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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

7 NOVEMBER 2021:
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year B (I); Psalter: Week 4)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: 1 Kings 7: 10-16
Resp. Psalm: Ps. 145 (146): 7-10
2nd Reading: Hebrews 9: 24-28
Gospel: Mark 12: 38-44

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 7 November	THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 945 – Year B)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 8 November	Blessed John Duns Scotus, Priest	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 9 November	Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Mass Intention: Joe McDermott, RIP (Recently Departed)	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 10 November	St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Thursday 11 November	St. Martin of Tours, Bishop	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 12 November	St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Saturday 13 November	St. Machar, Bishop	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 14 November	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 948 – Year B)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Remembrance Service Holy Mass	9.30 am 10.30 am 11.00 am

Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year: The Widows' Faith

We must live by the obedience of faith, a faith that shows itself in works of charity and self-giving (see Galatians 5:6). That's the lesson of the two widows in today's liturgy. The widow in the First Reading isn't even a Jew, yet she trusts in the word of Elijah and the promise of his Lord.

Facing sure starvation, she gives all that she has, her last bit of food—feeding the man of God before herself and her family. The widow in the Gospel also gives all that she has, offering her last bit of money to support the work of God's priests in the Temple.

In their self-sacrifice, these widows embody the love that Jesus last week revealed as the heart of the Law and the Gospel. They mirror the Father's love in giving His only Son, and Christ's love in sacrificing Himself on the Cross.

Again in today's Second Reading, we hear Christ described as a new high priest and the suffering servant foretold by Isaiah. On the Cross, He made sacrifice once and for all to take away our sin and bring us to salvation (see Isaiah 53:12).

And again we are called to imitate His sacrifice of love in our own lives. We will be judged, not by how much we give—for the scribes and the wealthy contribute far more than the widow. Rather, we will be judged by whether our gifts reflect our livelihood, our whole beings, all our heart and soul, mind and strength.

Are we giving all that we can to the Lord—not out of a sense of forced duty, but in a spirit of generosity and love (see 2 Corinthians 9:6–7)?

Do not be afraid, the man of God tells us today. As we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord will provide for us, as He sustains the widow. Today, let us follow the widows' example, doing what God asks, confident that our jars of flour will not grow empty, nor our jugs of oil run dry. (Scott Hahn)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 945)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 945: Readings & Proper Prayers
p. 541: The Creed

p. 571: Preface VI: The Pledge of the Eternal Passover
p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II
p. 631: Communion Rite

November – Month of the Holy Souls: November is the month when we remember our dearly departed. If you would like to have any deceased relatives or friends remembered at Mass during November, please place their names in the brown envelopes in the foyer, and hand these in to the Sacristy. All names will be placed in front of the altar, and a selection will be read out at every Mass.

Remembrance Sunday, 14 November 2021: there will be a short live-streamed Remembrance Service outside the front of the church, at our War Memorial, **at 10.30 am on Sunday 14 November**. This is to allow those who have attended the 9.30am to participate, as well as those arriving for the 11.00am Mass. You are all very welcome to attend.

Advent Study Course: Fr. Domenico is planning a Scripture course on 'The Christmas Story', which will be streamed via Zoom, on **Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm** during December. The dates are as follows:

Wednesday 1 December	Preparation
Wednesday 8 December	Annunciation(s)
Wednesday 15 December	Realisation
Wednesday 22 December	Adoration

If you are interested in this, please contact Fr. Domenico for the Zoom link.

Thank you! – Last week, Fr. Domenico asked for your input regarding the future of our liturgies and parish events. He was delighted to receive valuable feedback; as a result of this, the following decisions have been taken:

Carol Service: we will forego our December Carol Service. Last year's ~~cacophony~~ "joyful noises of praise" via Zoom were perhaps better as a one-off experience! We will have our short prelude of carols and readings before our Vigil Mass on 24 December, as usual.

Sunday Masses: we'll continue for the foreseeable future with BOTH of our Masses, as at present, namely at 9.30am and at 11.00am. Our numbers are rising again, which is great to see. However, in order to maintain safe distancing between family groups, it is only prudent to offer both Mass options.

Christmas Masses:

Vigil (24 December)	7.00pm: carols and readings	7.30pm: Holy Mass
Christmas Day	10.30am: Holy Mass	12.00 Noon: Holy Mass

St. Columba's Culloden: Pilgrimages in 2022! – Fr. Domenico will be leading two pilgrimages next year: one to the **Holy Land**, on behalf of All Saints 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 for more information.

90 Club: OCTOBER WINNERS: First Prize: Helen Macdonald; Second Prize: Iain Macdonald; Third Prize: Anne O'Neill. The next draw will be on Sunday 28th November. You too could be a winner; please ask Father Domenico for details!

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: Nigel Robson, Luisa Bruno, Noel Stanley

Anniversaries: Anna Campbell, Alex MacDonald, Margaret Anne Welsh, Margaret Marshall, Michael & Manji Dannish