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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

26 JULY 2020:
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
(Year A (II); Psalter: Week 4)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: 1 Kings 3:5.7-12
Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 118 (119)
2nd Reading: Romans 8: 28-30
Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 26 July	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (p. 748 – Year A)	LIVE-STREAMED PUBLIC MASS PUBLIC MASS	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 27 July	Monday of Week 17 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Dom Raymond Jaconelli, O.C.S.O. Abbot Emeritus of Nunraw (Birthday)	Live-Streamed Mass on Facebook	9.30 am
Tuesday 28 July	Tuesday of Week 17 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Bob Black, RIP (Anniversary recently)	Live-Streamed Mass on Facebook	9.30 am
Wednesday 29 July	Memorial of St. Martha Mass Intention: Michael MacLean, RIP (Recently Departed)	Live-Streamed Mass on Facebook	9.30 am
Thursday 30 July	Thursday of Week 17 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Dennis Smith, RIP (Recently Departed)	Live-Streamed Mass on Facebook	9.30 am
Friday 31 July	Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola Mass Intention: Jenner Martin, RIP (Funeral Today)	Live-Streamed Mass on Facebook	9.30 am
Saturday 1 August	Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori Mass Intention: Mary Cameron, RIP (Recently Departed)	Live-Streamed Mass on Facebook	9.30 am
Sunday 2 August	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (p. 752 – Year A)	LIVE-STREAMED PUBLIC MASS PUBLIC MASS	9.30 am 11.00 am

Seventeenth Sunday of the Year: Treasures of the Kingdom

What is your new life in Christ worth to you?

Do you love His words more than gold and silver, as we sing in today's Psalm? Would you, like the characters in the Gospel today, sell all that you have in order to possess the kingdom He promises to us? If God were to grant any wish, would you follow Solomon's example in today's First Reading—asking not for a long life or riches, but for wisdom to know God's ways and to desire His will?

The background for today's Gospel, as it has been for the past several weeks, is the rejection of Jesus' preaching by Israel. The kingdom of heaven has come into their midst, yet many cannot see that Jesus is the fulfilment of God's promises, a gift of divine compassion given that they—and we—might live.

We too must ever discover the kingdom anew, to find it as a treasure—a pearl of great price. By comparison with the kingdom, we must count all else as rubbish (see Philippians

3:8). And we must be willing to give up all that we have—all our priorities and plans—in order to gain it.

Jesus' Gospel discloses what Paul, in today's Second Reading, calls the purpose of God's plan (see Ephesians 1:4). That purpose is that Jesus would be the firstborn of many brothers.

His words give understanding to the simple, the childlike. As Solomon does today, we must humble ourselves before God, giving ourselves to His service. Let our prayer be for an understanding heart, one that desires only to do His will.

We are called to love God, to delight in His law, and to forsake every false way. And we are to conform ourselves daily ever more closely to the image of His Son.

If we do this, we can approach His altar as a pleasing sacrifice, confident that all things work for the good—that we whom He has justified will also one day be glorified.

(Scott Hahn)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Seventeenth Sunday of the Year (p. 748) –

- p. 521: Introductory Rites
- p. 748: Readings & Proper Prayers
- p. 543: Apostles' Creed
- p. 569: Preface III: 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 – many thanks to our generous parishioners, who made two separate donations of £150.00 and £100.00. Your kindness and consideration is greatly appreciated!

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.

ST. COLUMBA'S REOPENS FOR SUNDAY MASS!

During this present stage of the easing of lockdown, Fr. Domenico will be offering 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:

2 August 9.30am:

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-02-08-2020-0930am.eventbrite.co.uk>

2 August 11.00am:

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-02-08-2020-1100am.eventbrite.co.uk>

Please note that seats for both Masses will be available to book online from Sunday 26 July at 12 noon. If you have a problem or query, please contact Fr. Domenico.

Any unwanted old iPads at home? If you have an old and unwanted iPad at home, ideally with a 10.2-inch screen, that is no longer of use to you, and would consider donating it to the parish, please speak to Fr. Domenico.

Congratulations to Claire and Chris, who celebrated their First Wedding Anniversary last Sunday! May the Good Lord continue to bless them in their love and support for one another. If you have an important anniversary or celebration of any kind that is forthcoming, and would like to share it with the parish community, please do let Fr. Domenico know.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):

Confessions will be heard in the Parish Meeting Room. Entrance is by the back patio door – opposite the entrance to the House. There will be a comfy chair for the penitent, near the door, and Fr. Domenico will be seated in the other corner of the room, observing social distancing. If you would like to avail yourself of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, simply e-mail Fr. Domenico, or phone the Parish House (794993), to make an appointment.

'Genesis to Jesus' Virtual Bible Study Course:

this seven-week course, presented via Zoom, began on Tuesday 21 July, and is being offered on Tuesdays and Thursday evenings by the Ogilvie Centre. For further details, and to indicate which group you would like to join, please contact the Dominican Sisters in Elgin at: ogilvie@rcda.scot.

90 Club: DRAW TODAY! Good luck to everyone who has a number. We will catch up with payments once things return 'to normal'.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Michael Good, Laura Johnstone, Katie Mary Fraser, Norman Wood, Stuart MacLennan, Jeanette Catto, John Macdonald, Evelyn MacGregor, Denise Maclean, Rena Herbison, Louise Flett, Alistair Macleod, Alex Fruters, Morag Lloyd, Steve Knight, Patrick Macpherson, Kathleen Macpherson, Linda Robson, Ricci Hudson-Storey

RIP: + Michael MacLean + Mary Cameron + Penny Morrison ('Penny Bheag') + Dennis Smith +

Anniversaries: + Edwin Wales + Howard Nicolls + Tom MacDonald + Charlie Keeler +