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19 FEBRUARY 2023:
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year A (I); Psalter: Week 3)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18
 Resp. Psalm: Ps 102 (103): 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23
 Gospel: Matthew 5: 38-48

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 19 February	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 712)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 21 February	St. Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.00 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 22 February	ASH WEDNESDAY ~ DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE ~	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.00 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 23 February	Thursday after Lent Wednesday	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.00 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 25 February	Saturday after Lent Wednesday	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 26 February	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (p. 151)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: Affair of the Heart

We are called to the holiness of God. That is the extraordinary claim made in both the First Reading and the Gospel this Sunday. Yet how is it possible that we can be perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect? Jesus explains that we must be imitators of God as His beloved children (Ephesians 5:1-2).

As God does, we must love without limit—with a love that does not distinguish between friend and foe, overcoming evil with good (see Romans 12:21). Jesus Himself, in His Passion and death, gave us the perfect example of the love that we are called to. He offered no resistance to the evil—even though He could have commanded twelve legions of angels to fight alongside Him. He offered His face to be struck and spit upon. He allowed His garments to be stripped from Him. He marched as His enemies compelled Him to the Place of the Skull. On the Cross, He prayed for those who persecuted Him (see Matthew 26:53-54, 67; 27:28, 32; Luke 23:34).

In all this, He showed Himself to be the perfect Son of God. By His grace, and through our imitation of Him, He promises that we too can become children of our heavenly Father. God does not deal with us as we deserve, as we sing in this week's Psalm. He loves us with a Father's love. He saves us from ruin. He forgives our transgressions. He loved us even when we had made ourselves His enemies through our sinfulness. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (see Romans 5:8).

We have been bought with the price of the blood of God's only Son (see 1 Corinthians 6:20). We belong to Christ now, as St. Paul says in this week's Epistle. By our baptism, we have been made temples of His Holy Spirit. And we have been saved to share in His holiness and perfection. So let us glorify Him by our lives lived in His service, loving as He loves. (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

Let us invoke the Holy Spirit so that each of us, starting with daily gestures of love, may contribute to building new relationships inspired by understanding, welcome and patience, thus putting into place the conditions to experience the joy of the Gospel and to spread it in all areas of life. (Angelus, 23 February 2020)

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Today's Liturgy: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A (p. 712)

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p. 541: The Creed

p. 569: Preface IV of Sundays in Ordinary Time

p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II

p. 631: Communion Rite

LENT 2023: RESOURCES –

1. Copies of the **Lent edition of the *Walk with Me*** reflection booklets, both **for adults and children**, are available in the entrance foyer, priced £1.00 each. There is also a **Lent calendar for children**, priced 50p.

2. **FREE online courses available to you**, which are ideal for Lent:

- **Scott Hahn, ‘Holy is His Name’** – this video-based course traces the meaning of holiness from its origins in Scripture to its appearance in our own lives today. To register and view the course for free, visit: <https://stpaulcenter.com/holystudy/>

- **Mark Leonard, “Total Abandonment to God’s Will”** – this is available via the following website:

https://www.scienceofsainthood.com/total-abandonment-lent-optin?utm_source=youtube&utm_medium=desc&utm_campaign=2023lent

3. **Lenten Station Masses in the Highland Deanery** – each Friday in Lent at 7.00pm, at the following locations:

24 February	St. Mary’s, Beaully
3 March	St. Mary’s, Inverness
10 March	St. Aidan’s, Aviemore
17 March	St. Anne’s, Thurso
24 March	St. Ninian’s, Inverness
31 March	St. Columba’s, Culloden

4. **Lenten Talks: “Thirsting for Our Saviour: Journeying with Jesus through Holy Week”** – Fr. Domenico is planning two talks, to assist with our Holy Week and Triduum preparations: on **Wednesday 29 March, and Wednesday 5 April**, both beginning at 7.00pm. The talk will conclude around 7.30pm, and will be followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The evening will conclude at 8.30pm with Benediction.

Prize Bingo: our next evening together will be on Friday 24 February 2023. Eyes down at 7.00pm. Thank you for the many lovely items handed in to give as prizes, these are always needed, and they make the fundraiser such a success. We are quite low for March’s Bingo, so any donations will be gratefully accepted. Thank you for your support!

90 Club: Draw Next Sunday, 26 February! Good luck to all who have a number. Numbers are still available if you would like to join in.

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, Mary & Esther Smith, Charlie MacNeil

RIP: Fr. Matthew Tylor OSB, Patrick MacDonald

Anniversaries: Ian Smith, Jack Hasterick, Johnnie Gallagher, Jim Murray, Mary Sharkey, Moira McGoogan, John Armstrong, Donald John MacMillan, Margaret and William Donnelly, Alex Macintosh