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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**8 JULY 2018:**

### **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

## **Mass Readings**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

Psalm: Ps 122 (123)

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 8 July	<b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Second Collection: Sea Sunday	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>9.30 am</b>
Tuesday 10 July	<b>NO MASS</b>	---	---
Wednesday 11 July	<b>NO MASS</b>	---	---
Thursday 12 July	<b>NO MASS</b>	---	---
Sunday 15 July	<b>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Second Collection: Building Fund	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>9.30 am</b>

### **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 recognise 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 offence 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)

### **Thought for the Day with Pope Francis**

"Faith is born of an encounter with the living God who calls us and reveals his love, a love which precedes us and upon which we can lean for security and for building our lives."

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### **Today's Second Collection: Sea Sunday**

– Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's Second Collection is for Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you.

**Altar Servers:** we are always very happy to welcome more new recruits! Any child who has received First Holy Communion is encouraged to consider helping the Parish Liturgy by serving at Mass. Full training will be given! Please speak to Fr. Domenico to register your interest.

**Can you help?** – Two German ladies - Marrie (71) and Kornelia (62) – who are active in the ecumenical movement in the Lutheran Church of Hanover, Lower Saxony – are coming to stay in the Culloden area in the second half of September. One of the ladies has difficulty walking, and has asked if she might advertise in the Parish Newsletter for someone to assist them? They are looking for a parishioner with a car and some free time, to drive them around this area. The ladies are willing to pay 15 Euros per hour, plus petrol money. The full letter is on the noticeboard. If you would like to help them, contact Fr. Domenico on the parish e-mail address.

**Supporting the Parish** – Going away on your Summer holidays? Why not set up a Standing Order to assist the Parish financially, and ensure that you are contributing to the continual growth of St. Columba's each and every week?! It's quick and easy to do; just speak to Ewen, our Treasurer, or to Fr. Domenico.

**Hospital Admissions:** if you, or any member of your family, is to be admitted to hospital, and would like a visit from Fr Domenico, please do inform him. Please note that it is neither the duty, nor, indeed, the policy, of hospitals to inform priests and ministers when congregation members are admitted – the responsibility is placed solely on family and friends.

**Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?** – Each year thousands of adults choose to become Catholics. They come from different backgrounds, and for different reasons: some are already Christians from other traditions; some are from another faith, or no faith at all; some are non- Catholics who have been coming regularly to Mass for years with their Catholic spouses or relatives. If you would like to know more about the Catholic faith, please speak to Fr Domenico.

**Cleaning Team:** Monday 9th July at 12 noon – Laura, Marie and Don. Would you like to help out? Only one hour a month! See Don for details.

**"90 Club" – Next Draw: Sunday 29 July.** You can join in the fun too; ask Don for details. Only £2 monthly!

**PRIZE BINGO: NEXT MEETING IN SEPTEMBER.** Non-perishable items to give as prizes are always needed. Thank you for your generosity! **Since last September, we have raised c. £ 3,500!** A sincere 'thank you' also to our marvellous helpers; your efforts are very much appreciated!

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** + Anna Black + Audrey O'Connell + Amelia & John Drew + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Johnny Gallagher + Denise Maclean + Ellen Williams + Eva Zandre + Richard Karasek +

**Anniversaries:** + Bob Black + Alexander Mackinnon + Tony Murphy +