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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**23 JANUARY 2022:**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**(Year C (II); Psalter: Week 3)**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10  
 Resp. Psalm: Psalm 18 (19): 8-10, 15  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30  
 Gospel: Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
<b>Sunday 23 January</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD) (p. 975 – Year C)</b>	<b>Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass</b>	<b>9.30 am 11.00 am</b>
Monday 24 January	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor Mass Intention: Sister Barbara Campbell LSU, RIP (Anniversary Tomorrow)	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 25 January	The Conversion of St. Paul - Feast Mass Intention: John Leahy, RIP (First Anniversary)	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 26 January	Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Thursday 27 January	Thursday of Week in Ordinary Time	<b>NO LITURGIES</b>	---
Friday 28 January	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor	<b>NO LITURGIES</b>	---
Saturday 29 January	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<b>NO LITURGIES</b>	---
<b>Sunday 30 January</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 979 – Year C)</b>	<b>Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass</b>	<b>9.30 am 11.00 am</b>

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: New Day Dawns

The meaning of today's liturgy is subtle and many-layered. We need background to understand what's happening in today's First Reading. Babylon having been defeated, King Cyrus of Persia decreed that the exiled Jews could return home to Jerusalem. They rebuilt their ruined temple (see Ezra 6:15–17) and under Nehemiah finished rebuilding the city walls (see Nehemiah 6:15). The stage was set for the renewal of the covenant and the re-establishment of the Law of Moses as the people's rule of life. That's what's going on in today's First Reading, as Ezra reads and interprets (see Nehemiah 8:8) the Law and the people respond with a great "Amen!" Israel, as we sing in today's Psalm, is rededicating itself to God and His Law. The scene seems like the Isaiah prophecy that Jesus reads from in today's Gospel. Read all of Isaiah 61. The "glad tidings" Isaiah brings include these promises: the liberation of prisoners (61:1); the rebuilding of Jerusalem, or Zion (61:3–4; see also Isaiah 60:10); the restoration of Israel as a kingdom of priests (61:6; Exodus 19:6); and the forging of an everlasting covenant (61:8; Isaiah 55:3). It sounds a lot like the First Reading. Jesus, in turn, declares that Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in Him. The Gospel scene, too, recalls the First Reading. Like Ezra, Jesus stands before the people, is handed a scroll, unrolls it, then reads and interprets it (compare Luke 4:16–17, 21 and Nehemiah 8:2–6, 8–10). We witness in today's Liturgy the creation of a new people of God. Ezra started reading at dawn of the first day of the Jewish new year (see Leviticus 23:24). Jesus also proclaims a "sabbath," a great year of Jubilee, a deliverance from slavery to sin, a release from the debts we owe to God (see Leviticus 25:10). The people greeted Ezra "as one man." And, as today's Second Reading teaches, in the Spirit the new people of God—the Church—is made "one body" with Him. (Scott Hahn)

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### Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 975)

p. 521: Introductory Rites  
p. 975: 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

**ST. JOSEPH ICON:** the St. Andrew Community, currently based in Dingwall, are happy to produce smaller reproductions of our new parish icon of St. Joseph, for anyone who would like one. These home icons measure approximately 5 inches (13 cms) by 8 inches (19 cms). The Community have suggested a donation of £10 per icon. If anyone would like a reproduction of our new icon for their own home, please speak to Fr. Domenico.

**WANTED – Readers for the 11.00am Mass:** do you attend the 11.00 Sunday Mass? Have you ever considered offering your services as a Reader? If you would like to help, please speak to Fr. Domenico or to Pat Grant.

**Sacramental Preparation – First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion:** Children of Primary 3 age or above are invited to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Weekly classes will begin in February. Please email to request an application form, or speak to Fr Domenico. Forms to be returned by 31 January.

**Friday 11 February 2022: Day of Prayer, Recollection, and Healing** at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stratherrick. From 10.45am until 3.30pm. Includes: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Rosary; Confession; Angelus; Mass with laying on of hands and anointing of the sick; lunch; Chaplet of Divine Mercy; Benediction. Please contact St. Mary's Inverness for further details (01463 233519).

**Diocesan Synodal Process:** St. Columba's is one of the many parishes that has been invited to host a Synodal Meeting. The precise date is to be confirmed, but certainly before June. Every parishioner will be invited to attend, and everyone's voice will be heard. We will be looking for volunteers on the day to help with: stewarding; moving furniture; providing tea/coffee facilities. If you are interested in volunteering, or in attending this open event, please speak to Fr. Domenico.

**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, as from the 13th January. New members are always very welcome.

**90 Club: DRAW NEXT WEEK, ON SUNDAY 30 JANUARY.** This is the first Draw of 2022 – good luck to everyone who has a number! Would you like to join in? Only £2 a month! Speak to Fr. Domenico for details.

## 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, Charlie Grant, Winnie Ferrari

**RIP:** Joan (Seònaig) Walker, Katie Mary Fraser

**Anniversaries:** Sister Barbara Campbell LSU, John Leahy, Jackie Anderson, Henry Pieraccini, Amie Greaves, Maureen Campbell