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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

22 AUGUST 2021:
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year B (I); Psalter: Week 1)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Revelation 11:19, 12:1-6, 10
Resp. Psalm: Ps. 44 (45):10-12, 16
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-26
Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 22 August	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 905 – Year B)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 23 August	St. Rose of Lima, Virgin Mass Intention: Anne MacKinnon, RIP (Recently Departed)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 24 August	Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle Mass Intention: Anne MacKinnon, RIP (Recently Departed)	Evening Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 25 August	Wednesday of Week 21 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Service-men and women who served in Afghanistan, esp. the fallen	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Thursday 26 August	Thursday of Week 21 in Ordinary Time	Evening Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 27 August	St. Monica Mass Intention:	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Saturday 28 August	St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor Mass Intention:	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 29 August	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 909 – Year B)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time: A Choice to Make

This Sunday's Mass readings conclude a four-week meditation on the Eucharist. The Twelve Apostles in today's Gospel are asked to make a choice—either to believe and accept the New Covenant He offers in His Body and Blood or return to their former ways of life.

Their choice is prefigured by the decision Joshua asks the Twelve Tribes to make in today's First Reading.

Joshua gathers them at Shechem—where God first appeared to their father Abraham promising to make his descendants a great nation in a new land (see Genesis 12:1–9). And he issues a blunt challenge: either renew their covenant with God or serve the alien gods of the surrounding nations.

We too are being asked today to decide whom we will serve. For four weeks we have been presented in the liturgy with the mystery of the Eucharist—a daily miracle far greater than those performed by God in bringing the Israelites out of the land of Egypt.

He has promised us a new homeland and eternal life, offering us bread from heaven to strengthen us on our journey. He has told us that unless we eat His Flesh and drink His Blood we will have no life in us.

It is a hard saying, as many murmur in today's Gospel. Yet He has given us the words of eternal life.

We must believe, as Peter says today, that He is the Holy One of God, who handed Himself over for us, who gave His flesh for the life of the world.

As we hear in today's Second Reading, Jesus did this that we might be sanctified, made holy, through the water and word of Baptism by which we enter into His new covenant. Through the Eucharist, He nourishes and cherishes us, making us His own flesh and blood, as husband and wife become one flesh.

Let us renew our covenant today, approaching the altar with confidence that, as we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord will redeem the lives of His servants. (Scott Hahn)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 905)

- p. 521: Introductory Rites
- p. 905: Readings & Proper Prayers
- p. 541: The Creed
- p. 569: Preface IV: The History of Salvation
- 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.

Social distancing 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. Next Sunday will be the last time you have to book a seat online. Here are the links:

29 August: 22nd Sun in Ord. Time, at 9.30am
<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-29-08-2021-0930am.eventbrite.co.uk>

29 August: 22nd Sun in Ord. Time, at 11.00am
<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-29-08-2021-1100am.eventbrite.co.uk>

Please note that seats for both Masses will be available to book online from Sunday 22 August, at 12 noon. If you have a problem or query, please contact Fr. Domenico.

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.

Welcome, Fr. Laurence! – today, we welcome Fr. Laurence Gambella, a priest from the Diocese of Salford, which incorporates parts of Manchester, Blackburn, and Burnley. Fr. Laurence has been spending a few days with us here in our beautiful Highlands, before he begins a retreat at Pluscarden.

Light of the North – the Summer edition of our popular Diocesan magazine is now available online. To access it, simply click on the following link: <https://bit.ly/LightofthenorthSummerIssue-47-2021>

90 Club – Draw Next Week, Sunday 29 August!
– There is plenty of time to join in and try your luck! 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, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Calum MacIntyre

RIP: Canon Alistair Doyle, Patrick Macpherson, Morag Campbell, Gerry MacLean, Anne MacKinnon

Anniversaries: Jim Mckelvie, Mary Bell, John Tracy, Jock Parker, Amelia Drew, Hector Maclean