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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

25 JULY 2021:
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year B (I); Psalter: Week 1)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4: 42-44
Resp. Psalm: Ps. 144 (145): 10-11, 15-18
2nd Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-6
Gospel: John 6: 1-15

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 25 July	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 889 – Year B)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 26 July	St. Joachim and St. Anne	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 27 July	Tuesday of Week 17 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Linda Robson, RIP (First Anniversary)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Wednesday 28 July	Wednesday of Week 17 in Ordinary Time	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Thursday 29 July	Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Friday 30 July	St. Peter Chrysologus	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Saturday 31 July	St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 1 August	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 892 – Year B)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Bread Left Over

As Today's liturgy brings together several strands of Old Testament expectation to reveal Jesus as Israel's promised Messiah and King, the Lord who comes to feed His people. Notice the parallels between today's Gospel and First Reading. Both Elisha and Jesus face a crowd of hungry people with only a few "barley" loaves. We hear similar words about how impossible it will be to feed the crowd with so little. And in both the miraculous multiplication of bread satisfies the hungry and leaves food left over.

The Elisha story looks back to Moses, the prophet who fed God's people in the wilderness (see Exodus 16). Moses prophesied that God would send a prophet like him (see Deuteronomy 18:15-19). The crowd in today's Gospel, witnessing His miracle, identifies Jesus as that prophet.

The Gospel today again shows Jesus to be the Lord, the good shepherd, who makes His people lie down on green grass and spreads a table before them (see Psalm 23:1, 5).

The miraculous feeding is a sign that God has begun to fulfil His promise, which we sing of in today's Psalm—to give His people food in due season and satisfy their desire (see Psalm 81:17).

But Jesus points to the final fulfilment of that promise in the Eucharist. He does the same things He does at the Last Supper—He takes the loaves, pronounces a blessing of thanksgiving (literally, "eucharist"), and gives the bread to the people (see Matthew 26:26). Notice, too, that twelve baskets of bread are left over, one for each of the Apostles. These are signs that should point us to the Eucharist—in which the Church founded on the Apostles continues to feed us with the living bread of His Body.

In this Eucharist, we are made one Body with the Lord, as we hear in today's Second Reading. Let us resolve again, then, to live lives worthy of such a great calling. (Scott Hahn)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 889)

- p. 521: Introductory Rites
- p. 889: Readings & Proper Prayers
- p. 541: The Creed
- p. 567: Preface II: The Mystery 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.

Today is the first Sunday when we will experience 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. To book a seat(s) for Mass, here are the links:

1 August: 18th Sunday in Ord. Time, at 9.30am
<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-01-08-2021-0930am.eventbrite.co.uk>

1 August: 18th Sunday in Ord. Time, at 11.00am
<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-01-08-2021-1100am.eventbrite.co.uk>

Please note that seats for both Masses will be available to book online from Sunday 25 July, at 12 noon. If you have a problem or query, please contact Fr. Domenico.

Inaugural World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly – Pope Francis has instituted this new initiative, which will be celebrated today around the world. If you would like to learn more about it, look at the following:
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-07/world-day-grandparents-elderly-pope-prayer-released-dicastery-la.html>

Mary's Meals – Rucksacks and Backpacks: this Highland charity is collecting used rucksacks and backpacks in good condition, which are no longer needed. These will be filled and sent to Malawi. If you have any forlorn bags, please feel free to leave them in the church entrance foyer, or contact Peter Harkins (07990 845116).

90 Club: JULY DRAW TODAY! Good luck to everyone who has a ticket. You could be a winner too; spare numbers are available! 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, Canon Alistair Doyle, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Morag Campbell, Calum MacIntyre

RIP: Patrick Macpherson

Anniversaries: Linda Robson, Ellen Grant, Edwin Wales, Howard Nicolls