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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

13 AUGUST 2023:
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year A (I); Psalter: Week 3)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13
Resp. Psalm: 84 (85): 9-14
2nd Reading: Romans 9: 1-5
Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 13 August	19 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (pp. 755 ff.)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am
Tuesday 15 August	ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (pp. 1174 ff.) ~ HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ~	Holy Mass	7.30 pm
Thursday 17 August	Thursday of Week 19 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: John Doherty, RIP (Funeral Mass Today)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 19 August	St. John Eudes, Priest Mass Intention: Donald Allan MacKiggan, RIP (Recently Departed)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 20 August	20 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (pp. 758 ff.)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sinking Fear

How do we find God in the storms and struggles of our lives, in the trials we encounter in trying to do His will? God commands Elijah in today's First Reading to stand on the mountain and await His passing by. And in the Gospel, Jesus makes the disciples set out across the waters to meet Him. In each case, the Lord makes Himself present amid frightening tumult—heavy winds and high waves, fire and earthquakes.

Elijah hides his face. Perhaps he remembers Moses, who met God on the same mountain, also amid fire, thunder, and smoke (see Deuteronomy 4:10–15; Exodus 19:17–19). God told Moses no one could see His face and live, and He sheltered Moses in the hollow of a rock, as He shelters Elijah in a cave (see Exodus 33:18–23). The disciples, likewise, are too terrified to look on the face of God. Today's Gospel is a revelation of Jesus' divine identity. Only God treads across the crest of the sea (see Job 9:8) and rules the raging waters (see Psalm 89:9–10). And the words of assurance that Jesus speaks—"It is I"—are those God used to identify Himself to Moses (see Exodus 3:14; Isaiah 43:10).

Even Peter is too overcome by fear to imitate his Lord. His fears, Jesus tells him, are a sign of his lack of faith. And so it often is with us. Our fears make us doubt, make it hard to see His glory dwelling in our midst.

Yet, we should know, as we sing in today's Psalm, that His salvation is near to those who hope in Him. By faith we should know, as Paul asserts in today's Epistle, that we are heirs to the promises made to His children, Israel.

We must trust that He whispers to us in the trials of our lives—that He who has called us to walk along the way of His steps—save us whenever we begin to sink. (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

[...] the guarantee against shipwreck is faith in Christ and in his Word. This is the guarantee: faith in Jesus and in his Word. We are safe on this boat, despite our wretchedness and weaknesses, especially when we are kneeling and worshipping the Lord, like the disciples who, in the end, fell down before him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God!" (v. 33). (Angelus Address, St. Peter's Square, 13 August 2017)

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Today's Liturgy: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A (pp. 755 ff.)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 755: Readings & Proper Prayers
p. 540: The Creed

p. 567: Preface II of Sundays in Ordinary Time
p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II
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.

26 August: Updated Safeguarding training – this will be available in the meeting room on 26th August 2023. There will be two sessions, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. but only one needs to be attended. Sessions will be about 1 ½ hours long. As this is all new materials, **all existing PVG checked volunteers should attend** and hopefully any new volunteers. It is only for those working for the Church with children or vulnerable adults. Any such volunteer must have the training and a current PVG check for the Parish. Ewen would especially be grateful if any of the adults coming to Children's Liturgy with their children on a Sunday morning could attend training and get a PVG check so that he does not have to cancel any sessions because there are insufficient numbers of PVG checked persons in attendance (minimum of 2). If you would like to attend, or have any queries, please send an e-mail to Ewen at ewen1.macdonald@hotmail.co.uk.

Saturday 2 September at 11.30am: Highland Deanery Pilgrimage, with Mass, at the parish of St. Peter & St. Boniface, in Cathedral Square, Fortrose. Principal Celebrant: Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB. Come along and support this Deanery initiative!

Our long-overdue chairs have arrived! – These chairs, with armrests, have been placed in strategic places, usually occupied by parishioners who have asked to receive Holy Communion in their seats. Each chair is indicated as such; please do try to keep them vacant for our less agile parishioners who require a little extra assistance. Many thanks.

Parish Bequest – some of you will remember **Ishbel MacGillivray MacGregor**, who was an active member of this parish, before she moved to Essex to be near her family. Ishbel died at the end of December 2020, but she included a Bequest to St. Columba's in her will. We have just received a **cheque for £5,075.00**. This sum will be invested for future parish projects. God rest her soul!

Boost your giving – Direct Debits Tripled to Mary's Meals! – Setting up a regular gift (either through a Direct Debit, standing order or recurring card payment) is a very special way to support Mary's Meals. The certainty of your donation will give us the confidence to plan for the future – safe in the knowledge that, together, we are keeping our promise to the 2.4 million children receiving our school meals while striving to reach the next child waiting. Until Friday 29 September 2023, any new regular gift will be tripled for the first three payments – thanks to a group of generous donors who have made funds available up to £150,000! And, if you already have a regular gift and would like to increase your donation, the additional amount will be tripled for the next three payments. This means your donations will feed even more hungry children. Even a small regular gift can make a huge difference. Visit <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/campaigns/direct-debits-tripled> for more details, or call 0800 6981212.

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 MacGillivray-McGregor, a former parishioner of St. Columba's. It only costs £2, and is available at our Piety Stall.

Sacrament of Confirmation in 2024! – Bishop Hugh has kindly agreed to come to the parish and bestow the Sacrament of Confirmation upon our candidates on **Sunday 21 April 2024**. If your child is of the appropriate age (P7/S1), please do get in contact with Fr. Domenico as soon as possible, please.

90 Club: Next Draw on Sunday 27 August! Would you like to take part, too? For details, please speak to Don.

Culloden Indoor Bowling – every Monday at 10.15am, at the Youth Centre next to the Library (Keppoch Rd).

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, Mary Pene MacNeil, Katie MacCormick

RIP: Donald Allan MacKiggan, Vi John, James Shortt, John Doherty

Anniversaries: Peter Tierney, Donald and Dorothy MacDonald, Lachlan MacNeill