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#### ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

# 27 JUNE 2021: THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B (I); Psalter: Week 1)

### **Mass Readings**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wisdom 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24 Resp. Psalm: Ps. 29 (30): 2, 4-6, 11-13 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 8: 7, 9, 13-15

Gospel: Mark 5: 21-43

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 27 June	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
	(p. 874 – Year B)	Holy Mass	11.00 am
	Retiring Collection: Peter's Pence		
Monday 28 June	St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr	Morning Prayer & Adoration	8.45 am
	Mass Intention: Andrew 'Bunny' Mitchell, RIP	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
	(Anniversary Today)		
Tuesday 29 June	STS. PETER & PAUL (SOLEMNITY)	Morning Prayer & Adoration	8.45 am
	~ HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ~	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
	Mass Intention: Canon Alistair Doyle	** Evening Holy Mass **	7.30 pm
	(Health and Intentions)		
Wednesday 30 June	The First Martyrs of Rome	Morning Prayer & Adoration	8.45 am
	Mass Intention: Matthias Magyar, RIP	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
	(Recently Departed)		
Thursday 1 July	Thursday of Week 13 in Ordinary Time	Morning Prayer & Adoration	8.45 am
		Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
Friday 2 July	Friday of Week 13 in Ordinary Time	Morning Prayer & Adoration	8.45 am
		Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
Saturday 3 July	St. Thomas the Apostle (Feast)	Morning Prayer & Adoration	8.45 am
	Mass Intention: Jenner Martin, RIP	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
	(First Anniversary Today)		
Sunday 4 July	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
	(p. 878 – Year B)	Holy Mass	11.00 am

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Arise!

God, who formed us in His imperishable image, did not intend for us to die, we hear in today's First Reading. Death entered the world through the devil's envy and Adam and Eve's sin; as a result, we are all bound to die. But in the moving story in today's Gospel, we see Jesus liberate a little girl from the possession of death.

On one level, Mark is recounting an event that led the disciples to understand Jesus' authority and power over even the final enemy, death (see 1 Corinthians 15:26). On another level, however, this episode is written to strengthen our hope that we too will be raised from the dead, along with all our loved ones who sleep in Christ (see 1 Corinthians 15:18).

Jesus commands the girl to "Arise!"—using the same Greek word used to describe His own resurrection (see Mark 16:6). And the consoling message of today's Gospel is that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. If we

believe in Him, even though we die, we will live (see John 15:25–26).

We are called to have the same faith as the parents in the Gospel today—praying for our loved ones, trusting in Jesus' promise that even death cannot keep us apart. Notice the parents follow Him even though those in their own house tell them there is no hope, and even though others ridicule Jesus' claim that the dead have only fallen asleep (see 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18). Already in Baptism, we've been raised to new life in Christ. And the Eucharist, like the food given to the little girl today, is the pledge that He will raise us on the last day.

We should rejoice, as we sing in today's Psalm, that He has brought us up from the netherworld, the pit of death. And, as Paul exhorts in today's Second Reading, we should offer our lives in thanksgiving for this gracious act, imitating Christ in our love and generosity for others. (Scott Hahn)

#### **PARISH NEWS**

# Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 874)

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 874: Readings & Proper Prayers

p. 541: The 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 Fabric 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) – St. Columba's is now open for public worship. At present, the maximum seating capacity at Mass is FIFTY souls – which should not be a problem for midweek worship. 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:

4 July: 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time, at 9.30am <a href="https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-04-07-2021-0930am.eventbrite.co.uk">https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-04-07-2021-0930am.eventbrite.co.uk</a>

4 July: 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time, at 11.00am <a href="https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-04-07-2021-1100am.eventbrite.co.uk">https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-04-07-2021-1100am.eventbrite.co.uk</a>

Please note that seats for both Masses will be available to book online from <u>Sunday 27 June</u>, at 12 noon. If you have a problem or query, please contact Fr. Domenico.

Today's Retiring Collection: Peter's Pence – this Special Collection is for the Charitable works and institutions supported by the Holy See in Rome. "Peter's Pence' is the most characteristic expression of the participation of all the faithful in the Bishop of Rome's charitable initiatives in favour of the universal Church. The gesture has not only a practical value, but also a strong symbolic one, as a sign of communion with the Pope and attention to the needs of one's brothers and sisters." (Pope Benedict XVI)

3 July 2021 – Highland Deanery Pilgrimage to St. Anne's parish in Thurso: POSTPONED. Please note that due to rising Covid infection rates in Caithness, Fr. Colin Davies has decided to postpone this event for the time being. He has asked me to convey to you his apologies, and his appreciation for your understanding and support.

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 (.. looking for a new home!), please feel free to leave them in the church entrance foyer, or contact Peter Harkins (07990 845116), who will happily uplift them locally.

**90 Club: 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, Patrick Macpherson, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett

RIP: Matthias Magyar

**Anniversaries:** Angela Prendergast, Andrew 'Bunny' Mitchell, John Sloan, Tom Waters