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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

25 JUNE 2023:
12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year A (I); Psalter: Week 4)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13
Resp. Psalm: Psalm 68 (69):8-10,14,17,33-35
2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-15
Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

| Date | Details | Liturgies | Time |
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| Sunday 25 June | 12 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (pp. 729 ff.) | Live-Streamed Holy Mass ** Pluscarden Pilgrimage Mass ** | 9.30am 3.00pm |
| Tuesday 27 June | Tuesday of Week 12 in Ordinary Time | No Liturgies | --- |
| Thursday 29 June | SOLEMNITY OF STS. PETER & PAUL Mass Intention: Isabel MacMillan, RIP (70 th Birthday Recently) | Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass | 6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm |
| Saturday 1 July | Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: Esther Grant, RIP (Recently Departed) | Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass | 8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am |
| Sunday 2 July | 13 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (pp. 733 ff.) Second Collection: Peter's Pence | Live-Streamed Holy Mass ** Scalan Annual Mass ** | 9.30am 4.00pm |

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Be Not Afraid

Our commitment to Christ will be put to the test. We will hear whispered warnings and denunciations, as Jeremiah does in today's First Reading. Even so-called friends will try to trap and trip us up. For His sake we will bear insults and be made outcasts—even in our own homes, we hear in today's Psalm.

As Jeremiah tells us, we must expect that God will challenge our faith in Him, and probe our minds and hearts, to test the depths of our love.

"Do not be afraid," Jesus assures us three times in today's Gospel. Though He may permit us to suffer for our faith, our Father will never forget or abandon us. As Jesus assures us today, everything unfolds in His providence, under His watchful gaze—even the falling of the tiniest sparrow to the ground. Each one of us is precious to Him. Steadfast in this faith, we must resist the tactics of Satan. He is the enemy who seeks the ruin of our soul in Gehenna, or hell.

We are to seek God, as the Psalmist says. Zeal for the Lord's house, for the heavenly kingdom of the Father, should consume us, as it consumed Jesus (see John 2:17). As Jesus bore the insults of those who blasphemed God, so should we (see Romans 15:3). By the gracious gift of Himself, Jesus bore the transgressions of the world, Paul tells us in today's Epistle. In rising from the dead, He has shown us that God rescues the life of the poor, that He does not spurn His own when they are in distress. In His great mercy, He will turn toward us, as well. He will deliver us from the power of the wicked.

That is why we proclaim His name from the housetops, as Jesus tells us. That is why we sing praise and offer thanksgiving in every Eucharist. We are confident in Jesus' promise—that we who declare our faith in Him before others will be remembered before our heavenly Father. (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

The Father takes care of us, because our value is great in His eyes. What matters is frankness, the courage of our witness, our witness of faith: "recognizing Jesus before men" and going forth doing good. (Angelus Address, 21 June 2020)

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Today's Liturgy: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A (pp. 729 ff.)

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p. 540: The Creed

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

TODAY: Diocesan Pilgrimage to Pluscarden – Bishop Hugh is extending an invitation to ALL parishioners to attend this annual diocesan event together. There will be opportunities to relax in the grounds of the Abbey, with a chance to meet people from other parishes. Parishioners are encouraged to bring their own picnics; however, refreshments will also be available from 12 pm in the refreshments tent. **The focus for the pilgrimage will be on the ministry of Altar Servers**, who will be most welcome to attend, with their cassocks, cottas, and Guild of St. Stephen medal (if applicable):
1.00pm - Exposition in the Lady Chapel until 2.30pm
1.00pm - Individual confessions in the parlours at St. Benedict's Retreat until 2.30pm
3.00pm - Mass of the day, followed by a Marian procession to the garden facing St. Benedict's Retreat.

NEXT SUNDAY, 2 July: Scalan Annual Mass, at 4.00pm – Scalan is the site of a hidden seminary, located in the Braes of Glenlivet, and during the 18th century, more than a hundred 'Heather Priests' were trained there. The postcode is **AB37 9JS**; this will take you to Chapelton of Glenlivet – please walk, or ask for a lift from others, for the last 1½ miles. All welcome!

24-27 July: Mary's Meals at 'Refuel Scotland' – Mary's Meals serves nutritious meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. The promise of a good meal attracts these hungry children into the classroom, giving them the energy to learn and hope for a better future. This year, Mary's Meals will have a stall at Refuel Scotland, a family-friendly Christian festival within the grounds of Gordon Castle Estate, on the banks of the river Spey. We are looking for volunteers to help with looking after the Mary's Meals hub, selling home-made goods and handing out leaflets. If you are able to give either a morning or afternoon of your time during the event (24-27 July), we would be very grateful. To register your interest, or simply to find out more, please e-mail sally.davidson@marysmeals.org, or call Sally on 07763 99437. Thank you.

Wednesday 2 August at 7.30pm: "Oggie! Oggie! Oggie!" – A new modern solo play, based on the Confessions of Saint Augustine. Tickets available to buy in advance, otherwise can be bought 'on the night'; **price: £5.00**. Running time: one hour, followed by a post-performance Q&A, with tea and biscuits. NB: contains themes unsuitable for persons under 12 years of age. Please spread the word!

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.

PIETY STALL – Why not check out our extensive range of items at our Piety Stall. Your one-stop shop for all things Catholic!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IN 2024! – Bishop Hugh has kindly agreed to come to the parish and bestow the Sacrament of Confirmation upon our candidates on **Sunday 21 April 2024**. If your child is of the appropriate age (P7/S1), please do get in contact with Fr. Domenico as soon as possible, please.

90 CLUB: DRAW TODAY, 25 June! Would you like to take part? You too could be a winner! Three good prizes each month. For details, please speak to Don.

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

RIP: Esther Grant, Tony Lightfoot

Anniversaries: Deacon John McEwan SFO, Angela Prendergast, John Sloan, Julia Anne Edwards