harkins (07990 845116).

Congratulations to Max Andrew! – who was born in the early hours of Friday morning. May the Good Lord bless you and watch over you throughout your life.

90 Club: JULY DRAW NEXT WEEK! Good luck to everyone who has a ticket. You 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, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Canon Alistair Doyle, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Morag Campbell, Calum MacIntyre

RIP: Dorothy Carson, Mary Ann MacDonald, Patrick Macpherson

Anniversaries: Tom MacDonald, Eileen Webb, Samuel Thomson, Richard Utton, Bill Muir, Nan Ward