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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

16 OCTOBER 2022:
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year C (II); Psalter: Week 1)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Exodus 17:8-13
Resp. Psalm: Ps 120 (121)
2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2
Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 16 October	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 1076 – Year C)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 18 October	St.Luke, Evangelist – Feast	NO MASS TODAY	---
Thursday 20 October	Thursday of Week 29 in Ordinary Time	NO MASS TODAY	---
Saturday 22 October	St. John Paul II, Pope	NO MASS TODAY	---
Sunday 23 October	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 1079 – Year C) Second Collection: World Mission Sunday	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Hope from on High

The Lord is our guardian, beside us at our right hand, interceding for us in all our spiritual battles. In today's Psalm we're told to lift our eyes to the mountains, that our help will come from Mount Zion and the Temple—the dwelling of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Joshua and the Israelites, in today's First Reading, are also told to look to the hilltops. They are to find their help there—through the intercession of Moses—as they defend themselves against their mortal foes, the Amalekites.

Notice the image: Aaron and Hur standing on each side of Moses, holding his weary arms so that he can raise the staff of God above his head. Moses is being shown here as a figure of Jesus, who also climbed a hilltop, and on Mount Calvary stretched out His hands between heaven and earth to intercede for us against the final enemy—sin and death (see 1 Corinthians 15:26).

By the staff of God, Moses bested Israel's enemies (see Exodus 7:8–12; 8:1–2), parted the Red Sea (see Exodus 14:16) and brought water from the Rock (see Exodus 17:6).

The Cross of Jesus is the new staff of God, bringing about a new liberation from sin, bringing forth living waters from the body of Christ, the new Temple of God (see John 2:19–21; 7:37–39; 19:34; 1 Corinthians 10:4).

Like the Israelites and the widow in today's Gospel, we face opposition and injustice—at times from godless and pitiless adversaries.

We, too, must lift our eyes to the mountains—to Calvary and the God who will guard us from all evil. We must pray always and not be wearied by our trials, Jesus tells us today. As Paul exhorts in today's Second Reading, we need to remain faithful, to turn to the inspired Scriptures—given by God to train us in righteousness. We must persist, so that when the Son of Man comes again in kingly power, He will indeed find faith on earth. (Scott Hahn)

GENERAL NEWS

The St. Andrew Community have set up two groups –

- **St. Dominic Savio Club:** for children 11 years and younger. This will include sacramental preparation for First Holy Communion. Every Friday from 5-6pm at St. Mary's Parish Hall, Huntly Street, Inverness – **beginning Friday 7 October.**
- **St. John Bosco Youth Group:** for older children, from 12 years and older, to teenagers. Every Friday from 6.30-9.00pm, again at St. Mary's parish hall.

Anyone for Bowls?! – the Indoor Bowling Club meet every Monday at the Smithton Culloden Youth Centre (beside the Library), from 10.15am until 12 noon. Everyone welcome: from the young to the 'young at heart'! Why not come along and join the fun?

PARISH NEWS

Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 1076)

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 1076: 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

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): this is available before each midweek Mass, and also after Saturday Mass.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC): If you are an EMHC, could you please visit the Sacristy and write down in our liturgy planning book the dates of your availability to assist at Sunday Mass? Thank you.

Month of October: Praying for Vocations to the Priesthood – During the coming month, before every weekday Mass, we will pray before the Blessed Sacrament for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood in our Diocese. It is vital that we pray for our own priests, AND for future priests to this diocese. Why not make an effort to come along to Eucharistic Adoration, available before each weekday Mass?

Piety Stall: have you seen our latest collection of spiritually-uplifting gifts? We have rosaries, bibles, prayer books, diaries, statues, and much, much more! A number of new items are now in stock, and we have already placed a large order for Christmas!

Prize Bingo: Friday 4 November – our supplies of prizes are low: donations for prizes are very gratefully accepted (gift vouchers, toiletries, chocolates, bottles, biscuits...). Your support is greatly appreciated. Why not come along and join the fun?!!

90 Club: Next Draw Sunday 30 October – Good luck to all of you who have a number. Would you like to be a winner, too? It costs only £2 a month to join. Why not take part in this parish fundraiser? Speak to Fr. Domenico.

PARISH FINANCES

9 October	Current Account: £ 314.20	Fabric Account: £ 544.10 (including Bingo: £ 505.10)
2 October	Current Account: £ 451.56	Fabric Account: £ 13.48
25 September	Current Account: £ 421.60	Fabric Account: £ 97.07
18 September	Current Account: £ 603.92 (including Sick & Retired Priests: £ 347.05)	Fabric Account: £ 69.82

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Bank Statements, as of 30 September 2022:

No. 1 (Running) Account: £ 20, 892.84 Fabric Account: £ 83, 250.78

**No. 1 (Running) Account: RCD of Aberdeen St Mary's Inv a/c No. 2 Culloden
Acc. No: 00809358 – Sort Code: 80 91 26**

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, Colin MacMillan, Eileen Anne Millar

Anniversaries: Eva Giubarelli, Alastair MacInnes, Matt Hamilton, Ron MacLeod, Mary Brown