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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

27 AUGUST 2023:
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year A (I); Psalter: Week 1)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 22: 19-23
Resp. Psalm: 137 (138): 1-3, 6, 8
2nd Reading: Romans 11: 33-36
Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 27 August	21 ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (pp. 762 ff.)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am
Tuesday 29 August	The Beheading of St. John the Baptist Mass Intention: Mary Pene MacNeil (Recently Departed)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 31 August	Thursday of Week 21 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Calum MacIntyre (Anniversary on Saturday)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 2 September	NO PARISH MASS AT ST COLUMBA'S DUE TO DEANERY PILGRIMAGE AT FORTROSE (11.30 AM)	---	---
Sunday 3 September	22 ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (pp. 765 ff.)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Keys of the Kingdom

“Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!” Paul exclaims in today’s Epistle. Today’s Psalm, too, takes up the triumphant note of joy and thanksgiving. Why? Because in the Gospel, the heavenly Father reveals the mystery of His kingdom to Peter. With Peter, we rejoice that Jesus is the anointed Son promised to David, the one prophesied to build God’s temple and reign over an everlasting kingdom (see 2 Samuel 7). What Jesus calls “my Church” is the kingdom promised to David’s son (see Isaiah 9:1–7). As we hear in today’s First Reading, Isaiah foretold that the keys to David’s kingdom would be given to a new master, who would rule as father to God’s people.

Jesus, the root and offspring of David, alone holds the kingdom’s keys (see Revelation 1:18; 3:7; 22:16). In giving those keys to Peter, Jesus fulfils that prophecy, establishing Peter—and all who succeed him—as holy father of His Church.

His Church, too, is the new house of God, the spiritual temple founded on the “rock” of Peter and built up out of the living stones of individual believers (see 1 Peter 2:5). Abraham was called “the rock” from which the children of Israel were hewn (see Isaiah 51:1–2). And Peter becomes the rock from which God raises up new children of God (see Matthew 3:9).

The word Jesus uses—“church” (*ekklesia* in Greek)—was used in the Greek translation of the Old Testament for the “assembly” of God’s children after the Exodus (see Deuteronomy 18:16; 31:30).

His Church is the “assembly of the firstborn” (see Hebrews 12:23; Exodus 4:23–24), established by Jesus’ exodus (see Luke 9:31). Like the Israelites, we are baptized in water, led by the Rock, and fed with spiritual food (see 1 Corinthians 10:1–5).

Gathered at His altar, in the presence of angels, we sing His praise and give thanks to His holy name. (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

The Church always needs to be reformed, repaired. We certainly do not feel like rocks, but only like small stones. However, no small stone is useless; indeed, in Jesus’ hands the smallest stone becomes precious, because he picks it up, gazes at it with great tenderness, fashions it with his Spirit, and positions it in the right place that he had always had in mind and where it can be more useful to the whole structure. Each of us is a small stone, but in Jesus’ hands participates in the building of the Church. (Angelus Address, St. Peter’s Square, 27 August 2017)

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Today's Liturgy: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A (pp. 762 ff.)

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p. 762: 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

Highland Foodbank, July/August – can you help, by donating an item or two from the following list? The Foodbank store is short of: tins of corned beef, cartons of long life juice, jars of pasta sauce, oatcakes/crackers, tins of: chopped tomatoes, ham, and mince/meatballs, tins of fruit, washing-up liquid, deodorant, toilet rolls, new or used bags for life. Thank you.

Saturday 2 September at 11.30am: Highland Deanery Pilgrimage, with Mass, at the parish of St. Peter & St. Boniface, in Cathedral Square, Fortrose. **Principal Celebrant: Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB**. Come along and support this Deanery initiative! **** Please note that there will be NO Parish Mass at St. Columba's that day.**

Monday 25 September-Sunday 8 October: The Shroud of Turin Exhibition! – at St. Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen. A full-size replica of the Shroud is coming to our Cathedral! There will also be Group Guided Tours organised, together with screenings of 'The Silent Witness', and Q&A. Fr. Domenico is organising a group to visit on **Monday 2 October**, via car sharing. If anyone would like to attend, please let Fr. Domenico know ASAP.

Boost your giving – Direct Debits Tripled to Mary's Meals! – Setting up a regular gift (either through a Direct Debit, standing order or recurring card payment) is a very special way to support Mary's Meals. The certainty of your donation will give us the confidence to plan for the future – safe in the knowledge that, together, we are keeping our promise to the 2.4 million children receiving our school meals while striving to reach the next child waiting. Until Friday 29 September 2023, any new regular gift will be tripled for the first three payments – thanks to a group of generous donors who have made funds available up to £150,000! And, if you already have a regular gift and would like to increase your donation, the additional amount will be tripled for the next three payments. This means your donations will feed even more hungry children. If you'd like more information, please visit <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/campaigns/direct-debits-tripled>, or call 0800 6981212.

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.

'Angel Stories for Children': A Colouring Book – this book, complete with stories and drawings to colour in, was compiled by Ishbel McGillivray-McGregor, a former parishioner of St. Columba's. It only costs £2, and is available at our Piety Stall.

90 Club: Draw Today, Sunday 27 August! Would you like to take part, too? For details, please speak to Don.

Culloden Indoor Carpet Bowls – every Monday at 10.15am until noon, at the Smithton/Culloden Youth Centre next to the Library (Keppoch Road). See Don for details.

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, Katie MacCormick

RIP: Mary Pene MacNeil, Donald Allan MacQuarrie, Mary Frances Mackinnon

Anniversaries: Amelia (Millie) Drew, Hector MacLean, Walter Grant, Mary Casey, Fiona Dickson, Ian MacFarlane, Calum MacIntyre