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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

7 FEBRUARY 2021:
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year B (I); Psalter: Week 1)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Job 7: 1-4, 6-7
 Resp. Psalm: Ps 146 (147): 1-6
 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23
 Gospel: Mk 1: 29-39

Date	Details	Live-Streamed Liturgies	Time
Sunday 7 February	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 845 – Year B)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Monday 8 February	Monday of Week 5 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Peter, RIP	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Tuesday 9 February	Tuesday of Week 5 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Rita, RIP	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Wednesday 10 February	St. Scholastica, Virgin Mass Intention: Peter, Leonie, and family (Health and Intentions)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Thursday 11 February	Our Lady of Lourdes Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Friday 12 February	Friday of Week 5 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Saturday 13 February	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Sunday 14 February	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 848 – Year B)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Raised to Serve

In today's First Reading, Job describes the futility of life before Christ. His lament reminds us of the curse of toil and death placed upon Adam following his original sin (see Genesis 3:17–19). Men and women are like slaves seeking shade, unable to find rest. Their lives are like the wind that comes and goes.

But, as we sing in today's Psalm, He who created the stars promised to heal the broken-hearted and gather those lost in exile from Him (see Isaiah 11:12; 61:1). We see this promise fulfilled in today's Gospel.

Simon's mother-in-law is like Job's toiling, hopeless humanity. She is laid low by affliction but too weak to save herself.

But as God promised to take His chosen people by the hand (see Isaiah 42:6), Jesus grasps her by the hand and helps her up. The word translated "help" is actually Greek for "raising up." The same verb is used when Jesus commands a dead girl to arise (see Mark 5:41–42). It's

used again to describe His own resurrection (see Mark 14:28; 16:7). What Jesus has done for Simon's mother-in-law, He has done for all humanity—raised all of us who lay dead through our sins (see Ephesians 2:5).

Notice all the words of totality and completeness in the Gospel. The whole town gathers; all the sick are brought to Him. He drives out demons in the whole of Galilee. Everyone is looking for Christ.

We too have found Him. By our baptism, He healed and raised us to live in His presence (see Hosea 6:1–2).

Like Simon's mother-in-law, there is only one way we can thank Him for the new life He has given us. We must rise to serve Him and His gospel.

Our lives must be our thanksgiving, as Paul describes in today's Second Reading. We must tell everyone the good news, the purpose for which Jesus has come—that others, too, may have a share in this salvation. (Scott Hahn).

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 845)

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 845: Readings & Proper Prayers

p. 541: The Creed

p. 569: Preface IV of Sundays in Ordinary Time

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.

Schedule of Online Daily Devotions – Our new daily schedule of parish devotions are as follows. Please feel free to join us, and do spread the word!

8.45 am: Morning Prayer

9.00 am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30 am: Holy Mass

6.00 pm: Angelus, & Evening Prayer

6.15pm: Holy Rosary

This year's Lenten Course at St. Columba's – 'Voices of the Passion': a series of reflections delivered online via Zoom, on **Wednesdays at 7.00pm** throughout the Lenten season, focusing on the major characters of the Passion of Christ.

The draft programme is as follows:

17 February: Peter & Judas

24 February: 3 March: Pilate & Herod

3 March: Jesus & Barabbas

10 March: Simon of Cyrene and Veronica

17 March: Women of Jerusalem & Mary Magdalen

24 March: John and Mary

Please contact Fr. Domenico to register your interest.

Stations of the Cross from around the world! – each Thursday evening at 7.00pm during Lent – **beginning Thursday 18 February** – we will pray the Stations of the Cross via Zoom. We will travel around the Catholic world, visiting different locations such as Jerusalem, Częstochowa, Lourdes, and others, as we reflect on various visual images portraying the Passion of Jesus. For the Zoom link, please contact Fr. Domenico.

Syrian Refugee Resettlement Project – In his latest encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis encourages us to show compassion to our brothers and sisters. Specifically, he asks us to welcome, protect, promote and integrate refugees fleeing tragic situations (#129). In response, a group of parishioners from the Highlands are planning to take advantage of the Home Office's Community Resettlement Programme to sponsor one Syrian family to come to the Inverness area. We are currently looking to set up a steering group to take this forward. If you would like to get involved, please contact Jill Kent at: welcometohighland@gmail.com

90 Club: January Winners! – First Prize: Linda Gallagher; **Second Prize:** Francis Hay; **Third Prize:** John McPhee. The next draw will be on Sunday 28th February. Good luck all with a number. Spare numbers are available; speak to Father 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, Alex Fruters, Patrick Macpherson, Kathleen Macpherson, June Lee, Marian Ellis, Morag Lloyd, Angela Rogers, Angela Broad, Iain Campbell, Maree MacGillivray

RIP: + Maimie Morrison + John Leahy + Piedad Matute + Sabie Smith +

Anniversaries: + Eunice McLennan + Kath and Howard Nicolls + James Burns + Chris Waters + Colin Buckley + Darren Burgess + Garry Tindell + Tommy McNaughton + Chris Smyth + Magda Utton