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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

19 SEPTEMBER 2021:
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year B (I); Psalter: Week 1)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
Resp. Psalm: Ps. 53 (54):3-6, 8
2nd Reading: James 3:16-4:3
Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 19 September	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 920 – Year B)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 20 September	St. Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions, Martyrs Mass Intention: Morag MacIntyre, RIP (Second Anniversary Today)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 21 September	Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist	Evening Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 22 September	Wednesday of Week 25 in Ordinary Time	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Thursday 23 September	St. Pio of Pietrelcina	Evening Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 24 September	Friday of Week 25 in Ordinary Time	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Saturday 25 September	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 26 September	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 924 – Year B)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Servant of All

In today's First Reading, it's like we have our ears pressed to the wall and can hear the murderous grumblings of the elders, chief priests, and scribes—who last week Jesus predicted would torture and kill Him (see Mark 8:31; 10:33–34). The liturgy invites us to see this passage from the Book of Wisdom as a prophecy of the Lord's Passion. We hear His enemies complain that “the Just One” has challenged their authority, reproached them for breaking the law of Moses, for betraying their training as leaders and teachers. And we hear chilling words that foreshadow how they will mock Him as He hangs on the Cross: “For if the Just One be the Son of God, He will . . . deliver Him . . .” (compare Matthew 27:41–43).

Today's Gospel and Psalm give us the flip side of the First Reading. In both, we hear of Jesus' sufferings from His point of view. Though His enemies surround Him, He offers Himself freely in sacrifice, trusting that God will sustain Him. But the Apostles today don't understand this second announcement of Christ's Passion. They begin arguing over issues of succession—over who among them is greatest, who will be chosen to lead after Christ is killed. Again they are thinking not as God but as human beings (see Mark 8:33). And again Jesus teaches the Twelve—the chosen leaders of His Church—that they must lead by imitating His example of love and self-sacrifice. They must be “servants of all,” especially the weak and the helpless—symbolised by the child He embraces and places in their midst.

This is a lesson for us, too. We must have the mind of Christ, who humbled Himself to come among us (see Philippians 2:5–11). We must freely offer ourselves, making everything we do a sacrifice in praise of His name. As James says in today's Second Reading, we must seek wisdom from above, desiring humility, not glory, and in all things be gentle and full of mercy. (Scott Hahn)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 920)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 920: Readings & Proper Prayers
p. 541: The Creed

p. 567: Preface VI: The Pledge of the Eternal Passover
p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II
p. 631: Communion Rite

There is no longer any advance online booking required for the 9.30am and 11.00am Masses.

Everyone is free to come along to St. Columba's, and to sit wherever they wish!

- Although social distancing is no longer essential, we will continue with the current two-seat widths between different household groups – please respect the space of others.
- Face coverings are mandatory, and must still be worn. Sanitising protocols will still be maintained.
- We are now permitted to sing at Mass, and hymn books and Sunday Missals can be used.
- Fr. Domenico will continue to offer two Masses each Sunday: at 9.30am (live-streamed) and at 11.00am.

Enrolment Ceremony for the Sacrament of Confirmation: congratulations to our young people, who are making a public declaration at the 9.30am Mass today of their intention to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Hugh on 17 October. Please keep our Candidates in your prayers; they are: Alison Macmillan, Anna Kelly, Cameron Wilson, Jamie Wilson, Jessica Mitchell, Nuala Parker, Sophie-Maree Rusk. 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! Plus, we have many other tempting gifts and holy items. Why not browse our well-stocked stall? Christmas cards and gifts will soon be available too!

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available every day. Confessions are heard in the Parish Meeting Room. Entrance is by the back patio door – opposite the entrance to the House. There is a comfy chair for the penitent, near the door, and Fr. Domenico is seated in the other corner of the room, observing social distancing. If you would like to avail yourself of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, simply contact Fr. Domenico to make an appointment.

Pope Francis: Prayers and Fasting for the People of Afghanistan

The Holy Father has asked all Christians to show their solidarity with the people of Afghanistan at this time, by offering up prayers and fasting, to unite ourselves spiritually with them. "Let us continue to assist those in need", he says, "and pray that dialogue and solidarity may lead to peaceful and fraternal coexistence." Why not take Friday – traditionally a day of fasting and abstinence – and devote time to prayer for our brothers and sisters who are suffering?

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: DRAW NEXT WEEK, on Sunday 26th September! – There are a few numbers available if anyone would like to join in. Three good 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, Ian Macdonald, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett

RIP: Ian MacFarlane, Dolly Russell, Roselyn Grant, Gerard Gorman

Anniversaries: Malcolm MacDonald, Morag McInnes, Morag MacIntyre, Kate Anne McDaid, Bridget Tierney, Eddie Pocock