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21 JANUARY 2024:
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year B (II); Psalter: Week 3)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10
Resp. Psalm: 24 (25): 4-6, 7b-9
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31
Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 21 January	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 838) Special Collection: SPUC White Flower Appeal	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am
Tuesday 23 January	Tuesday of Week 3 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Jean MacCormick, RIP (Recently Departed)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 25 January	The Conversion of St. Paul (Feast) Mass Intention: John Leahy, RIP (3 rd Anniversary Today)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 27 January	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: Roseanne Stewart MacLennan, RIP (Anniversary: 31 December)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 28 January	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 841) Special Collection: Justice & Peace Scotland	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Calling Him

The calling of the brothers in today's Gospel evokes Elisha's commissioning by the prophet Elijah (see 1 Kings 19:19–21). As Elijah comes upon Elisha working on his family's farm, so Jesus sees the brothers working by the seaside. And as Elisha left his mother and father to follow Elijah, so the brothers leave their father to come after Jesus. Jesus' promise—to make them "fishers of men"—evokes Israel's deepest hopes. The prophet Jeremiah announced a new exodus in which God would send "many fishermen" to restore the Israelites from exile, as once He brought them out of slavery in Egypt (see Jeremiah 16:14–16).

By Jesus' Cross and Resurrection, this new exodus has begun (see Luke 9:31). And the apostles are the first of a new people of God, the Church—a new family, based not on blood ties, but on belief in Jesus and a desire to do the Father's will (see John 1:12–13; Matthew 12:46–50). From now on, even our most important worldly concerns—family relations, occupations, and possessions—must be judged in light of the Gospel, Paul says in today's Epistle. The first word of Jesus' Gospel—repent—means we must totally change our way of thinking and living, turning from evil, doing all for the love of God.

And we should be consoled by Nineveh's repentance in today's First Reading. Even the wicked Nineveh could repent at Jonah's preaching. And in Jesus we have "something greater than Jonah" (Matthew 12:41). We have God come as our Saviour, to show sinners the way, as we sing in today's Psalm. This should give us hope—that loved ones who remain far from God will find compassion if they turn to Him. But we, too, must continue along the path of repentance—striving daily to pattern our lives after His. (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

Dear brothers and sisters, let us be attentive and not let Jesus pass by without welcoming him. Saint Augustine said "I am afraid of God when he passes by". Afraid of what? Of not recognising him, of not seeing him, not welcoming him. (Angelus, 24 January 2021)

Today's Liturgy: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B (p. 838)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 838: Readings & Proper Prayers
p. 540: The Creed

p. 567: Preface II of Sundays in Ordinary Time
p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II
p. 631: Communion Rite

Second Collection Today for SPUC White Flower Appeal – this year's appeal, organised by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, calls for the UK Government to end its pills-by-post DIY abortion policy. As well as ending the lives of precious babies, this policy lacks safeguards against illegal late-term abortions, and puts mothers at physical and psychological risk. 86% of GPs are concerned about coercive abortion taking place via telemedicine and pills by post. The policy is impossible to regulate, and has proved open to abuse. Please support today's Second Collection for the work of SPUC.

A New Year Resolution – help us get 2024 off to a great start for the parish by signing up to support us for FREE with **Easyfundraising**. You can raise donations whenever you shop online, with over 8,000 brands, including Amazon, Argos, M&S, eBay, John Lewis, and many more. Plus, once you've raised your first £5, Easyfundraising will double it! Currently, we have raised over £1,000, from 24 supporters. Imagine if we had double that number of people supporting the parish – at absolutely no extra cost to them! Sign up today: it will make a BIG difference to us this year. Simply go to the following site: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stcolumbasculloden/?utm_campaign=raise-more

Genesis to Jesus – the Ogilvie Centre would like to invite you to discover the riches of sacred scripture through an online zoom course called Genesis to Jesus. Presented by other members from our Diocese and over the course of 7 weeks, in which by the end you will be able to locate your place in salvation history. This is part of a wider programme, starting in January 2024 that will see us bring more of the St Paul Center archive of material, which they kindly have given us to use for free, to our Diocese. We have sessions starting on **Monday 15 January** (Evening or Afternoon) and **Tuesday 16 January** (Evening only). Go to the Ogilvie Centre website (https://rcda.scot/ogilvie/?page_id=18) for more details and to sign up.

Wednesday 24 January, 7pm, St. Mary's Inverness: Sunday Meal Service – a meeting will be held in the Marian Room at St. Mary's, Inverness to discuss plans for this deanery-led service to be provided long-term. If you wish to volunteer, it is very important to attend this meeting, as forms will be filled in on this occasion. If you are unable to attend but would like to be involved, please contact the parish office at St. Mary's, Inverness on 01463 233519 or stmarysinverness@btinternet.com

St. Mary's Inverness Burns Supper – a Burn's Night Celebration will take place **at 7.30 pm on Thursday 25th January 2024**, at St Mary's Church Hall, Inverness, including the traditional haggis, neeps and tatties and a ceilidh. This is also the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, so the evening will begin with a service of prayer beforehand at 6.30 pm, welcoming our non-Catholic Christian brothers and sisters. Booking is essential due to the limit on numbers. A suggested donation of £10 is requested, but not required, as we want everyone to be involved, regardless of personal financial circumstances. To book a ticket, please contact the parish office at St. Mary's, Inverness on 01463 233519 or stmarysinverness@btinternet.com

90 Club – Our First Draw of 2024 takes place on Sunday 28 January! There are still some people with numbers who have yet to pay their dues; Amanda/Don will be at the front door to assist you with this! If anyone else would like to try their luck: only £2 monthly, and you could win one of 3 prizes. Please speak to Amanda MacNeil.

Prize Bingo returns on Friday, 26 January! – Doors open: 6.30pm; eyes down: 7.00pm. Items to give as prizes are always needed, and gratefully received; thank you for your support. There is a box in the entrance foyer, under the Piety Stall, in which you can place your donations. NB. We are still looking for someone to take over the Bingo – can you help us? If so, speak to Don, or to Fr. Domenico.

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, Esther Smith, Linda Macdonald, Pat Peteranna, Lauren Marsh, Katie MacCormick, Brian Hamilton, Dorothy Macdonald, Cathy Grant
R.I.P: John MacPhee, Jean MacCormick, Agnes MacIntyre, Bill Bewley, Betty Thompson, Ellen Campbell
Anniversaries: Charlie Grant, Sr. Barbara Campbell LSU, John Leahy, Jackie Anderson