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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

3 OCTOBER 2021:
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year B (I); Psalter: Week 3)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Genesis 2: 18-24
Resp. Psalm: Ps. 127 (128)
2nd Reading: Hebrews 2: 9-11
Gospel: Mark 10: 2-16

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 3 October	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 927 – Year B) Retiring Collection: Sick and Retired Priests	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 4 October	St. Francis of Assisi	Rosary & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 5 October	Tuesday of the Diocesan Cathedral (Feast)	Rosary & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 6 October	St. Bruno (Priest)	Rosary & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Thursday 7 October	Our Lady of the Rosary	Rosary & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 8 October	Friday of Week 27 in Ordinary Time	Rosary & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Saturday 9 October	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Rosary & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 10 October	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 931 – Year B)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: What God Has Joined

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees try to trap Jesus with a trick question.

The "lawfulness" of divorce in Israel was never an issue. Moses had long ago allowed it (see Deuteronomy 24:1–4). But Jesus points His enemies back before Moses, to "the beginning," interpreting the text we hear in today's First Reading. Divorce violates the order of creation, He says. Moses permitted it only as a concession to the people's "hardness of heart"—their inability to live by God's covenant Law. But Jesus comes to fulfil the Law, to reveal its true meaning and purpose, and to give people the grace to keep God's commands.

Marriage, He reveals, is a sacrament, a divine, life-giving sign. Through the union of husband and wife, God intended to bestow His blessings on the human family—making it fruitful, multiplying it until it filled the earth (see Genesis 1:28).

That's why today's Gospel moves so easily from a debate about marriage to Jesus' blessing of children. Children are blessings the Father bestows on couples who walk in His ways, as we sing in today's Psalm.

Marriage also is a sign of God's new covenant. As today's Epistle hints, Jesus is the new Adam—made a little lower than the angels, born of a human family (see Romans 5:14; Psalm 8:5–7). The Church is the new Eve, the "woman" born of Christ's pierced side as He hung in the sleep of death on the Cross (see John 19:34; Revelation 12:1–17).

Through the union of Christ and the Church as "one flesh," God's plan for the world is fulfilled (see Ephesians 5:21–32). Eve was "mother of all the living" (see Genesis 3:20). And in Baptism, we are made sons and daughters of the Church, children of the Father, heirs of the eternal glory He intended for the human family in the beginning.

The challenge for us is to live as children of the kingdom, growing up ever more faithful in our love and devotion to the ways of Christ and the teachings of His Church. (Scott Hahn).

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 927)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 927: Readings & Proper Prayers
p. 541: The Creed

p. 567: Preface II: The Mystery 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.

Today's Retiring Collection: is for our **Sick and Retired Priests**. We have just over thirty priests ministering in a Diocese that covers an area almost the same size as Belgium. Priests normally retire from active ministry at the age of 75, though we have a number of dedicated men who are still working beyond this age, and even a few hardy octogenarians – particularly in this Highland Deanery! At least a dozen of our own clergy will reach the age of retirement within the next ten years. How are we to provide for them, after so many years of selfless service to the People of God?

Sacrament of Confirmation: please continue to pray for our young people who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 17 October at our 9.30am Mass. The Sacrament will be conferred by Fr. Domenico, with official delegation from Bishop Hugh, who is unable to attend. Our Candidates 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!

Novena and Litany of St. Columba: This Novena and Litany were composed to mark the 1500th anniversary of Saint Columba's birth and it can be used by the faithful all year round. It puts us in touch again with the roots of our faith, and the trilingual format reconnects the Irish, Scottish and English communities among which Saint Columba and his missionaries lived and worked. As we celebrate this anniversary, let us seek the intercession of this holy man of God for the needs of our own times. **Copies will be available in the Entrance Foyer of the church, priced £3.95 each.**

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.

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: SEPTEMBER WINNERS! – First Prize: Anne O'Neill; Second Prize: Crissie & Angus Sinclair; Third Prize: Jean Hay. The next draw will be held on Sunday 31 October: plenty of time for you to join our parish fund-raiser! For details, please speak to Father Domenico.

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, Theresa Keil