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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

4 SEPTEMBER 2022:
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year C (II); Psalter: Week 3)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Wisdom 9: 13-18
Resp. Psalm: Ps 89 (90): 3-6, 12-14, 17
2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Gospel: Luke 14: 25-33

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 4 September	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 1052 – Year C)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 6 September	Tuesday of Week 23 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Matthew Brennan, RIP (Recently Departed)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 8 September	The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast) Mass Intention: Annie MacLeod, RIP (Anniversary on 10 September)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 10 September	Saturday of Week 23 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Kenneth MacIntyre, RIP (Anniversary Today)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 11 September	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 1056 – Year C)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Counting The Cost

Like a king making ready for battle or a contractor about to build a tower, we have to count the cost as we set out to follow Jesus.

Our Lord today is telling us up front the sacrifice it will take. His words aren't addressed to His chosen few, the Twelve, but rather to the "great crowds"—to anyone, to whoever wishes to be His disciple.

That only makes His call all the more stark and uncompromising. We are to "hate" our old lives, to renounce all the earthly things we rely upon, to choose Him above every person and possession. Again He tells us that the things we have—even our family ties and obligations—can become an excuse, an obstacle that keeps us from giving ourselves completely to Him (see Luke 9:23–26, 57–62).

Jesus brings us the saving wisdom we are promised in today's First Reading. He is that saving Wisdom.

Weighed down by many earthly concerns, the burdens of our body and its needs, we could never see beyond the things of this world; we could never detect God's heavenly design and intention. So in His mercy He sent us His Spirit, His Wisdom from on high, to make straight our path to Him.

Jesus Himself paid the price to free us from the sentence imposed on Adam, which we recall in today's Psalm (see Genesis 2:7; 2:19). No more will the work of our hands be an affliction; no more are we destined to turn back to dust.

Like Onesimus in today's Second Reading, we have been redeemed. We have been given a new family and a new inheritance, made children of the Father, brothers and sisters in the Lord.

We are free now to come after Him, to serve Him—no longer slaves to the ties of our past lives. In Christ, all our yesterdays have passed. We live in what the Psalm today beautifully describes as the daybreak, ready to be filled with His kindness. For He has given us wisdom of heart and taught us to number our days aright. (Scott Hahn)

GENERAL NEWS

Catholic Teachers' Certificate: This course is available for post-graduate students, and for teachers already in post in schools. Courses will be delivered on the following dates at the University of Aberdeen:

Friday 9 September 2022, 1.00pm-5.00pm

Friday 7 October 2022, 1.00pm-5.00pm

Friday 13 January 2023, 1.00pm-5.00pm

Friday 17 February 2023, 1.00pm-5.00pm

For further details, please contact Fr. Stephen Reilly at the following number: 0141 330 3038, or else e-mail him at: Stephen.Reilly@glasgow.ac.uk

PARISH NEWS

Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 1052)

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 1052: 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

Children's Liturgy: If you would like to assist with the children's liturgy at our Sunday Masses, speak to Fr. Domenico.

Altar Servers: There will be another training session for all children who have made their First Holy Communion, and would like to assist the parish by serving at our Sunday liturgy. **The practice will be on Thursday 8 September at 5.00pm.** If you cannot make this date, but would like to become an altar server, please speak to Fr. Domenico.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC): If you are an EMHC, could you please visit the Sacristy and write down in our liturgy planning book the dates of your availability to assist at Sunday Mass? Thank you.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): this is available before each midweek Mass, and also after Saturday Mass.

Piety Stall: have you seen our latest collection of spiritually-uplifting gifts? We have rosaries, bibles, prayer books, diaries, statues, and much, much more! A number of new items are now in stock, and we have already placed a large order for Christmas! Come and browse at our stall in the entrance foyer!

Prize Bingo: now that our monthly fundraiser Bingo has returned, we are looking for items to give as prizes (gift vouchers, toiletries, chocolates, bottles..). Your support is greatly appreciated. Next Bingo Night: Friday 7 October.

90 Club: August Winners! – First Prize: Anne Johnstone; Second Prize: Brian McGlennon; Third Prize: Brenda Carson. Congratulations to all our winners!! Would you like to be a winner, too? Speak to Fr. Domenico. The 90 Club costs only £2 a month to join. Why not take part in this parish fundraiser? Next Draw: Sunday 28 October.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Ian Macdonald, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Winnie Ferrari, Godfrey Hermann, Colin MacMillan, Eileen Anne Millar

RIP: Matthew Brennan, John Daley

Anniversaries: Catrina Greig, Sally McEwen, Annie MacLeod, Brian O'Connell, Tay Siew Khim