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15 JANUARY 2023:
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year A (I); Psalter: Week 2)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6
 Resp. Psalm: Ps 39 (40): 2, 4, 7-10
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3
 Gospel: John 1: 29-34

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 15 January	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 693)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 17 January	St. Antony, Abbot Mass Intention: Mary MacIntyre, RIP (Anniversary Today)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.00 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 19 January	Thursday of Week 2 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Peggy Kirby (Health & Intentions)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.00 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 21 January	St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr Mass Intention: Gaye O'Dwyer (Health and Intentions)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 22 January	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 697) Second Collection: Mary's Meals	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Perfect Offering

Jesus speaks through the prophet Isaiah in today's First Reading. He tells us of the mission given to Him by the Father from the womb: "You are My servant," He said to Me." Servant and Son, our Lord was sent to lead a new exodus—to raise up the exiled tribes of Israel, to gather and restore them to God. More than that, He was to be a light to the nations, that God's salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (see Acts 13:46–47).

Before the first exodus, a lamb was offered in sacrifice and its blood painted on the Israelites' door posts. The blood of the lamb identified their homes and the Lord "passed over" these in executing judgment on the Egyptians (see Exodus 12:1–23, 27). In the new exodus, Jesus is the "Lamb of God," as John beholds Him in the Gospel today (see 1 Corinthians 5:7; 1 Peter 1:18–19). Our Lord sings of this in today's Psalm. He has come, He says, to offer His body to do the will of God (see Hebrews 10:3–13). The sacrifices, oblations, holocausts, and sin-offerings given after the first exodus had no power to take away sins (see Hebrews 10:4). They were meant not to save but to teach (see Galatians 3:24). In offering these sacrifices, the people were to learn self-sacrifice—that they were made for worship, to offer themselves freely to God and to delight in His will.

Only Jesus could make that perfect offering of Himself. And through His sacrifice, He has given us ears open to obedience and made it possible for us to hear the Father's call to holiness, as Paul says in today's Epistle.

He has made us children of God, baptized in the blood of the Lamb (see Revelation 7:14). And we are to join our sacrifice to His, to offer our bodies—our lives—as living sacrifices in the spiritual worship of the Mass (see Romans 12:1). (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

The testimony of John the Baptist invites us to start out again and again on our journey of faith: to start afresh from Jesus Christ, the Lamb full of mercy that the Father gave for us. Let us be surprised once again by God's choice to be on our side, to show solidarity with us sinners, and to save the world from evil by taking it on fully. (Angelus Address, 19 January 2020)

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Today's Liturgy: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A (p. 693)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 693: Readings & Proper Prayers
p. 541: The Creed

p. 567: Preface II of Sundays in Ordinary Time
p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II
p. 631: Communion Rite

Friday 20 January at 6.00pm: Farewell Mass for Bishop Emeritus Peter Moran – Bishop Peter is leaving the Highlands at the end of January, and moving to Aberdeen, to be with his sister. A Farewell Mass has been organised in the church of St. Peter & St. Boniface, in Cathedral Square, Fortrose. Refreshments will be available after all the Mass. Everyone is welcome!

Scottish Screening of 'The Letter' – The *Laudato Si'* Movement and the *Care of Creation Office* have organised an online Scottish screening of the film *The Letter: A Message For Our Earth* for **Thursday 2nd February at 7.00pm**. The film is based on Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical letter, "*Laudato Si', on Care for Our Common Home*", and tells the story of several leaders, committed to ecological and social causes who were invited to Rome for a private audience with Pope Francis during which they shared their personal story and that of their country. After the screening, there will be an opportunity for Q&A with Lorna Gold, who appears in the film and is president of the *Laudato Si'* Movement. Register at: <https://bit.ly/TheLetterScottishScreening>

House Blessings – Fr. Domenico is very happy to visit your home and bless it at the beginning of the New Year. If you would like to avail yourself of this opportunity, please have a word with him.

First Holy Communion June 2023 – Children of P3 age or above are invited to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, which will take place on Sunday 11 June 2023 (Corpus Christi). Weekly classes will begin in January. Please e-mail the parish to request an application form, or speak to Fr. Domenico. There will be a preliminary meeting on Thursday 19 January at 530pm.

Prize Bingo: continues after the Christmas Season – eyes down again on **Friday 27 January 2023**, and thereafter on the last Friday of each month. Thank you for all of the wonderful items that you have handed in. Items that can be given as prizes are always needed; non-perishables can be handed in at any time.

90 Club: The first draw for 2023 will take place on Sunday 29 January. Envelopes for your dues are on the table at the front door; please take one, fill it out, and hand it back with your remittance to Don. Numbers are still available if you would like to join in this parish fundraiser.

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

RIP: Donald Mackinnon, Cardinal George Pell

Anniversaries: Mary Eleanor McKeever, Cyril Ainsley, William Loftus, Margaret Coryn, Katie Mary Fraser