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9 JULY 2017:
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, A

Sunday Mass Readings

1st Reading: Zechariah 9: 9-10
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144 (145): 1-2, 8-11, 13b-14
 2nd Reading: Romans 8: 9, 11-13
 Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 9 July	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Second Collection: Sea Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 11 July	Feast of St Benedict	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 12 July	Wednesday of Week 14 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 13 July	Thursday of Week 14 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Sunday 16 July	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Second Collection: Peter's Pence	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time: A Yoke for the Childlike

Jesus is portrayed in today's Gospel as a new and greater Moses.

Moses, the meekest man on earth (see Numbers 12:3), was God's friend (see Exodus 34:12,17). Only he knew God "face to face" (see Deuteronomy 34:10). And Moses gave Israel the yoke of the Law, through which God first revealed himself and how we are to live (see Jeremiah 2:20; 5:5).

Jesus too is meek and humble. But He is more than God's friend. He is the Son who alone knows the Father. He is more also than a law-giver, presenting himself today as the yoke of a new Law, and as the revealed Wisdom of God.

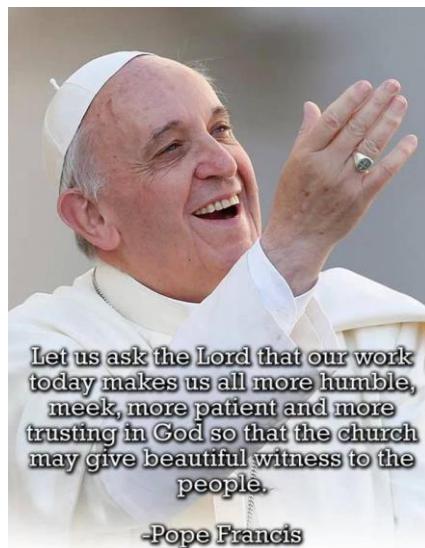
As Wisdom, Jesus was present before creation as the firstborn of God, the Father and Lord of heaven and earth (see Proverbs 8:22; Wisdom 9:9). And He gives knowledge of the holy things of the kingdom of God (see Wisdom 10:10).

In the gracious will of the Father, Jesus reveals these things only to the "childlike"—those who humble themselves before Him as little children (see Sirach 2:17). These alone can recognise and receive Jesus as the just Saviour and meek King promised to daughter Zion, Israel, in today's First Reading.

We too are called to childlike faith in the Father's goodness, as sons and daughters of the new kingdom, the Church.

We are to live by the Spirit we received in baptism (see Galatians 5:16), putting to death our old ways of thinking and acting, as Paul exhorts in today's Second Reading. Our "yoke" is to be His new law of love (see John 13:34), by which we enter into the "rest" of His kingdom.

As we sing in today's Psalm, we joyously await the day when we will praise His name forever in the kingdom that lasts for all ages. This is the Sabbath rest promised by Jesus—first anticipated by Moses (see Exodus 20:8-11), but which still awaits the people of God (see Hebrews 4:9). (Scott Hahn)



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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.

Wonderful News! – Have you seen this week's Scottish Catholic Observer? "Recruits for Priesthood in Scotland hit 20-Year High". This year, TWELVE men will be ordained to serve in different Dioceses in Scotland. Please pray for them, and for our own seminarians: for Deacons Emmet and Rafal, for Dominic, Christopher, and Malachy, and for all those who are discerning a vocation to the Priesthood in our Diocese of Aberdeen. Your prayers – and encouragement to young men in our parishes - are so important!

New Altar Servers? – we are building an excellent team of youngsters as Altar Servers at St Columba's, and 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!

Highland Deanery Day for Altar Servers: Saturday 19 August, from 10.30am – 4.00pm. We have organised a special day for all Altar Servers on 19 August. **This is a 'three-line whip', 'MUST ATTEND event' for our present servers!** The Diocesan Master of Ceremonies, Mr George Brand, is coming from Aberdeen to instruct us all on the finer points of Serving, and there will be fun activities, lots of food, and friendship for our young people!

Singing Group: would you like to be involved in an informal singing group in our parish? The purpose of the group would be to meet every so often with the musicians, to look at new hymns and help with singing at the Sunday Mass. We are hoping to begin this group in September. If this sounds ideal to you (no pun intended!), please speak to Fr Domenico, or to the musicians.

Living Faith Scripture Course: "From Genesis to Jesus – Unlocking the Bible" – Part 4 ("On the Way to the Promised Land"), focusing on the figure of Moses, will be held on **Wednesday 12 July, at 7.00pm**. This course gives an overview of the Old and New Testaments, and takes the form of visual presentations, with discussion and Bible reading! Come and join us! All welcome!

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: Wednesday 12 July at 4.30 pm – Gigi and Shona, and anyone else who would like to join in. Anyone offering to help to keep the church nice and clean only needs to give one hour a month. You won't be left on your own! Ask Don for details.

"90 Club": Next Draw on Sunday 30 July: Would you like to join in? There are a few numbers left – only £2 a month. All profits go to our Building Fund. Please ask Don for details.

PRIZE BINGO: there is a break over the months of July and August. **NEXT EYES DOWN IN SEPTEMBER!** However, we always appreciate non-perishable items to give as prizes; they are much needed (chocolates, wine, toiletries, stationery, or any item you would like to win)! Can you help? Your support is essential! Very many thanks to all who contribute to make our fundraiser so successful!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Audrey O'Connell + Amelia and John Drew + Ewen Macdonald Senior + Lachlan MacNeil + Rose Corbett + Murray Mackay + Eilidh MacPherson

R.I.P.: + Sr Eva Flannery, LSU

Anniversaries: + Bob Black + Tom, Margaret, and Irene O'Connor + Alexander Mackinnon + Tony Murphy