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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

1 OCTOBER 2023:
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year A (I); Psalter: Week 2)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18: 25-28
Resp. Psalm: 24 (25): 4-9
2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 1-11
Gospel: Matthew 21: 28-32

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 1 October	26 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (pp. 780 ff.)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am
Tuesday 3 October	Tuesday of Week 26 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Margaret MacPhee, RIP (Anniversary on 29 September)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 5 October	Dedication of the Cathedral (Feast) Mass Intention: Mark Kelly, RIP (Anniversary on 1 October)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 7 October	Our Lady of the Rosary Mass Intention: Colin MacMillan, RIP (First Anniversary Today)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 pm 8.45 pm 9.30 pm
Sunday 8 October	27 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (pp. 784 ff.)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Humble Path

Echoing the complaint heard in last week's readings, today's First Reading again presents protests that God isn't fair. Why does He punish with death one who begins in virtue but falls into iniquity, while granting life to the wicked one who turns from sin? This is the question that Jesus takes up in the parable in today's Gospel.

The first son represents the most heinous sinners of Jesus' day—tax collectors and prostitutes—who by their sin at first refused to serve in the Lord's vineyard, the kingdom. At the preaching of John the Baptist, they repented and did what was right and just. The second son represents Israel's leaders—who said they would serve God in the vineyard but refused to believe John when he told them they must produce good fruits as evidence of their repentance (see Matthew 3:8).

Once again, this week's readings invite us to ponder the unfathomable ways of God's justice and mercy. He teaches His ways only to the humble, as we sing in today's Psalm. And in the Epistle today, Paul presents Jesus as the model of that humility by which we come to know life's true path.

Paul sings a beautiful hymn to the Incarnation. Unlike Adam, the first man, who in his pride grasped at being God, the New Adam, Jesus, Humbled himself to become a slave, obedient even unto death on the Cross (see Romans 5:12–17). In this He has shown sinners—each one of us—the way back to the Father. We can only come to God to serve in His vineyard, the Church, by having that same attitude as Christ.

This is what Israel's leaders lacked. In their vainglory, they presumed their superiority—that they had no further need to hear God's Word or listen to God's servants. But this is the way to death, as God tells Ezekiel today. We are always to be emptying ourselves, seeking forgiveness for our sins and frailties, confessing on bended knee that He is Lord, to the glory of the Father. (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

[...] conversion, changing the heart, is a process, a process that purifies us from moral encrustations. And at times it is a painful process, because there is no path of holiness without some sacrifice and without a spiritual battle. (27/09/2020)

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Today's Liturgy: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A (pp. 780 ff.)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 780: Readings & Proper Prayers
p. 540: The Creed

p. 567: Preface II of Sundays in Ordinary Time
p. 611: Eucharistic Prayer III
p. 631: Communion Rite

Monday 25 September-Sunday 8 October: The Shroud of Turin Exhibition! – at St. Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen. A full-size replica of the Shroud is on display in our Cathedral! There will also be Group Guided Tours organised, together with screenings of 'The Silent Witness', and Q&A.

Wednesday 4 October at 1.00pm: St. Joseph's Anniversary Mass at St. Mary's Inverness, to celebrate 80 years of St. Joseph's RC Primary School. The Mass is followed by an Open Afternoon in the school, with an exhibition of photos and archives.

'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

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.

90 Club: September Winners! – First Prize: Chris Hamilton; Second Prize: Jean Hay; Third Prize: Janet Webb. Congratulations to all our winners! Next draw on Sunday 29 October. Would you like to take part? Please speak to Don.

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

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

RIP: Murdoch Nicholson, Donald Archie MacLennan, Elizabeth Aitken, Peter Simpson

Anniversaries: Maureen Kelly, Colin MacMillan, Margaret MacPhee, Mark Kelly