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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

24 JANUARY 2021:
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year B (I); Psalter: Week 3)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Jonah 3: 1-5. 10
 Resp. Psalm: Ps 24 (25): 4-6. 7b-9
 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 7: 29-31
 Gospel: Mk 1: 14-20

Date	Details	Live-Streamed Liturgies	Time
Sunday 24 January	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ Sunday of the Word of God ~ (p. 838 – Year B)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Monday 25 January	The Conversion of St. Paul, Feast Mass Intention: Sr. Barbara Campbell, RIP (7 th Anniversary Today)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Tuesday 26 January	Memorial of Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops Mass Intention: Michael Galleitch, RIP (Anniversary Today)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Wednesday 27 January	Wednesday of Week 3 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: John Leahy	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Thursday 28 January	Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor Mass Intention: William Stuart and beneficiaries	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Friday 29 January	Friday of Week 3 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: William Stuart and beneficiaries	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Saturday 30 January	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Sunday 31 January	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 841 – Year B)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Following Him

The calling of the brothers in today's Gospel evokes Elisha's commissioning by the prophet Elijah (see 1 Kings 19:19-21). As Elijah comes upon Elisha working on his family's farm, so Jesus sees the brothers working by the seaside. And as Elisha left his mother and father to follow Elijah, so the brothers leave their father to come after Jesus.

Jesus' promise—to make them "fishers of men"—evokes Israel's deepest hopes. The prophet Jeremiah announced a new exodus in which God would send "many fishermen" to restore the Israelites from exile, as once He brought them out of slavery in Egypt (see Jeremiah 16:14-16).

By Jesus' Cross and Resurrection, this new exodus has begun (see Luke 9:31). And the apostles are the first of a new people of God, the Church—a new family, based not on blood ties, but on belief in Jesus and a desire to do the Father's will (see John 1:12-13; Matthew 12:46-50).

From now on, even our most important worldly concerns—family relations, occupations, and possessions—must be

judged in light of the Gospel, Paul says in today's Second Reading.

The first word of Jesus' Gospel—repent—means we must totally change our way of thinking and living, turning from evil, doing all for the love of God.

And we should be consoled by Nineveh's repentance in today's First Reading. Even the wicked Nineveh could repent at Jonah's preaching. And in Jesus we have "something greater than Jonah" (Matthew 12:41). We have God come as our savior, to show sinners the way, as we sing in today's Psalm. This should give us hope—that loved ones who remain far from God will find compassion if they turn to Him. But we, too, must continue along the path of repentance—striving daily to pattern our lives after His.

As we renew our vows of discipleship in this Eucharist, let us approach the altar singing the new song of today's Psalm: "Behold I come . . . to do your will O God." (Scott Hahn).

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 838)

- p. 521: Introductory Rites
- p. 838: Readings & Proper Prayers
- p. 541: The Creed
- p. 567: Preface II of Sundays in Ordinary Time
- p. 611: Eucharistic Prayer III
- 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 Building Fund Account. All benefactors are remembered at our Masses.

Thank you for your consideration and continuing generosity and support – it is greatly appreciated.

Schedule of Online Daily Devotions – Our new daily schedule of parish devotions are as follows. Please feel free to join us, and do spread the word!

- 8.45 am: Morning Prayer
- 9.00 am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 9.30 am: Holy Mass
- 6.00 pm: Angelus, & Evening Prayer
- 6.15pm: Holy Rosary

This year's Lenten Course at St. Columba's – 'Voices of the Passion': a series of reflections delivered online via Zoom, on **Wednesdays at 7.00pm** throughout the Lenten season, focusing on the major characters of the Passion of Christ.

The draft programme is as follows:

17 February: Peter & Judas

24 February: 3 March: Pilate & Herod

3 March: Jesus & Barabbas

10 March: Simon of Cyrene and Veronica

17 March: Women of Jerusalem & Mary Magdalen

24 March: John and Mary

(31 March: Screening of "Passionate Voices")

Everyone is welcome to join us online. Please contact Fr. Domenico to register your interest.

Sr. Barbara Campbell, and the *Friends of LSU* –

On the anniversary of Sr. Barbara Campbell, the *Friends of LSU* would like to say that the spirit of *La Sainte Union* (Holy Union) is still alive in the Highlands! We meet regularly – now via What'sApp and Zoom – for reflection, prayer and friendship. We offer an opportunity to both nurture and support one another in exploring and developing our understanding of our place in creation. 'The Gospel challenges us to be open to the needs of the Church and of our times.' (LSU Constitutions. Article 5). "Human life is grounded in three fundamental and closely inter-twined relationships: with God, with our neighbour and with the Earth itself." (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si* 66). If you would like to know more about our group, or if you have a memory or a story about Sr Barbara or any of the other LSU sisters who have worked in the Highlands, then I'd love to hear from you! Please contact Janice Morton, the group facilitator, at the following e-mail address: janice.lsufrindsco@gmail.com

Syrian Refugee Resettlement Project – In his latest encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis encourages us to show compassion to our brothers and sisters. Specifically, he asks us to welcome, protect, promote and integrate refugees fleeing tragic situations (#129). In response, a group of parishioners from the Highlands are planning to take advantage of the Home Office's Community Resettlement Programme to sponsor one Syrian family to come to the Inverness area. We are currently looking to set up a steering group to take this forward. If you would like to get involved, please contact Jill Kent at: welcmeinhighland@gmail.com

90 Club: Next Draw: Sunday 31 January 2021. You too could be a winner: it's only £2 a month, and there are three prizes to be won! Please speak to Fr. Domenico for further information. If you have dues to pay, simply pop your remittance, together with your name and number, in an envelope and place it in the church letterbox, and Fr. Domenico will get it to Don.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Michael Good, Laura Johnstone, Katie Mary Fraser, Norman Wood, Stuart MacLennan, John Macdonald, Evelyn MacGregor, Rena Herbison, Alex Fruters, Patrick Macpherson, Kathleen Macpherson, June Lee, Marian Ellis, Morag Lloyd, Angela Rogers, Angela Broad, John Leahy, Iain Campbell

RIP: + May MacDonald +

Anniversaries: + Timothy Neville + Sister Barbara Campbell, LSU + Jackie Anderson + Henry Pieraccini