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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

25 OCTOBER 2020:
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year A (II); Psalter: Week 2)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Exodus 22: 20-26
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 17 (18): 2-4, 47, 51
 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10
 Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-40

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 25 October	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 796 – Year A)	LIVE-STREAMED PUBLIC MASS PUBLIC MASS	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 26 October	Monday of Week 30 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Private Intention	Live-Streamed Public Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 27 October	Tuesday of Week 30 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed Public Mass	9.30 am
Wednesday 28 October	Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles (Feast) Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed Public Mass	9.30 am
Thursday 29 October	Thursday of Week 30 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed Public Mass	9.30 am
Friday 30 October	Friday of Week 30 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed Public Mass	9.30 am
Saturday 31 October	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed Public Mass	9.30 am
Sunday 1 November	SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS (p. 1184)	LIVE-STREAMED PUBLIC MASS PUBLIC MASS	9.30 am 11.00 am

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Love Commanded

Jesus came not to abolish the Old Testament law but to fulfil it (see Matthew 5:17). And in today's Gospel, He reveals that love—of God and of neighbour—is the fulfilment of the whole of the law (see Romans 13:8–10). Devout Israelites were to keep all 613 commands found in the Bible's first five books. Jesus says today that all these, and all the teachings of the prophets, can be summarised by two verses of this law (see Deuteronomy 6:5; Leviticus 19:18). He seems to summarize the two stone tablets on which God was said to have engraved the Ten Commandments (see Exodus 32:15–16). The first tablet set out three laws concerning the love of God, such as the command not to take His name in vain; the second contained seven commands regarding love of neighbour, such as those against stealing and adultery. Love is the hinge that binds the two tablets of the law. For we can't love God, whom we can't see, if we don't love our neighbour, whom we can (see 1 John 4:20–22). But this love we are called to is far more than simple affection or warm sentiment. We must give ourselves totally to God—loving

with our whole beings, with all our heart, soul, and mind. Our love for our neighbour must express itself in concrete actions, such as those set out in today's First Reading. We love because He first loved us (see 1 John 4:19). As we sing in today's Psalm, He has been our deliverer, our strength when we could not possibly defend ourselves against the enemies of sin and death. We love in thanksgiving for our salvation. And in this become imitators of Jesus, as Paul tells us in today's Second Reading — laying down our lives daily in ways large and small, seen and unseen; our lives offered as a continual sacrifice of praise (see John 15:12–13; Hebrews 13:15). (Scott Hahn)

Thought For The Day With Pope Francis

You may do many good things, fulfil many precepts, many good things, but if you do not have love, this serves no purpose. (*Angelus* Address, 29 October 2017)

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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. **All offerings received will be donated to our Building Fund.**

**Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal):
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 796)**

- p. 521: Introductory Rites
- p. 796: Readings & Proper Prayers
- p. 543: Apostles' 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 Building Fund Account. All benefactors are remembered at our Masses.

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

"I rejoiced when I heard them say: Let us go to God's House!" (Psalm 121/122) – Have you been back to God's House? St. Columba's is open every day for Mass at 9.30am. 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 next Sunday, here are the links:

1 November 9.30am:

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-01-11-2020-0930am.eventbrite.co.uk>

1 November 11.00am:

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-01-11-2020-1100am.eventbrite.co.uk>

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

Retiring Collections: Please note that unless other specified, all RETIRING collections will be paid into our Parish Building Fund.

PIETY STALL: we have many new items in stock! Are you looking for Christmas cards? – Look no further? Are you in need of a Rosary in this Marian month of October? – We have all sizes and styles! Advent calendars? – We have plenty! Nativity scenes and baby Jesus statuettes? – They're all here! Plus, we have many other tempting gifts, holy items, and spiritual books. Why not browse the stall, and attend to your Christmas shopping at the same time?

***Laudato Si* Online Course – continues this week!** Our local Justice & Peace group is offering a series of weekly reflections on Pope Francis' document *Laudato Si – Care for Our Common Home*. The focus is on the following subjects:

27 October: Week 3 - A universal Family

3 November: Week 4 - We were made for love

For more information, see the Facebook page of Justice and Peace Inverness, or send an e-mail to the following address: invernessjusticeandpeace@gmail.com.

***Fratelli Tutti*:** due to current demand, I will be ordering more copies of this important new document by Pope Francis. If you would like one, simply speak to Fr. Domenico; it is priced £6.95. Our ***Fratelli Tutti* Reading Group** will begin in mid-November. The dates are as follows:

11 November: Chapters 1 & 2

18 November: Chapters 3 & 4

25 November: Chapters 5 & 6

2 December: Chapters 7 & 8

All meetings begin at 7.00pm, and take place on Zoom. If you would like to take part in this reading group, contact Fr. Domenico, for the Zoom link details.

90 Club: DRAW TODAY 25 OCTOBER! Anyone wishing to catch up with their payments can speak to Fr. Domenico, or phone Don, to find out how much is owed; they can then put the money in an envelope through the church letterbox if they wish.

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, Louise Flett, Alex Fruters, Morag Lloyd, Patrick Macpherson, Kathleen Macpherson, Ricci Hudson-Storey, Lily Finlay

R.I.P: + Fr. Matt Gamber +

Anniversaries: + Joan MacIntyre + John Drew + Drew Cameron +