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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

26 SEPTEMBER 2021:
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year B (I); Psalter: Week 2)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Numbers 11: 25-29
 Resp. Psalm: Ps. 18 (19): 8, 10, 12-14
 2nd Reading: James 5: 1-6
 Gospel: Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 26 September	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 924 – Year B)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 27 September	St. Vincent de Paul, Priest Mass Intention: Donald Angus MacCormick, RIP (Anniversary Today)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 28 September	Tuesday of Week 26 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Kathleen Mitchell, RIP (Anniversary on 25 September)	Evening Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 29 September	Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels Mass Intention: Margaret MacPhee, RIP (Anniversary Today)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Thursday 30 September	St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor	Evening Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 1 October	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Saturday 2 October	The Holy Guardian Angels	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 3 October	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 928 – Year B)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: To Belong to Christ

Today's Gospel begins with a scene that recalls a similar moment in the history of Israel, the episode recalled in today's First Reading. The seventy elders who receive God's Spirit through Moses prefigure the ministry of the Apostles. Like Joshua, John makes the mistake of presuming that only a select few are inspired and entrusted to carry out God's plans. The Spirit blows where it wills (see John 3:8), and God desires to bestow His Spirit on all the people of God in every nation under heaven (see Acts 2:5, 38). God can and will work mighty deeds through the most unexpected and unlikely people. All of us are called to perform even our most humble tasks, such as giving a cup of water, for the sake of His name and the cause of His kingdom. John believes he is protecting the purity of the Lord's name. But, really, he's only guarding his own privilege and status. It's telling that the Apostles want to shut down the ministry of an exorcist. Authority to drive out demons and unclean spirits was one of the specific powers entrusted to the Twelve (see Mark 3:14-15; 6:7, 13).

Cleanse me from my unknown faults, we pray in today's Psalm. Often, like Joshua and John, perhaps without noticing it, we cloak our failings and fears under the guise of our desire to defend Christ or the Church. But as Jesus says today, instead of worrying about who is a real Christian and who is not, we should make sure that we ourselves are leading lives worthy of our calling as disciples (see Ephesians 1:4).

Does the advice we give, or the example of our actions, give scandal—causing others to doubt or lose faith? Do we do what we do with mixed motives instead of seeking only the Father's will? Are we living, as this Sunday's Second Reading warns, for our own luxury and pleasure while neglecting our neighbours? We need to keep meditating on His Law, as we sing in today's Psalm. We need to pray for the grace to detect our failings and to overcome them. (Scott Hahn).

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 924)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 924: Readings & Proper Prayers
p. 541: The Creed

p. 567: Preface IV: The History of Salvation
p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II
p. 631: Communion Rite

There is no longer any advance online booking required for the 9.30am and 11.00am Masses. Everyone is free to come along to St. Columba's, and to sit wherever they wish!

- Although social distancing is no longer essential, we will continue with the current two-seat widths between different household groups – please respect the space of others.
- Face coverings are mandatory, and must still be worn. Sanitising protocols will still be maintained.
- We are now permitted to sing at Mass, and hymn books and Sunday Missals can be used.
- Fr. Domenico will continue to offer two Masses each Sunday: at 9.30am (live-streamed) and at 11.00am.

Enrolment Ceremony for the Sacrament of Confirmation: congratulations to Anna and Jessica, who are making a public declaration at the 9.30am Mass today of their intention to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Sacrament will be conferred on our young people by Fr. Domenico, with special delegation from Bishop Hugh, on 17 October at 9.30am. Please keep our Candidates in your prayers; they are: Alison Macmillan, Anna Kelly, Cameron Wilson, Jamie Wilson, Jessica Mitchell, Nuala Parker, Sophie-Maree Rusk. May the Lord who has begun this good work in them, bring it to fulfilment!

Piety Stall: Confirmation? We have many new items in stock to mark these special Sacrament. Are you in need of a diary for 2022? Our new Catholic Diaries are now in stock, with Mass readings indicated for every day. How about a Rosary for the Marian month of October? – We have all sizes and styles! Looking for a children's prayer book? Look no further! Plus, we have many other tempting gifts and holy items. Why not browse our well-stocked stall? Christmas cards and gifts will soon be available too!

St. Columba's Culloden: Pilgrimages in 2022! – Fr. Domenico will be leading two pilgrimages next year: one to the **Holy Land**, on behalf of AllSaints 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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available every day. Confessions are heard in the Parish Meeting Room. Entrance is by the back patio door – opposite the entrance to the House. There is a comfy chair for the penitent, near the door, and Fr. Domenico is seated in the other corner of the room, observing social distancing. If you would like to avail yourself of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, simply contact Fr. Domenico to make an appointment.

Pope Francis: Prayers and Fasting for the People of Afghanistan

The Holy Father has asked all Christians to show their solidarity with the people of Afghanistan at this time, by offering up prayers and fasting, to unite ourselves spiritually with them. "Let us continue to assist those in need", he says, "and pray that dialogue and solidarity may lead to peaceful and fraternal coexistence." Why not take Friday – traditionally a day of fasting and abstinence – and devote time to prayer for our brothers and sisters who are suffering?

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 TODAY! – There are a few numbers available if anyone would like to join in. Three good 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, Ian Macdonald, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett

RIP: Ian MacFarlane, Dolly Russell, Roselyn Grant, Gerard Gorman

Anniversaries: Margaret MacPhee, Bert Rizza, Lexy MacLean