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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**20 OCTOBER 2019:**  
**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,**  
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## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 17:8-13  
 Psalm: Ps 120 (121)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2  
 Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Date	Details	Service	Time
<b>Sunday 20 October</b>	<b>TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>Second Collection: World Mission Sunday</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>9.30 am</b>
Tuesday 22 October	Saint John Paul II, Pope	<b>NO MASS AT ST. COLUMBA'S</b>	---
Wednesday 23 October	Wednesday of Week 29 in Ordinary Time	<b>NO MASS AT ST. COLUMBA'S</b>	---
Thursday 24 October	Thursday of Week 29 in Ordinary Time	<b>NO MASS AT ST. COLUMBA'S</b>	---
Friday 25 October	Friday of Week 29 in Ordinary Time	<b>NO MASS AT ST. COLUMBA'S</b>	---
Saturday 26 October	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Sacrament of Reconciliation ** Rosary ** Mass Spain Pilgrimage Reunion	10.15 am 10.45 am 11.00 am 12 noon
<b>Sunday 27 October</b>	<b>THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>Second Collection: Sick &amp; Retired Priests</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>9.30 am</b>

## Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Hope From On High

The Lord is our guardian, beside us at our right hand, interceding for us in all our spiritual battles.

In today's Psalm we're told to lift our eyes to the mountains, that our help will come from Mount Zion and the Temple—the dwelling of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Joshua and the Israelites, in today's First Reading, are also told to look to the hilltops. They are to find their help there—through the intercession of Moses—as they defend themselves against their mortal foes, the Amalekites.

Notice the image: Aaron and Hur standing on each side of Moses, holding his weary arms so that he can raise the staff of God above his head. Moses is being shown here as a figure of Jesus, who also climbed a hilltop, and on Mount Calvary stretched out His hands between heaven and earth to intercede for us against the final enemy—sin and death (see 1 Corinthians 15:26).

By the staff of God, Moses bested Israel's enemies (see Exodus 7:8–12; 8:1–2), parted the Red Sea (see Exodus 14:16) and brought water from the Rock (see Exodus 17:6). The Cross of Jesus is the new staff of God, bringing about a new liberation from sin, bringing forth living waters from the body of Christ, the new Temple of God (see John 2:19–21; 7:37–39; 19:34; 1 Corinthians 10:4).

Like the Israelites and the widow in today's Gospel, we face opposition and injustice—at times from godless and pitiless adversaries.

We, too, must lift our eyes to the mountains—to Calvary and the God who will guard us from all evil.

We must pray always and not be wearied by our trials, Jesus tells us today. As Paul exhorts in today's Second Reading, we need to remain faithful, to turn to the inspired Scriptures—given by God to train us in righteousness.

We must persist, so that when the Son of Man comes again in kingly power, He will indeed find faith on earth. (Scott Hahn)

### Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

There is an important message in this story of Moses: commitment to prayer demands that we *support one another*. Weariness is inevitable. Sometimes we simply cannot go on, yet, with the support of our brothers and sisters, our prayer can persevere until the Lord completes his work.

## GENERAL NEWS

**Retreat for Busy Women: 25-27 October 2019** – Women are busy people! With many demands made on their time and resources, women need an opportunity to step aside and recharge their spiritual, emotional, and physical strength from time to time. The Ogilvie Centre is happy to offer a yearly retreat for Women at Kilcoy Castle on the Muir of Ord. For registration, contact: ogilvie@rcda.scot.

**Encounter Christ Retreat: 8-10 November 2019** – A renewing and inspiring weekend for women aged 18-30. Hosted by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, at Greyfriars Convent, Elgin. To register, contact Sr. Mary Gianna at op@rcda.scot.

**FREE Online Screening: Saint John Henry Newman** – to celebrate the canonisation of the English Cardinal and convert John Henry Newman, Word on Fire Institute is offering a **FREE screening of the CATHOLICISM: Pivotal Players feature length film on Newman**. In this beautiful feature length film, travel through England where Newman left his mark and sparked an English Catholic revival. You'll discover how he used his prodigious intellectual gifts to help the Church better understand its identity and mission, and to engage the challenges of a secular age. This is the perfect opportunity to learn about this outstanding theologian and newest canonised son of the Church! Watch Bishop Barron's full feature length film right here: <https://wordonfire.institute/newman>. The film is available free until October 31, 2019.

