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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

25 SEPTEMBER 2022: TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C (II); Psalter: Week 2)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Amos 6: 1, 4-7 Resp. Psalm: Ps 145 (146): 7-10 2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6: 11-16

Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 25 September	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 1065 – Year C)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 27 September	St. Vincent de Paul, Priest	Sacrament of Confession	6.15 pm
	Mass Intention: In Honour of St. Joseph's Fatherhood	Eucharistic Adoration	6.45 pm
		Live-Streamed Holy Mass	7.30 pm
Thursday 29 September	Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels – Feast	Sacrament of Confession	6.15 pm
	Mass Intention: Morag MacIntyre, RIP	Eucharistic Adoration	6.45 pm
	(Anniversary recently)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	7.30 pm
Saturday 1 October	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor	Sacrament of Confession	8.15 am
	Mass Intention: In Honour of Our Lady's	Eucharistic Adoration	8.45 am
	Immaculate Heart	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
Sunday 2 October	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 1069 – Year C)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: A Great Chasm

The rich and powerful are visited with woe and exile in today's Liturgy—not for their wealth but for their refusal to share it; not for their power but for their indifference to the suffering at their door. The complacent leaders in today's First Reading feast on fine foods and wines, revelling while the house of Joseph, the kingdom of Israel (see Amos 5:6), collapses around them. The rich man in today's Gospel also lives like a king—dressed in royal purple and fine linen (see 1 Maccabees 8:14). The rich man symbolises Israel's failure to keep the Old Covenant, to heed the commandments of Moses and the prophets. This is the sin of the rulers in today's First Reading. Born to the nation God favoured first, they could claim Abraham as their father. But for their failure to give—their inheritance is taken away. The rulers are exiled from their homeland. The rich man is punished with an exile far greater—eternity with a "great chasm" fixed between himself and God. In this world, the rich and powerful make a name for themselves (see Genesis 11:4) and dine sumptuously, while the poor remain anonymous, refused an invitation to their feasts.

But notice that the Lord today knows Lazarus by name, and Joseph in his sufferings—while the leaders and the rich man have no name

Today's Liturgy is a call to repentance—to heed the warning of One who was raised from the dead. To lay hold of the eternal life He promises, we must pursue righteousness, keep the commandment of love, as Paul exhorts in today's Letter. "The Lord loves the just," we sing in today's Psalm.

And in this Eucharist we have a foretaste of the love that will be ours in the next life—when He will raise the lowly to the heavenly banquet with Abraham and the prophets (see Luke 13:28), where we too will rest our heads on the bosom of our Lord (see John 13:23). (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

This Gospel makes us see .. the destiny that a man or a woman can make for him or herself, because we make our destiny, we journey on our way and very often we make our own path. Sometimes the Lord intervenes, the Lord gives grace, but we are responsible for our journey. The Lord gives us the gratuitousness of grace, He helps us always to go in his presence, but our journey, the responsibility for our journey, is ours. (Homily, 29 September 2019)

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): Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 1065)

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p. 1065: Readings & Proper Prayers
p. 541: The Creed
p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II
p. 631: Communion Rite

Children's Liturgy Today! – Ainsley will be leading our children's liturgy today; we thank her for her support.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): this is available before each midweek Mass, and also after Saturday Mass.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC): If you are an EMHC, could you please visit the Sacristy and write down in our liturgy planning book the dates of 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?

Saturday 15 October: Day Retreat on "St. Teresa of Avila: Her Thoughts and Prayers", at the church of the Immaculate Conception, Stratherrick. A Day of Reflection, Prayer, and Reconciliation. From 10.00am until 4.00pm. See the poster on the notice-board for further details.

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 7 October – donations for prizes very gratefully accepted (gift vouchers, toiletries, chocolates, bottles...). Your support is greatly appreciated. Why not come along and join the fun?!!

90 Club: DRAW TODAY AFTER MASS!! – 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, Godfrey Hermann, Colin MacMillan, Eileen Anne Millar

RIP: Matthew Brennan, John Daley, Joan Wilson, David Green, Ann Marie Mitchell, Alex Mackin, John Shaw

Anniversaries: Tom Gillan, Margaret McPhee, Bert Rizza, Lexy MacLean