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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

15 OCTOBER 2023:
28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year A (I); Psalter: Week 4)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-10
Resp. Psalm: 22 (23)
2nd Reading: Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20
Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 15 October	28 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (pp. 788 ff.)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am
Tuesday 17 October	St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 19 October	Thursday of Week 28 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 21 October	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 22 October	29 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (pp. 792 ff.) ~ MISSION SUNDAY ~ Second Collection: Missio Scotland	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Dressing for the Feast

Our Lord's parable in today's Gospel is again a fairly straightforward outline of salvation history. God is the king (see Matthew 5:35), Jesus the bridegroom (see Matthew 9:15), the feast is the salvation and eternal life that Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The Israelites are those first invited to the feast by God's servants, the prophets (see Isaiah 25:6). For refusing repeated invitations and even killing His prophets, Israel has been punished, its city conquered by foreign armies. Now, Jesus makes clear, God is sending new servants, His Apostles, to call not only Israelites, but all people—good and bad alike—to the feast of His kingdom. This an image of the Church, which Jesus elsewhere compares to a field sown with both wheat and weeds, and a fishing net that catches good fish and bad (see Matthew 13:24–43, 47–50).

We have all been called to this great feast of love in the Church, where, as Isaiah foretold, the veil that once separated the nations from the covenants of Israel has been destroyed, where the dividing wall of enmity has been torn down by the blood of Christ (see Ephesians 2:11–14). As we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord has led us to this feast, refreshing our souls in the waters of Baptism, spreading the table before us in the Eucharist. As Paul tells us in today's Epistle, in the glorious riches of Christ we will find supplied whatever we need.

In the rich food of His body and the choice wine of His blood, we have a foretaste of the eternal banquet in the heavenly Jerusalem, when God will destroy death forever (see Hebrews 12:22–24). But are we dressed for the feast? Are we clothed in the garment of righteousness (see Revelation 19:7–8)? Not all who have been called will be chosen for eternal life, Jesus warns. Let us be sure that we're living in a manner worthy of the invitation we've received (see Ephesians 4:1). (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

Without grace we cannot take a step forward in Christian life. Everything is grace. It is not enough to accept the invitation to follow the Lord; one must be open to a journey of conversion, which changes the heart. The garment of mercy, which God offers us unceasingly, is the free gift of his love; it is precisely grace. And it demands to be welcomed with astonishment and joy: "Thank you, Lord, for having given me this gift".. (Angelus Address, 11 October 2020)

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Today's Liturgy: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A (pp. 788 ff.)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 788: Readings & Proper Prayers
p. 540: The Creed

p. 573: Preface VII of Sundays in Ordinary Time
p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II
p. 631: Communion Rite

'Power of Grace' Retreat with the Dominican Sisters, at St. Michael's Centre in Tomintoul for S2-S3 Students – this retreat take place on **3-5 November**. 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

'Encounter Christ' Retreats – these retreats organised by the Dominican Sisters, and held at Greyfriars Convent in Elgin, are being advertised for single women from the ages of 18 to 35. There are two retreats: **17-19 November 2023**, and **15-17 March 2024**. Suggested donation: £30. For more information, or to register, please contact Sr. Bernadette Marie at: op@rcda.scot

Saturday 2 December, 2.00pm-4.00pm: Children's Christmas Party! A date for your diaries! Santa has been notified, and has promised us that he will come to visit St. Columba's! Please note, Mums: Selection Boxes wrapped up! There will be music, games, surprises, and much more! Please spread the word, and let's ensure that as many children as possible come along and join in the fun!!

Christmas at the Piety Stall! – we have many new items in stock! Are you looking for Christmas cards? Look no further! Are you in need of a Rosary in this Marian month of October? We have all sizes and styles! Advent calendars, nativity scenes and baby Jesus statuettes, as well as Catholic diaries for 2024 are all on their way! Plus, we have many other tempting gifts, holy items, and spiritual books. Why not browse the stall, and attend to your Christmas shopping at the same time?

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.

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

90 Club: Next Draw on 29 October! Envelopes for your contributions towards next year's draws are available on the table at the front door; please take one home, fill in the details, and return when you are ready. Are you interested in taking part in the 90 Club? Please speak to Don.

St. Columba's Culloden: Prize Bingo returns! – on **Friday 3 November & Friday 1 December**. Eyes down at 7.00pm. All welcome! Items for prizes are always needed, such as: toiletries, chocolates, jigsaws, store vouchers, wine/spirits, and anything that you would like to win yourselves! If anyone would like to take over the running of the Bingo, or help to organise the Christmas Prize Hamper, please speak to Don.

PARISH FINANCES

8 October 2023

Current Account: £ 192.63

Fabric Account: £ 43.60

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, Brian Hamilton

RIP: Murdoch Nicholson, Donald Archie MacLellan, Elizabeth Aitken, Peter Simpson, Anne Sinforiani

Anniversaries: Eva Giubarelli, Alastair MacInnes, Matt Hamilton, Ron Macleod