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12 FEBRUARY 2023:
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year A (I); Psalter: Week 2)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 15: 16-21
 Resp. Psalm: Ps 19: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10
 Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 12 February	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 708)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 14 February	Sts. Cyril & Methodius (Fest)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.00 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 16 February	Thursday of Week 6 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.00 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 18 February	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: Nancy Gallagher, RIP (Anniversary Tomorrow)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 19 February	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 712)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Affair of the Heart

Jesus tells us in the Gospel this week that He has come not to abolish but to “fulfil” the Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets. His Gospel reveals the deeper meaning and purpose of the Ten Commandments and the moral Law of the Old Testament. But His Gospel also transcends the Law. He demands a morality far greater than that accomplished by the most pious of Jews, the scribes and Pharisees. Outward observance of the Law is not enough. It is not enough that we do not murder, commit adultery, divorce, or lie. The law of the New Covenant is a law that God writes on the heart (see Jeremiah 31:31–34). The heart is the seat of our motivations, the place from which our words and actions proceed (see Matthew 6:21; 15:18–20). Jesus this week calls us to train our hearts, to master our passions and emotions. And Jesus demands the full obedience of our hearts (see Romans 6:17). He calls us to love God with all our hearts and to do His will from the heart (see Matthew 22:37; Ephesians 6:6).

God never demands more than what we are capable of doing. That is the message of this week’s First Reading. It is up to us to choose life over death, to choose the waters of eternal life over the fires of ungodliness and sin. By His life, death, and Resurrection, Jesus has shown us that it is possible to keep His commandments. In Baptism, He has given us His Spirit, that His Law might be fulfilled in us (Romans 8:4).

The wisdom of the Gospel surpasses all the wisdom of this age that is passing away, St. Paul tells us in the Epistle. The revelation of this wisdom fulfils God’s plan from before all ages. Let us trust in this wisdom and live by His kingdom law. As we do in this week’s Psalm, let us pray that we grow in being better able to live His Gospel and to seek the Father with all our heart. (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

By accepting the Law of God in our heart, one understands that, when one does not love one’s neighbour, to some extent one kills oneself and others, because hatred, rivalry and division kill the fraternal charity that is the basis of interpersonal relationships. (Angelus, 16 February 2020)

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Today's Liturgy: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A (p. 708)

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 708: 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

THIS THURSDAY: Parish Pastoral Council – the St. Columba's PPC will meet on **Thursday 16 February, after the 7.30pm Mass**. If you have any issues that you would like raised at the meeting, please speak to Fr. Domenico.

PREPARING FOR LENT – Fr. Domenico has already ordered copies of the **Lent edition of the *Walk with Me* reflection booklets, both for adults and children!**

In the meantime, there are several **FREE online courses available to you**, which are ideal for Lent:

1. **Scott Hahn, 'Holy is His Name'** – this video-based course traces the meaning of holiness from its origins in Scripture to its appearance in our own lives today.

To register and view the course for free, visit: <https://stpaulcenter.com/holystudy/>

2. **Mark Leonard, "Total Abandonment to God's Will"** – this is available via the following website:

https://www.scienceofsainthood.com/total-abandonment-lent-optin?utm_source=youtube&utm_medium=desc&utm_campaign=2023lent

Lenten Station Masses in the Highland Deanery – each Friday in Lent at 7.00pm, at the following locations:

24 February	St. Mary's, Beauly
3 March	St. Mary's, Inverness
10 March	St. Aidan's, Aviemore
17 March	St. Anne's, Thurso
24 March	St. Ninian's, Inverness
31 March	St. Columba's, Culloden

Lenten Talks: "Thirsting for Our Saviour: Journeying with Jesus through Holy Week" – Fr. Domenico is planning two talks, to assist with our Holy Week and Triduum preparations: on Wednesday 29 March, and Wednesday 5 April, both beginning at 7.00pm – **if there is enough interest!** Please do contact him to register your interest.

Prize Bingo: our next evening together will be on Friday 24 February 2023. Eyes down at 7.00pm. Thank you for the many lovely items handed in to give as prizes, these are always needed, and they make the fundraiser such a success. We now play bingo on the last Friday each month until June. Thank you for your support!

90 Club: Next Draw on Sunday 26 February! Good luck to all who have a number. Numbers are still available if you would like to join in.

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, Mo Horne, Eileen Anne Millar, Tony Lightfoot, Mary & Esther Smith, Charlie MacNeil

RIP: Fr. Matthew Tylor OSB, Patrick MacDonald

Anniversaries: Annemarie Grout, Nancy Gallagher, James Burns, Mary Sharkey, Chris Waters, Colin Buckley, Darren Burgess, Garry Tindall, Tommy McLaughlan, Magda Utton, Chris Smyth