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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

23 OCTOBER 2022:
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year C (II); Psalter: Week 2)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-14, 16-19
 Resp. Psalm: Ps 33 (34): 2-3, 17-19, 23
 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18
 Gospel: Luke 18: 9-14

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 23 October	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 1079 – Year C) Second Collection: World Mission Sunday	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 25 October	Tuesday of Week 30 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Margaret MacPhee, RIP (Anniversary Recently)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 27 October	Thursday of Week 30 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donald John MacNeil, RIP (Anniversary recently)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 29 October	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: Jim Quinn, RIP (Recently Departed)	NO MASS TODAY	---
Sunday 30 October	THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 1083 – Year C)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am

Message of Pope Francis for World Mission Sunday 2022 (abridged)

Dear brothers and sisters! These words were spoken by the Risen Jesus to his disciples just before his Ascension into heaven, as we learn from the Acts of the Apostles: “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth” (1:8). They are also the theme of the 2022 World Mission Day which, as always, reminds us that the Church is missionary by nature.

1. “*You shall be my witnesses*” – *The call of every Christian to bear witness to Christ* - This is the central point, the heart of Jesus’ teaching to the disciples, in view of their being sent forth into the world. The disciples are to be witnesses of Jesus, thanks to the grace of the Holy Spirit that they will receive. Wherever they go and in whatever place they find themselves. Christ was the first to be sent, as a “missionary” of the Father (cf. *Jn* 20:21), and as such, he is the Father’s “faithful witness” (cf. *Rev* 1:5). In a similar way, every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. And the Church, the community of Christ’s disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. To evangelize is the very identity of the Church.

2. “*To the ends of the earth*” – *The perennial relevance of a mission of universal evangelization* – In telling the disciples to be his witnesses, the risen Lord also tells them where they are being sent: “... in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth” (*Acts* 1:8). Here we clearly see the universal character of the disciples’ mission. We also see the “centrifugal” geographical expansion, as if in concentric circles, of the mission, beginning with Jerusalem, which Jewish tradition considered the centre of the world, to Judea and Samaria and to “the ends of the earth”.

Something similar still happens in our own day. Due to religious persecution and situations of war and violence, many Christians are forced to flee from their homelands to other countries. We are grateful to these brothers and sisters who do not remain locked in their own suffering but bear witness to Christ and to the love of God in the countries that accept them.

The words “to the ends of the earth” should challenge the disciples of Jesus in every age and impel them to press beyond familiar places in bearing witness to him.

3. “*You will receive power*” from the Holy Spirit – *Let us always be strengthened and guided by the Spirit.*

When the risen Christ commissioned the disciples to be his witnesses, he also promised them the grace needed for this great responsibility: “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses”.

Just as “no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’, except by the Holy Spirit” (*1 Cor* 12:3), so no Christian is able to bear full and genuine witness to Christ the Lord without the Spirit’s inspiration and assistance. The Spirit ... is the true protagonist of mission. Dear brothers and sisters, I continue to dream of a completely missionary Church, and a new era of missionary activity among Christian communities. Indeed, would that all of us in the Church were what we already are by virtue of baptism: prophets, witnesses, missionaries of the Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to the ends of the earth! Mary, Queen of the Missions, pray for us!

GENERAL NEWS

The St. Andrew Community are establishing two groups –

- **St. Dominic Savio Club:** for children 11 years and younger. This will include sacramental preparation for First Holy Communion. Every Friday from 5-6pm at St. Mary's Parish Hall, Huntly Street, Inverness – **beginning Friday 7 October.**
- **St. John Bosco Youth Group:** for older children, from 12 years and older, to teenagers. Every Friday from 6.30-9.00pm, again at St. Mary's parish hall.

Anyone for Bowls?! – the Indoor Bowling Club meet every Monday at the Smithton Culloden Youth Centre (beside the Library), from 10.15am until 12 noon. Everyone welcome: from the young to the 'young at heart'! Why not come along and join the fun?

PARISH NEWS

Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 1079)

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 1079: Readings & Proper Prayers

p. 541: The Creed

p. 569: Preface IV of Sundays in Ordinary Time

p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II

p. 631: Communion Rite

Today is World Mission Sunday: there will be a Second Collection for the work of the Church in the missions.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC): If you are an EMHC, please visit the Sacristy and write down in our liturgy planning book your availability to assist at Sunday Mass. Thank you.

Month of October: Praying for Vocations to the Priesthood – During the coming month, before every weekday Mass, we will pray before the Blessed Sacrament for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood in our Diocese. It is vital that we pray for our own priests, AND for future priests to this diocese. Why not make an effort to come along to Eucharistic Adoration, available before each weekday Mass?

Advent Reflections: each Wednesday evening during Advent, the Priests of the Highland Deanery have arranged reflections in different parishes. You will hear different speakers offering their thoughts on Advent itself, or on the particular feast of the day. Here are the dates, locations, and speakers:

Wednesday 30 November (St. Andrew) – St. Lawrence, Dingwall – Fr. Andrew Niski / St. Andrew Community

Wednesday 07 December (St. Ambrose / Eve of the Immaculate Conception) – St. Mary's Beaulieu – Fr. Laurence Gambella

Wednesday 14 December (St. John of the Cross) – St. Mary's Inverness – Fr. Domenico Zanrè

Wednesday 21 December (St. Peter Canisius) – St. Columba's Culloden – Fr. James Bell

Each evening will consist of the following programme:

6.15pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, & opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession

7.00pm Reflection

7.20pm Night Prayer

7.30pm Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Piety Stall: have you seen our latest collection of spiritually-uplifting gifts? We have rosaries, bibles, prayer books, diaries, statues, and much, much more! A number of new items are now in stock, and we have already placed a large order for Christmas!

Prize Bingo: Friday 4 November – our supplies of prizes are low: donations for prizes are very gratefully accepted (gift vouchers, toiletries, chocolates, bottles, biscuits...). Your support is greatly appreciated. Why not come along and join the fun?!!

90 Club: Next Draw Sunday 30 October – Good luck to all of you who have a number. Would you like to be a winner, too? It costs only £2 a month to join. Why not take part in this parish fundraiser? Speak to Fr. Domenico.

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, Eileen Anne Millar

Anniversaries: Mary Gribbens, Peggy Horne