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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**22 JANUARY 2023:**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**(‘SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD’)**  
**(Year A (I); Psalter: Week 3)**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3  
 Resp. Psalm: Ps 26 (27):1, 4, 13-14  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17  
 Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 22 January	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>(‘SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD’)</b> (p. 697) <b>Second Collection: Mary’s Meals</b>	<b>Live-Streamed Holy Mass</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
Tuesday 24 January	<b>RECEPTION OF DONALD MACKINNON, RIP</b>  St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor Mass Intention: Charlie Grant, RIP (First Anniversary Today)	<b>Liturgy of Reception</b>  <b>Sacrament of Confession</b> Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	<b>4.00 pm</b>  <b>6.00 pm</b> 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 25 January	<b>FUNERAL MASS OF DONALD MACKINNON</b>	<b>Funeral Mass</b>	<b>12 noon</b>
Thursday 26 January	Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops Mass Intention: John Leahy (Second Anniversary on 24 January)	<b>Sacrament of Confession</b> Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	<b>6.00 pm</b> 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 28 January	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor Mass Intention: Lesley Rankin, RIP (Recently Departed)	<b>Sacrament of Confession</b> Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	<b>8.15 am</b> 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 29 January	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> (p. 700)	<b>Live-Streamed Holy Mass</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: History Redeemed

Today’s Liturgy gives us a lesson in ancient Israelite geography and history.

Isaiah’s prophecy in today’s First Reading is quoted by Matthew in today’s Gospel. Both intend to recall the apparent fall of the everlasting kingdom promised to David (see 2 Samuel 7:12–13; Psalm 89; Psalm 132:11–12).

Eight centuries before Christ, that part of the kingdom where the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali lived was attacked by the Assyrians, and the tribes were hauled off into captivity (see 2 Kings 15:29; 1 Chronicles 5:26).

It marked the beginning of the kingdom’s end. The Davidic empire finally crumbled in the sixth century BC, when Jerusalem was seized by Babylon and the remaining tribes were driven into exile (see 2 Kings 24:14).

Isaiah prophesied that Zebulun and Naphtali, the lands first to be degraded, would be the first to see the light of God’s salvation. Jesus today fulfils that prophecy—announcing the restoration of David’s kingdom at precisely the spot where the kingdom began to fall.

His gospel of the Kingdom includes not only the twelve tribes of Israel but all the nations—symbolized by the “Galilee of the Nations.” Calling His first disciples, two fishermen on the Sea of Galilee, He appoints them to be “fishers of men,” gathering people from the ends of the earth.

They are to preach the gospel, Paul says in today’s Epistle, to unite all peoples in the same mind and in the same purpose—in a worldwide kingdom of God.

By their preaching, Isaiah’s promise has been delivered. A world in darkness has seen the light. The yoke of slavery and sin, borne by humanity since time began, has been smashed.

And we are able now, as we sing in today’s Psalm, to dwell in the house of the Lord, to worship Him in the land of the living. (Scott Hahn)

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**Scottish Screening of 'The Letter'** – The *Laudato Si'* Movement and the *Care of Creation Office* have organised an online Scottish screening of the film *The Letter: A Message For Our Earth* for **Thursday 2nd February at 7.00pm**. The film, is based on Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical letter, "*Laudato Si', on Care for Our Common Home*", and tells the story of several leaders, committed to ecological and social causes who were invited to Rome for a private audience with Pope Francis during which they shared their personal story and that of their country. After the screening, there will be an opportunity for Q&A with Lorna Gold, who appears in the film and is president of the *Laudato Si'* Movement. Register at: <https://bit.ly/TheLetterScottishScreening>

**Bishops Conference of Scotland: Commission for Marriage, Family and Life. Provision for Marriage Counselling in Scotland** – In order to help provide married couples in difficulty we are aiming to recruit a national network of counsellors who can assist those who seek help. At this stage we are appealing to those who are already qualified as counsellors and who would be interested in completing some further training to work in this area, particularly here in Glasgow. If this is something that you believe you could use your skills for please get in touch on 07706 063936 to have an initial chat.

**First Holy Communion June 2023** – Children of P3 age or above are invited to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, which will take place on Sunday 11 June 2023 (Corpus Christi). Weekly classes will begin in January. Please e-mail the parish to request an application form, or speak to Fr. Domenico. There will be a preliminary meeting on Thursday 19 January at 530pm.

**Prize Bingo: the first Bingo of 2023 takes place on Friday 27 January 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 now play bingo on the last Friday each month until June.

**90 Club:** The first draw for 2023 will take place on Sunday 29 January. Good luck to all who have a number. Envelopes for your dues are on the table at the front door; please take one, fill it out, and hand it back with your remittance to Don. Numbers are still available if you would like to join in this parish fundraiser.

## 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

**RIP:** Sr. Mary Lyons LSU, Donald MacKinnon, Lesley Rankin

**Anniversaries:** Charlie Grant, John Leahy, Sr. Barbara Campbell LSU, Harry Lawless, Jackie Anderson