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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

21 AUGUST 2022:
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year C (II); Psalter: Week 1)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 66: 18-21
Resp. Psalm: 116 (117)
2nd Reading: Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13
Gospel: Luke 13: 22-30

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 21 August	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 1045 – Year C)	Holy Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 23 August	St. Rose of Lima, Virgin Mass Intention: Holy Souls in Purgatory	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 25 August	Thursday of Week 21 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Mary Flora Cumming, RIP (Second Anniversary Recently)	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 27 August	St. Monica Mass Intention: In Honour of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass Sacrament of Confession	8.45 am 9.30 am After Mass
Sunday 28 August	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 1049 – Year C)	Holy Mass	9.30 am

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: Gateway to Life

Jesus doesn't answer the question put to Him in this Sunday's Gospel. It profits us nothing to speculate on how many will be saved. What we need to know is what He tells us today—how to enter into salvation and how urgent it is to strive now, before the Master closes the door.

Jesus is "the narrow gate," the only way of salvation, the path by which all must travel to enter the kingdom of the Father (see John 14:6).

In Jesus, God has come—as He promises in this week's First Reading—to gather nations of every language, to reveal to them His glory.

Eating and drinking with them, teaching in their streets, Jesus in the Gospel is slowly making His way to Jerusalem. There, Isaiah's vision will be fulfilled: On the holy mountain He will be lifted up (see John 3:14), and He will draw to Himself brethren from among all the nations to worship in the heavenly Jerusalem, to glorify Him for His kindness, as we sing in today's Psalm.

In God's plan, the kingdom was proclaimed first to the Israelites and last to the Gentiles (see Romans 1:16; Acts 3:25–26), who in the Church have come from the earth's four corners to make up the new people of God (see Isaiah 43:5–6; Psalm 107:2–3).

Many, however, will lose their place at the heavenly table, Jesus warns. Refusing to accept His narrow way they will weaken, rendering themselves unknown to the Father (see Isaiah 63:15–16).

We don't want to be numbered among those of drooping hands and weak knees (see Isaiah 35:3). So, we must strive for that narrow gate, a way of hardship and suffering—the way of the beloved Son.

As this week's Second Reading reminds us, by our trials we know we are truly God's sons and daughters. We are being disciplined by our afflictions, strengthened to walk that straight and narrow path—that we may enter the gate and take our place at the banquet of the righteous. (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

"... in order to save oneself, one has to love God and neighbour, and this is uncomfortable! It is a "narrow doorway" because it is demanding. Love is always demanding. It requires commitment, indeed, "effort", that is, a determined and persevering willingness to live according to the Gospel." (Angelus, 25 August 2019)

GENERAL NEWS

Saturday 27 August @ 7.30pm: Fundraiser Ceilidh Night! – ‘Welcome In’: A local response to the refugee crisis, has rescheduled their Fundraiser Ceilidh Night to Saturday August 27th 7:30pm at **St, Mary's Hall, Huntly Street Inverness**. **Tickets: £10 per Adult; £2.50 per child.** For more information or tickets see Patricia Green after Sunday morning mass.

Weekend Residential Retreats for Youngsters at the Tomintoul Centre – the Dominican Sisters in Elgin have organised a series of retreats specially designed for youngsters attending secondary school. The retreat will be led by the Sisters, together with the Inverurie and Aberdeen Cathedral Youth Groups. This is an ideal way to meet other young people from throughout the diocese, and to make new friends, have fun, and learn about your faith! There is a poster in the entrance foyer for further details. Please contact Sr. Mary Gianna at: op@rdca.scot, or Joe Kelly at: youth@cathedral-abdn.org. The weekend retreats are as follows: **S1 Retreat: 26-28 August 2022; S2-S3 Retreat: 16-18 September 2022; S4-S6 Retreat: 24-26 March 2023.**

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TODAY'S LITURGY (CTS Missal): Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C (pp. 1045 ff.)

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Children's liturgy returns today! – All children will be invited to come forward at the beginning of Mass, to receive a blessing, and to have their own liturgy in our Meeting Room. Calling all parents: would YOU like to assist with our children's liturgy? We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers! Please speak to Fr. Domenico or Ewen.

Sunday Collections: today we return to using our collection baskets, before the Offertory. Thank you for your support of the parish.

Robbie Mungersdorf – one of our altar servers – Robbie – will soon embark on a new journey to Craig Lodge Mission House Community, to discern the Lord's calling in his life. He is required to raise £2,000 to cover his B&B and studies. There will be a retiring collection to assist Robbie; please feel free to contribute. Robbie will give a short testimony at the end of Mass.

Register your interest in World Youth Day 2023.. NOW! – World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the youth world. WYD opens its doors to everyone, no matter how close to or distant from the Church they are. Next year it will be in **Lisbon, Portugal, 26 July-6 August 2023**. Cost: **Approx. £700-900**. WYD is open to all young people **between the ages of 16 and 35**. We would greatly appreciate if you registered your interest via our online form so that we can get a rough idea of who is interested. Please note: completing a form does **NOT** mean that you are making a commitment!! Online Form: <https://forms.gle/7DnoSjMQeasQTXa97> For information, please contact : youth@cathedral-abdn.org

Mary's Meals: all Direct Debits will be tripled! – Setting up a regular gift (either through a direct debit, standing order, or recurring card payment) is a very special way to support Mary's Meals. **Until Friday, 30 September 2022**, any new regular gift will be tripled for the first three payments – thanks to a group of generous donors who have made funds available up to £150,000! If you already have a regular gift and would like to increase your donation, the additional amount will be tripled for the next three payments. This means your donations will feed even more hungry children. Even a small regular gift can make a huge difference. This is the link to the campaign on our website: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/regular-giving>

90 CLUB: Draw next Sunday 28 August. Don has some numbers in the 90 CLUB book without names beside them. Would you like the chance to win one of three cash prizes? £2 per number monthly per number. Drawn last Sunday each month after Mass.

Monthly Bingo.. it's back! – our fun-filled parish Bingo night returns on **Friday 2 September. Doors open at 6.30pm; eyes down at 7.00pm.** Doors open from 6.30pm. Thereafter the first Friday of each month until December. Non-perishable prizes are always welcomed; any help is always appreciated. Thank you for your generosity and support.

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, Godfrey Herman, Eileen Anne Millar

Anniversaries: Amelia Drew, Jim McKelvie, Mary Bell, Brian Longmore, Hector MacLean, Mary Vincent, James Zanrè