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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

24 OCTOBER 2021:
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year B (I); Psalter: Week 2)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9
 Resp. Psalm: Ps. 125 (126)
 2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6
 Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 24 October	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WORLD MISSION SUNDAY ~ SPECIAL COLLECTION: MISSIO ~ (p. 938 – Year B)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 25 October	Monday of Week 30 in Ordinary Time	NO LITURGIES	---
Tuesday 26 October	Tuesday of Week 30 in Ordinary Time	NO LITURGIES	---
Wednesday 27 October	Wednesday of Week 30 in Ordinary Time	NO LITURGIES	---
Thursday 28 October	Feast of Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles	NO LITURGIES	---
Friday 29 October	Friday of Week 30 in Ordinary Time	NO LITURGIES	---
Saturday 30 October	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	NO LITURGIES	---
Sunday 31 October	THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 941 – Year B)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Seeing the Son of David

Today's Gospel turns on an irony—it is a blind man, Bartimaeus, who becomes the first person outside of the Apostles to recognise Jesus as the Messiah. And his healing is the last miracle Jesus performs before entering the holy city of Jerusalem for His last week on earth. The scene on the road to Jerusalem evokes the joyful procession prophesied by Jeremiah in today's First Reading. In Jesus this prophecy is fulfilled. God, through the Messiah, is delivering His people from exile, bringing them back from the ends of the earth, with the blind and lame in their midst.

Jesus, as Bartimaeus proclaims, is the long-awaited Son promised to David (see 2 Samuel 7:12–16; Isaiah 11:9; Jeremiah 23:5). Upon His triumphal arrival in Jerusalem, all will see that the everlasting kingdom of David has come (see Mark 11:9–10).

As we hear in today's Second Reading, the Son of David was expected to be the Son of God (see Psalm 2:7). He was to be a priest-king like Melchizedek (see Psalm 110:4), who offered bread and wine to God Most High at the dawn of salvation history (see Genesis 14:18–20).

Bartimaeus is a symbol of his people, the captive Zion of whom we sing in today's Psalm. His God has done great things for him. All his life has been sown in tears and weeping. Now, he reaps a new life.

Bartimaeus, too, should be a sign for us. How often Christ passes us by—in the person of the poor, in the distressing guise of a troublesome family member or burdensome associate (see Matthew 25:31–46)—and yet we don't see Him.

Christ still calls to us through His Church, as Jesus sent His Apostles to call Bartimaeus. Yet how often are we found to be listening instead to the voices of the crowd, not hearing the words of His Church.

Today He asks us what He asks Bartimaeus: "What do you want me to do for you?" Rejoicing, let us ask the same thing of Him—what can we do for all that He has done for us?

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 938)

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 938: Readings & Proper Prayers

p. 541: The Creed

p. 567: Preface II: The Mystery of Salvation

p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II

p. 631: Communion Rite

Today's Special Collection – World Mission Sunday: This Collection offers you the chance to support missionaries and the Church in proclaiming the Gospel throughout the world, particularly where the Church is young or poor. It reminds us of the revitalising mission that is at the heart of our faith. It ensures that the work and service of the Mission Church, as its supports priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's mission. Your donations and prayers make a vital difference to the work being carried out in mission countries; they are an effective means by which you can support the universal Church. For further information, please go to: www.missionsscotland.com

Happy Anniversary on Tuesday! – 26 October (2008) is the anniversary of the very first Mass celebrated in St. Columba's. Sláinte!

November – Month of the Holy Souls: November is the month when we remember our dearly departed. If you would like to have any deceased relatives or friends remembered at Mass during November, please place their names in the brown envelopes in the foyer, and hand these in to the Sacristy. All names will be placed in front of the altar, and a selection will be read out at every Mass.

Welcome In is a new group, set up by members from the local the Justice and Peace group and other community members, motivated to respond to the global refugee crisis. The aim of the group is to help resettle a refugee family here in the Inverness area. We are fundraising, planning, and looking for a suitable home to resettle a family through the Home Office's Community Sponsorship scheme. For more information about this project, please join us at Eden Court near the Faces of Kabul exhibition by photographer Nick Sidle on Sunday 24 October from 2-4pm. Contact welcomereinhighland@gmail.com for more information.

Novena and Litany of St. Columba: This Novena and Litany were composed to mark the 1500th anniversary of Saint Columba's birth and it can be used by the faithful all year round. It puts us in touch again with the roots of our faith, and the trilingual format reconnects the Irish, Scottish and English communities among which Saint Columba and his missionaries lived and worked. As we celebrate this anniversary, let us seek the intercession of this holy man of God for the needs of our own times. **Copies are available in the Entrance Foyer of the church, priced £3.95 each.**

St. Columba's Culloden: Pilgrimages in 2022! – Fr. Domenico will be leading two pilgrimages next year: one to the **Holy Land**, on behalf of All Saints Travel, **16-23 May 2022**; the other to Germany and Austria, to see the great Passion Play in the small alpine village of **Oberammergau**. This trip is courtesy of McCabe Pilgrimages, and is **18-25 July 2022**. For further details, see the respective pages on our parish website, or contact Fr. Domenico directly for more information.

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.

90 Club: DRAW NEXT SUNDAY: plenty of time for you to join our parish fund-raiser! For details, please speak to Fr. Domenico.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Katie Mary Fraser, Norman Wood, Ian Macdonald, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett

RIP: Nigel Robson, Norma Black

Anniversaries: John Drew, Joan MacIntyre, Drew Cameron