## PARISH NEWS

**Today's Second Collection: World Mission Sunday** – Extraordinary Mission Month and World Mission Sunday offer you the chance to support missionaries and the Church in proclaiming the Gospel throughout the world, particularly where the Church is young or poor. This year, students from Holy Cross and St. John Ogilvie High Schools in Hamilton will travel to Uganda with Missio Scotland and witness not only the love and dedication provided by our priests and religious there, but also see first-hand some of the fantastic projects that wouldn't have been possible without the support of the Pontifical Mission Societies (PMS). Your donations and prayers make a vital difference to our work in mission countries and territories and are a concrete way in which you can support the universal Church.

**BARCELONA & CATALONIA PILGRIMAGE REUNION: 26 OCTOBER** – ¡Queridos peregrinos.. buenas dias! Just a reminder of our reunion this **Saturday, 26 October. We'll meet at St. Columba's at 12 noon** (there is a parish Mass beforehand at 11.00am); feel free to bring whatever you like to eat – paella has been mentioned, as has tortilla, but there are other tapas goodies to choose from! If you would like some photos from me, bring a pre-formatted data stick/pen drive. ¡Muchas gracias, compañeros, y nos vemos el veintiséis!

**FAITH IN FILM EVENING: 'ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA'** – **Wednesday 6 November at 7.00pm**. "If you could hear the voice of God, would you want to keep

it secret?" A historical drama based on the memoirs of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuit order. This is the story of a soldier, a man of vice and violence who, in his attempt to turn to the light, was forced to wrestle with his inner demons to the very brink of death. A Filipino production shot in Spain and the Philippines, the film chronicles his valiant but futile defence at the Battle of Pamplona, his struggles with depression and near-suicide, his trial before the Inquisition, and his ultimate vindication. Certificate: 15; duration 120 minutes.

**October: Month of the Rosary** – to mark the Marian month of October, and to increase the devotional life of the parish, **we will pray the Rosary together each Saturday, before Mass, from 10.45am-11.00am**. The Sacrament of Confession will be available from 10.15am-10.45am.

**Highland Foodbank – Harvest Appeal:** Your donations help to provide emergency food and support to local people in crisis. As part of our Harvest Appeal, we would be grateful for the following items: \* **Long Life Juice** \* **Tins of Potatoes** \* **Tins of Mince or Stew** \* **Oatcakes/Crackers** \* **Tins of Ham** \* **Shower Gel/Shampoo**. Please leave these items in the plastic box at the front door of the church. Thank you!

**BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP:** the group meets **tomorrow (Monday 21 October)**, in the Meeting Room at St. Columba's, from 9.30am to 11.30am. Since we are now in the School Holidays, older children can come along too, and get involved in painting and games! We are always looking for new members to join in the fun – please spread the word!

**CLEANING TEAM – Monday 21st October at 12.00 noon:** Esther, Peter, and Don. Would you like to help out too? Any help would be greatly appreciated!

**"90 Club" – This will take place NEXT WEEK, after Sunday Mass.** Would you like to have a number in this draw? There are a few remaining numbers waiting for names to go next to them..! Only £2 monthly, with three prizes to be won. Ask Don for details.

**Prize Bingo – \*\* CHANGE OF DATE TO FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER AT 7.00pm\*\*** – PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!!! To help keep the event successful, please continue handing in items to give as prizes. Ideal items include: gift vouchers, toiletries, chocolates, wine, and other unusual things. Thank you for your generous help and support.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** + Anna Black + Angus Johnson + Vinnie Walton + Michael Good + Laura Johnstone + Fr. George Hutcheon + Norman Wood + John Macdonald + Alec Mackintosh + Katie Mary Fraser +

**R.I.P:** + Mark Kelly + Fr. Michael L. Cremin SAC (Pallottine Father) + Most Rev. Michael Bowen (Archbishop of Southwark, 1977-2003) +

**Anniversaries:** + Alastair MacInnes + Matt Hamilton + Ron MacLeod + Mary Brown + Mary Gribbens + Peggy Horne +