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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

18 SEPTEMBER 2022:
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year C (II); Psalter: Week 1)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Amos 8: 4-7
Resp. Psalm: Ps 112 (113): 1-2, 4-8
2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2: 1-8
Gospel: Luke 16: 1-13

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 18 September	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 1061 – Year C)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 20 September	St. Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions, Martyrs	** NO MASS TODAY **	---
Thursday 22 September	Thursday of Week 25 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Calum MacRury, RIP (Recently Departed)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 24 September	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: In Honour of Our Lady's Blessed Motherhood	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 25 September	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 1065 – Year C)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Prudent Stewards

The steward in today's Gospel confronts the reality that he can't go on living the way he has been. He is under judgment. He must give account for what he has done.

The exploiters of the poor in today's First Reading are also about to be pulled down, to be thrust from their stations (see Isaiah 22:19). Servants of mammon, or money, they're so in love with wealth that they reduce the poor to objects; they despise the new moons and sabbaths—the observances and holy days of God (see Leviticus 23:24; Exodus 20:8).

Their only hope is to follow the steward's path. He is no model of repentance. But he makes a prudent calculation—to use his last hours in charge of his master's property to show mercy to others, to relieve their debts.

He is a child of this world, driven by a purely selfish motive—to make friends and be welcomed into the homes of his master's debtors. Yet his prudence is commended as an example to us, the children of light (see 1 Thessalonians 5:5; Ephesians 5:8). We too must realize, as the steward does, that what we have is not honestly ours, but in truth belongs to another, our Master.

All the mammon in the world could not have paid the debt we owe our Master. So He paid it for us. He gave His life as a ransom for all, as we hear in today's Second Reading.

God wants everyone to be saved, even kings and princes, even the lovers of money (see Luke 16:14). But we cannot serve two Masters. By His grace, we should choose to be, as we sing in today's Psalm, “servants of the Lord.”

We serve Him by using what He has entrusted us with to give alms, to lift the lowly from the dust and dunghills of this world. By this we will gain what is ours and be welcomed into eternal dwellings, the many mansions of the Father's house (see John 14:2). (Scott Hahn)

GENERAL NEWS

The St. Andrew Community are establishing 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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 1061)

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 1061: 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

Today's Special Collection is for our Sick and Retired Priests. Priests are required to hand in a letter of resignation at the age of 75, though the Bishop is not required to accept it! We have a number of dedicated men who are still working beyond this age, and even a few hardy octogenarians! At least a dozen of our own clergy will reach the age of retirement within the next ten years, but there is no diocesan provision for them. Please consider supporting them, after their years of selfless service to the People of God.

No Children's Liturgy Today – apologies! Our children's liturgy will return next Sunday, 25 September.

Free Cooking Apples! – fancy making a crumble or pie? Free apples are available; take a bag with you, and help yourself!

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.

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: now that our monthly fundraiser Bingo has returned, we are looking for items to give as prizes (gift vouchers, toiletries, chocolates, bottles...). Your support is greatly appreciated. Why not come along and join the fun?!!

Next Bingo: Friday 7 October.

90 Club: Draw Next Week, 25 September! – Would you like to be a winner, too? The 90 Club costs only £2 a month to join. Why not take part in this parish fundraiser? Speak to Fr. Domenico.

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, Godfrey Hermann, Colin MacMillan, Eileen Anne Millar

RIP: Matthew Brennan, John Daley, Calum MacRury, Joan Wilson, David Green, Ann Marie Mitchell, Alex Mackin, John Shaw

Anniversaries: Hector McPhee, Mary MacKinnon, Malcolm MacDonald, Morag McInnes, Morag McIntyre, Kate Anne McDaid, Bridget Tierney, Eddie Pocock