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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

27 SEPTEMBER 2020:

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year A (II); Psalter: Week 2)**

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18: 25-28

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 24 (25): 4-9

2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21: 28-32

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 27 September	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 780 – Year A)	LIVE-STREAMED PUBLIC MASS PUBLIC MASS	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 28 September	St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs Mass Intention: Donald Angus MacCormick, RIP (Anniversary yesterday)	Live-Streamed PUBLIC Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 29 September	Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael (Feast) Mass Intention: Margaret MacPhee, RIP (Anniversary today)	Live-Streamed PUBLIC Mass	9.30 am
Wednesday 30 September	St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor Mass Intention: Morag MacIntyre, RIP (First Anniversary recently)	Live-Streamed PUBLIC Mass	9.30 am
Thursday 1 October	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor Mass Intention: Private Intention	Live-Streamed PUBLIC Mass	9.30 am
Friday 2 October	The Holy Guardian Angels Mass Intention: Private Intention	Live-Streamed PUBLIC Mass	9.30 am
Saturday 3 October	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed PUBLIC Mass	9.30 am
Sunday 4 October	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 784 – Year A)	LIVE-STREAMED PUBLIC MASS PUBLIC MASS	9.30 am 11.00 am

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Humble Path

Echoing the complaint heard in last week's readings, today's First Reading again presents protests that God isn't fair. Why does He punish with death one who begins in virtue but falls into iniquity, while granting life to the wicked one who turns from sin? This is the question that Jesus takes up in the parable in today's Gospel.

The first son represents the most heinous sinners of Jesus' day—tax collectors and prostitutes—who by their sin at first refused to serve in the Lord's vineyard, the kingdom. At the preaching of John the Baptist, they repented and did what was right and just. The second son represents Israel's leaders—who said they would serve God in the vineyard, but refused to believe John when he told them they must produce good fruits as evidence of their repentance (see Matthew 3:8).

Once again, this week's readings invite us to ponder the unfathomable ways of God's justice and mercy. He teaches His ways only to the humble, as we sing in today's

Psalm. And in the Second Reading today, Paul presents Jesus as the model of that humility by which we come to know life's true path.

Paul sings a beautiful hymn to the Incarnation. Unlike Adam, the first man, who in his pride grasped at being God, the New Adam, Jesus, humbled himself to become a slave, obedient even unto death on the cross (see Romans 5:14). In this He has shown sinners—each one of us—the way back to the Father. We can only come to God to serve in His vineyard, the Church, by having that same attitude as Christ.

This is what Israel's leaders lacked. In their vainglory, they presumed their superiority—that they had no further need to hear God's Word or listen to God's servants. But this is the way to death, as God tells Ezekiel today. We are always to be emptying ourselves, seeking forgiveness for our sins and frailties, confessing on bended knee that He is Lord, to the glory of the Father. (Scott Hahn)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 780) –

- p. 521: Introductory Rites
- p. 780: Readings & Proper Prayers
- p. 543: Apostles' Creed
- p. 571: Preface VI: The Pledge of the Eternal Passover
- 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:

4 October 9.30am:

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-04-10-2020-0930am.eventbrite.co.uk>

4 October 11.00am:

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-04-10-2020-1100am.eventbrite.co.uk>

Please note that seats for both Masses will be available to book online from **Sunday 27 September**

at 12 noon. If you have a problem or query, contact Fr. Domenico.

Novena to St. Francis of Assisi: 25 September-3 October: to mark five years since the publication of Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'*, on the care of our common home, a 'Season of Creation' has been organised, to run from 1 September (World Day of Prayer for Creation) to 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi). In addition to our Mass of Creation, we are also praying a novena (9 days of prayer), which began on Friday 25 September-3 October, in preparation for the feast of St. Francis on Sunday 4 October. You will have received a copy of the Novena prayers in the parish mail shot. The CAFOD website has a copy of these Novena prayers:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Novena-to-St-Francis>

Thursday 1 October: Justice and Peace Inverness monthly meeting at 7:30pm. We will be having a **guest speaker, Andy Kent, who will be giving a presentation about his recent experience in Beirut** after the large explosion in August. The meeting will be via Zoom. For more information, see the Facebook page of Justice and Peace Inverness, or send an e-mail to: invernessjusticeandpeace@gmail.com. You are all welcome to join in a 4-week reflection, beginning in mid-October, of Pope Francis' document *Laudato Si' – Care for Our Common Home*. We will be following the study guide created by SCIAF, via Zoom. We will be focusing on the following subjects

13 October: Week 1 - Creation is a caress of God

20 October: Week 2 - The climate is a common good

27 October: Week 3 - A universal Family

3 November: Week 4 - We were made for love

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Confessions will be heard in the Parish Meeting Room. If you would like to avail yourself of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, simply contact Fr. Domenico to make an appointment.

90 Club: DRAW TODAY! – Will you be a lucky winner? Only if you have a ticket! Three great prizes to be won. If you would like to take part, please speak to Fr. Domenico for details.

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, Steve Knight, Ricci Hudson-Storey

Anniversaries: + Margaret MacPhee + Shaun May + Bert Rizza + Lexy MacLean + Raymond Milne + Donald Angus MacCormick +