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10 SEPTEMBER 2023:
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year A (I); Psalter: Week 3)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Ezekiel 33: 7-9
Resp. Psalm: 94 (95): 1-2, 6-9
2nd Reading: Romans 13: 8-10
Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 10 September	23 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (pp. 769 ff.)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am
Tuesday 12 September	** NO MASS TODAY **	---	---
Thursday 14 September	** NO MASS TODAY **	---	---
Saturday 16 September	** NO MASS TODAY **	---	---
Sunday 17 September	24 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (pp. 772 ff.)	Holy Mass	9.30am

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: To Win Them Back

As Ezekiel is appointed watchman over the house of Israel in today's first Reading, so Jesus in the Gospel today establishes His disciples as guardians of the new Israel of God, the Church (see Galatians 6:16). He also puts in place procedures for dealing with sin and breaches of the faith, building on rules of discipline prescribed by Moses for Israel (see Leviticus 19:17-20; Deuteronomy 19:13). The heads of the new Israel, however, receive extraordinary powers—similar to those given to Peter (see Matthew 16:19). They have the power to bind and loose, to forgive sins and to reconcile sinners in His name (see John 20:21-23). But the powers He gives the Apostles and their successors depend on their communion with Him. As Ezekiel is only to teach what he hears God saying, so the disciples are to gather in His name and to pray and seek the will of our heavenly Father.

But today's readings are more than a lesson in Church order. They also suggest how we're to deal with those who trespass against us, a theme that we'll hear in next week's readings as well. Notice that both the Gospel and the First Reading presume that believers have a duty to correct sinners in our midst. Ezekiel is even told that he will be held accountable for their souls if he fails to speak out and try to correct them.

This is the love that Paul in today's Epistle says we owe to our neighbours. To love our neighbours as ourselves is to be vitally concerned for their salvation. We must make every effort, as Jesus says, to win our brothers and sisters back, to turn them from the false paths. We should never correct out of anger or a desire to punish. Instead, our message must be that of today's Psalm—urging the sinner to hear God's voice, not to harden their hearts, and to remember that He is the one who made us, the rock of our salvation. (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

[...] gossip closes the heart to the community, closes off the unity of the Church. The great gossip is the devil, who always goes about saying bad things about others, because he is the liar who seeks to separate the Church to distance brothers and sisters and not create community. Please, brothers and sisters, let us make an effort not to gossip. Gossip is a plague more awful than Covid! Let us make an effort: no gossip. (Angelus Address, St. Peter's Square, 6 September 2020)

Today's Liturgy: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A (pp. 769 ff.)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 769: Readings & Proper Prayers
p. 540: The Creed

p. 569: Preface IV of Sundays in Ordinary Time
p. 611: Eucharistic Prayer III
p. 631: Communion Rite

Highland Foodbank, July/August – can you help, by donating an item or two from the following list? The Foodbank store is short of: tins of corned beef, cartons of long life juice, jars of pasta sauce, oatcakes/crackers, tins of: chopped tomatoes, ham, and mince/meatballs, tins of fruit, washing-up liquid, deodorant, toilet rolls, new or used bags for life. Thank you.

Saturday 16 September: Mary's Meals Open Day in Inverness – Mary's Meals provides school meals to over 2.4 million children in some of the world's poorest communities. We warmly invite you to attend the charity's Open Day in Inverness from 1.30-3.30pm on Saturday 16 September, at the Spectrum Centre, 1B Margaret Street IV1 1LS. Join us to hear updates on the impact of the work of Mary's Meals from our local Supporter Engagement Officer, meet our volunteers and browse our stalls, featuring home-baking, crafts, bric-a-brac and a raffle. To book your free place, please visit their website at: <https://marysmealsinverness.eventbrite.co.uk> or contact Sue Dalton: sueatharlosh@gmail.com, or telephone: 01470 521570.

'Power of Grace' Retreats with the Dominican Sisters, at St. Michael's Centre in Tomintoul – these take place on the following dates: **22-24 September: S1 Students; 3-5 November: S2-S3 Students.** With outdoor activities, fun games, the opportunities to make new friends from around the diocese, music and prayer, and much more! For more information, or to register, please contact Sr. Bernadette Marie at: op@rcda.scot

Monday 25 September-Sunday 8 October: The Shroud of Turin Exhibition! – at St. Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen. A full-size replica of the Shroud is coming to our Cathedral! There will also be Group Guided Tours organised, together with screenings of 'The Silent Witness', and Q&A. Fr. Domenico is organising a group to visit on **Monday 2 October**, via car sharing. If anyone would like to attend, please let Fr. Domenico know ASAP.

3-10 October 2024: "Walking in the Footsteps of St. John Paul II: A Pilgrimage to Wojtyła's Poland" – this is advance information of a pilgrimage that is being planned and led by Fr. Domenico, together with Fr. Laurence Gambella (St. Mary's, Inverness), and Fr. Ryszard Świder, a priest based at the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Krakow. We will stay at this Shrine, located next to the Pope John Paul II Centre, with anticipated visits to: Częstochowa, Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, Wadowice, Wieliczka Salt Mine, Auschwitz, and much more. Estimated cost: £1,200 pp; please note that **the dates are not definitive**. If you would like to register your interest, without obligation, please speak to Fr. Domenico.

St. Andrew Community Youth Group – every Friday in the church hall at St. Mary's, in Huntly Street, Inverness. Ages 6-11: 5.00pm-6.00pm; Ages 12-18: 6.30pm-9.00pm. For details: youth@standrewx.org, or call 07754 891808.

'Angel Stories for Children': A Colouring Book – this book, complete with stories and drawings to colour in, was compiled by Ishbel McGillivray-McGregor, a former parishioner of St. Columba's. It only costs £2, and is available at our Piety Stall.

90 Club: Next draw takes place on Sunday 24 September! – Would you like to take part? Please speak to Don.

Culloden Indoor Carpet Bowls – every Monday at 10.15am until noon, at the Smithton/Culloden Youth Centre next to the Library (Keppoch Road). See Don for details.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Winnie Ferrari, Eileen Anne Millar, Mary & Esther Smith, Linda Macdonald, Pat Peteranna, Lauren Marsh, Katie MacCormick

RIP: Mary Pene MacNeil, Donald Allan MacQuarrie, Mary Frances Mackinnon, Murdoch Nicholson

Anniversaries: Jock Shaw, Annie MacLeod, Kenneth MacIntyre, Brian O'Connell, Janet MacDonald, Sheena McCulloch, Mary Flora Cumming, Luciana MacNeil, Sarah Elliott