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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

29 AUGUST 2021:
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year B (I); Psalter: Week 2)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8
Resp. Psalm: Ps. 14 (15): 2-5
2nd Reading: James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27
Gospel: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 29 August	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 909 – Year B)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 30 August	Monday of Week 22 in Ordinary Time	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 31 August	Tuesday of Week 22 in Ordinary Time	Evening Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Wed 1 September	Wednesday of Week 22 in Ordinary Time	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Thursday 2 September	Thursday of Week 22 in Ordinary Time	Evening Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 3 September	St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church Mass Intention: Mary Vincent, RIP (Anniversary Today)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Saturday 4 September	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 5 September	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 912 – Year B)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Pure Religion

Today's Gospel casts Jesus in a prophetic light as one having authority to interpret God's law. Jesus' quotation from Isaiah is ironic (see Isaiah 29:13). In observing the law, the Pharisees honour God by ensuring that nothing unclean passes their lips. In this, however, they've turned the law inside out, making it a matter of simply performing certain external actions.

The gift of the law, which we hear God giving to Israel in today's First Reading, is fulfilled in Jesus' Gospel, which shows us the law's true meaning and purpose (see Matthew 5:17). The law, fulfilled in the Gospel, is meant to form our hearts, to make us pure, able to live in the Lord's presence. The law was given that we might live and enter into the inheritance promised to us—the kingdom of God, eternal life.

Israel, by its observance of the law, was meant to be an example to surrounding nations. As James tells us in today's Second Reading, the Gospel was given to us that

we might have new birth by the Word of truth. By living the Word we've received, we're to be examples of God's wisdom to those around us, the "first fruits" of a new humanity.

This means we must be "doers" of the Word, not merely hearers of it. As we sing in today's Psalm and hear again in our Second Reading, we must work for justice, taking care of our brothers and sisters and living by the truth God has placed in our hearts.

The Word given to us is a perfect gift. We should not add to it through vain and needless devotions. Nor should we subtract from it by picking and choosing which of His laws to honour. "Hear me," Jesus says in today's Gospel. Today, we're called to examine our relationship to God's law. Is the practice of our religion a pure listening to Jesus, a humble welcoming of the Word planted in us and able to save our souls? Or are we only paying lip service? (Scott Hahn)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 909)

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 909: Readings & Proper Prayers

p. 541: The Creed

p. 567: Preface II: The Mystery 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. All benefactors are remembered at our Masses.

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

From NEXT SUNDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER, there will be NO online booking. Everyone is free to come along to St. Columba's, and to sit where they wish!

- Your name will be written down by one of our stewards when you enter the church, for track and trace purposes.
- Although social distancing is no longer required, 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.
- Holy Communion will remain under one kind only, and must be received in the hand.
- As you know, we are now permitted to sing at Mass, and hymn books and Sunday Missals can be used. They are located in the seats in front of you.

Fr. Domenico will continue to offer two Masses each Sunday: at 9.30am (which will also be live-streamed) and at 11.00am.

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.

Welcome, Fr. Philip .. – today, we welcome Fr. Philip Hall, a priest from the Diocese of Leeds. Fr. Philip has been spending a few days on holiday in the Highlands, and Fr. Domenico has invited him to join us at the 11.00am Mass.

.. Goodbye and Good Luck, Amala! – this week, Amala Anthony will be heading south, to begin her Undergraduate studies at the University of St. Andrews. She is studying for a degree in Business Management .. Fr. Domenico hopes that she can teach him a thing or two in due course about parish management!! Good luck, Amala, and 'haste ye back!'

90 Club – DRAW TODAY! – Good luck to everyone who has a number! There are still some remaining: 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, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Calum MacIntyre

RIP: Gerry MacLean, Anne MacKinnon

Anniversaries: Walter Grant, Mary Cassey, Luciana MacNeil, Mary Vincent