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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**9 SEPTEMBER 2018:**

### **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 35: 4-7

Psalm: Ps 145 (146): 7-10

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 2: 1-5

Gospel: Mark 7: 31-37

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 9 September	<b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Second Collection: Building Fund	<b>Sacrament of Confession</b> <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>9.30 am</b>
Tuesday 11 September	Tuesday of Week 23 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Kenneth MacIntyre R.I.P. (First Anniversary)	Sacrament of Confession Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 12 September	Wednesday of Week 23 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Annie MacLeod R.I.P. (Anniversary)	Sacrament of Confession Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 13 September	Memorial of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor Mass Intention: Mandy Knight R.I.P. (Recently Departed)	Sacrament of Confession Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 14 September	<b>FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> <b>DIACONAL ORDINATION OF DOMINIC NWAIGWE</b> *** ST. MARY'S, INVERNESS ***	<b>Mass at St. Mary's</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>
Sunday 16 September	<b>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Second Collection: Building Fund	<b>Sacrament of Confession</b> <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>9.30 am</b>

### **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: All Things Well**

The incident in today's Gospel is recorded only by Mark. The key line is what the crowd says at the end: "He has done all things well." In the Greek, this echoes the creation story, recalling that God saw all the things he had done and declared them good (see Genesis 1:31).

Mark also deliberately evokes Isaiah's promise, which we hear in today's First Reading that God will make the deaf hear and the mute speak. He even uses a Greek word to describe the man's condition (*mogilalon*, or "speech impediment") that's only found in one other place in the Bible—in the Greek translation of today's Isaiah passage, where the prophet describes the "dumb" singing.

The crowd recognizes that Jesus is doing what the prophet had foretold. But Mark wants us to see something far greater—that, to use the words from today's First Reading: "Here is your God."

Notice how personal and physical the drama is in the Gospel. Our focus is drawn to a hand, a finger, ears, a

tongue, spitting. In Jesus, Mark shows us, God has truly come in the flesh.

What He has done is to make all things new, a new creation (see Revelation 21:1-5). As Isaiah promised, He has made the living waters of baptism flow in the desert of the world. He has set captives free from their sins, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has come that rich and poor might dine together in the Eucharistic feast, as James tells us in today's Epistle.

He has done for each of us what He did for that deaf mute. He has opened our ears to hear the Word of God, and loosed our tongues that we might sing praises to Him.

Let us then, in the Eucharist, again give thanks to our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. Let us say with Isaiah, here is our God, He comes to save us. Let us be rich in faith, that we might inherit the kingdom promised to those who love Him. (Scott Hahn)

## GENERAL NEWS

**Friday 14 September: Diaconal Ordination of Dominic Nwaigwe** – this special event for our Deanery and the Diocese will take place at **St. Mary's, Inverness, beginning at 6.00pm**. Seating by 5.30pm; availability is on a 'first come-first served' basis, so make sure you get there early! The Principal Celebrant is Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB, and the Diocesan Choir, together with the St. Mary's 'Canaries', will be leading us in the singing. There will be a light finger-buffet available afterwards in the parish hall. All welcome!

**Saturday 15 September: The Salvation Army International Staff Songsters** – at 7.30pm in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Ardross Street, Inverness, IV3 5NS. Ticket prices: £10 Adults; £5 for under-16s, plus booking fee. Available from Eventbrite: <https://the-international-staff-songsters.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Saturday 22 September: The Clachan Comar Mass** – Drive through the village of Cannich, and cross the River Glass. Near Kerrow is the old graveyard of Clachan Comar. There will be car parking available, adjoining the Clachan. **Mass begins at 11.00 am**. Homilist: Very Rev. James Bell. A light lunch will be provided afterwards in Marydale Parish Hall. This is an outdoor celebration so you are advised to dress accordingly! All welcome.

## PARISH NEWS

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: CLASSES** – We have 4 meetings left: 3 classes, together with a full rehearsal with the candidates. Please note the new time: Thursdays, 5.45 – 6.15pm. Meetings take place on: 13, 20 and 27 September. Rehearsal during the class on 4 October. Confirmations will be on Sunday 7 October during the 9.30am Mass.

**HIGHLAND FOODBANK HARVEST APPEAL:** Your donations help to provide three days of emergency food and support to local people in crisis. We would be grateful for the following items: \* Breakfast Cereal \* Tins of Tomatoes \* Tins of Corned Beef \* Jars of Instant Coffee \* Cartons of Long Life Juice \* Toothpaste/Toothbrushes. Please leave them in the plastic box at the front door of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

**NEW ITEMS in our Piety Stall!** Do you know of any young people preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation? We have a number of different gift ideas for you! Looking for a 2019 diary? Why not pick up a copy of our slimline Catholic diaries,

suitable for jacket pockets and handbags, with all of the saints' days and holidays included! Beginning to think about Christmas? We already have a stock of Christmas cards and gifts for you! Have a browse after Mass!

**Celebrating 100 years of Catholic Education in Scotland:** There are new opportunities in Aberdeen for University Students and Teachers, for the academic year 2018–2019. For those studying to become a teacher, the new courses include the Catholic Teachers' Certificate in Religious Education, accredited by the St. Andrew's Foundation at the University of Glasgow. For those who are currently teaching, there is the new 'Setting out on the Road' course, which leads to the Catholic Teacher's Certificate, as well as other online courses. Please see the poster and information booklets in the entrance foyer.

**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.

**Cleaning Team:** Tuesday 11th September at 12 noon – Margaret and Don. Would you like to help them? Only one hour a month! See Don for details.

**"90 Club" – Next draw: 30 September** – There are a few remaining numbers available; would you like one? Only £2 monthly! Ask Don for details.

**NEXT PRIZE BINGO: FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER AT 7.00PM!** – We are looking for any non-perishable items for prizes; a sincere 'thank you' for all of the items that have been handed in; these are very important to us, and are much appreciated. Your support is instrumental in making the Bingo such a success for the parish! Why not come along and join us in the family fun?!

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

**R.I.P:** + Ronnie Ferrari + Catrina Greig +

**Anniversaries:** + Annie MacLeod + Brian O'Connell + Dr Sally MacEwen +