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4 JULY 2021: FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B (I); Psalter: Week 2)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Ezekiel 2: 2-5 Resp. Psalm: Ps. 122 (123)

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10

Gospel: Mark 6: 1-6

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 4 July	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 878 – Year B)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 5 July	Monday of Week 14 in Ordinary Time	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 6 July	St. Maria Goretti, Virgin Martyr	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Wednesday 7 July	Wednesday of Week 14 in Ordinary Time	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Thursday 8 July	Thursday of Week 14 in Ordinary Time	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Friday 9 July	Feast of Our Lady of Aberdeen	NO LITURGY TODAY	
Saturday 10 July	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 11 July	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 881 – Year B) Retiring Collection: Sea Sunday	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Son of Mary

As we've walked with the Apostles in the Gospels in recent weeks, we've witnessed Jesus command the wind and sea, and order a little girl to arise from the dead. But He seems to meet His match in His hometown of Nazareth. Today's Gospel is blunt: "He was not able to perform any mighty deed there."

Why not? Because of the people's lack of faith. They acknowledged the wisdom of His words, the power of His works. But they refused to recognize Him as a prophet come among them, a messenger sent by God. All they could see was how much "this man" was like them—a carpenter, the son of their neighbour, Mary, with brothers and sisters. Of course, Mary was ever-virgin and had no other children. The Gospel refers to Jesus' brothers as Paul refers to all Israelites as his brothers, the children of Abraham (see Romans 9:3, 7).

That's the point in today's Gospel, too. Like the prophet Ezekiel in today's First Reading, Jesus was sent by God to

the rebellious house of Israel, where He found His own brothers and sisters obstinate of heart and in revolt against God.

The servant is not above the Master (see Matthew 10:24). As His disciples, we too face the mockery and contempt we hear of in today's Psalm. And isn't it often hardest to live our faith among those in our own families, those who think they really know us, who define us by the people we used to be—before we chose to walk with Jesus?

As Paul confides in today's Second Reading, insults and hardships are God's way of teaching us to rely solely on His grace.

Jesus will work no mighty deeds in our lives unless we abandon ourselves to Him in faith. Blessed then are those who take no offense in Him (see Luke 7:23). Instead, we must look upon Him with the eyes of servants—knowing that the son of Mary is also the Lord enthroned in the heavens. (Scott Hahn)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 878)

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 878: 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:

11 July: 15th Sunday in Ord. Time, at 9.30am https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-11-07-2021-0930am.eventbrite.co.uk

11 July: 15th Sunday in Ord. Time, at 11.00am https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-11-07-2021-1100am.eventbrite.co.uk

Please note that seats for both Masses will be available to book online from Sunday 4 July, at 12 noon. If you have a problem or query, please contact Fr. Domenico.

Welcome, Fr. Martin! – Today, we welcome at our Sunday Masses Fr. Martin Wheaton, from the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle. Fr. Martin is with us for a few days, enjoying Highland hospitality in "God's country"!

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, Canon Alistair Doyle, Rina Herbison, Mary Ann MacDonald, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett

RIP: Matthias Magyar, Catriona MacLean, Abraham Sunnikutty

Anniversaries: Jenner Martin; Julie Anne Edwards; Sister Eva Flannery (LSU); Brian Campbell; Ilene, Margaret and Tom O'Connor