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20 FEBRUARY 2022:
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year C (II); Psalter: Week 3)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 11-13, 22-23
 Resp. Psalm: 102 (103): 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49
 Gospel: Luke 6: 27-38

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 20 February	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 991 – Year C)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 21 February	Memorial of St. Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor Mass Intention: Joseph Thomas, RIP (Anniversary Yesterday)	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 22 February	Feast of the Chair of St. Peter Mass Intention: 'Private Intention'	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 23 February	Memorial of St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr Mass Intention: In Honour of the Holy Family	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Thursday 24 February	Thursday of Week 7 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: 'Private Intention'	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 25 February	Friday of Week 7 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Mary MacKinnon, RIP (Anniversary Tomorrow)	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Saturday 26 February	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: In Honour of Our Lady's Immaculate Womb	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 27 February	EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 995 – Year C)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: Davids and Sauls

The story of David and Saul in today's First Reading functions almost like a parable. Showing mercy to his deadly foe, David gives a concrete example of what Jesus expects to become a way of life for His disciples.

The new law Jesus gives in today's Gospel would have us all become "Davids"—loving our enemies, doing good to those who would harm us, extending a line of credit to those who won't ever repay us.

The Old Law required only that the Israelites love their fellow countrymen (see Leviticus 19:18). The new law Jesus brings makes us kin to every man and woman (see also Luke 10:29–36). His kingdom isn't one of tribe or nationality. It's a family. As followers of Jesus, we're to live as He lived among us—as "children of the Most High" (see Luke 6:35; 1:35). As sons and daughters, we want to walk in the ways of our heavenly Father, to "be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Grateful for His mercy, we're called to forgive others their trespasses because God has forgiven ours. In the context of today's liturgy, we're all "Sauls"—by our sinfulness and pride we make ourselves enemies of God. But we've been spared a death we surely deserved to die because God has loved and shown mercy to His enemies, "the ungrateful and the wicked," as Jesus says.

Jesus showed us this love in His Passion, forgiving His enemies as they stripped Him of cloak and tunic, cursed Him and struck Him on the cheek, condemned Him to death on a cross (see Luke 22:63–65; 23:34). "He redeems your life from destruction," David reminds us in today's Psalm.

That's the promise, too, of today's Second Reading: that we who believe in the "last Adam," Jesus, will rise from the dead in His image, as today we bear the image of the "first Adam," who by his sin made God an enemy and brought death into the world (see 1 Corinthians 15:21–22). (Scott Hahn)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 991)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 991: Readings & Proper Prayers
p. 541: The Creed

p. 569: Preface IV of Sundays in Ordinary Time
p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II
p. 631: Communion Rite

'Lent with Luke' – this is a Scripture-based course, delivered in St. Columba's, organised over four evenings during the Lenten season. The course will focus on the author of the 'third Gospel', providing biographical and contextual information, before a discussion of the major themes present in the life of Jesus Christ. We will then examine the Gospel readings from St. Luke that feature throughout Lent and into Holy Week. The talks will take place on the following Wednesdays at 7.00pm:

9 March 'Who was Luke?' – 'In the Wilderness' (1st Sunday in Lent)

16 March 'Mountains and Fig Trees' (2nd and 3rd Sundays in Lent)

30 March 'Profligates and Adulteresses' (4th and 5th Sundays in Lent)

6 April 'Donkeys, Lambs, and Empty Tombs' (Holy Week)

A Zoom link will also be available. Please contact Fr. Domenico if you wish to register interest in this event.

Restoration of the Sunday Obligation: the obligation for Catholics to celebrate Sunday as a Holy Day by gathering together for Mass will be restored from the **First Sunday in Lent, 6 March**. Given the easing of restrictions in every other walk of life, we all look forward to welcoming members of our parish family back to Holy Mass at St. Columba's!! As always, the obligation does not apply to those who are sick and their carers, or to those aware of their greater vulnerability to the virus.

Station Masses: we are restoring this well-supported practice in our Deanery, albeit on a limited scale. There will be no traditional 'Highland Bun-Fight' offered after each Mass, given the current circumstances, nor will a coach be provided. The dates and locations of the Station Masses are listed below. Masses take place on Fridays at 7.00pm:

04 March St. Columba's, Culloden

11 March St. Mary's, Beaulieu

18 March St. Ninian's, Inverness

25 March St. Mary's, Inverness

01 April St. Vincent's, Tain

08 April St. Lawrence's, Dingwall

Catenian Association: please note that the monthly Catenian meetings, which are held in the Craigmonie hotel, now take place on the **second Thursday of each month**, at 6.45pm. for 7.00pm. New members are always very welcome.

90 Club: Draw next week, on Sunday 27 February – good luck to all with a number! If you would like to take part in this parish fundraiser, please speak to Fr. Domenico. It only costs £2 a month to join, and there are three prizes to be won.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Ian Macdonald, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Anne Hamill, Winnie Ferrari

Anniversaries: Monsignor Thomas Wynne, Joseph Thomas, Moira McGoogan, John Armstrong, Margaret and William Donnelly, Donald John MacMillan, Mary MacKinnon