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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

28 JANUARY 2024:
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year B (II); Psalter: Week 4)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20
Resp. Psalm: 94 (95): 1-2, 6-9
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7: 32-35
Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 28 January	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 841) Special Collection: Justice & Peace Scotland	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am
Tuesday 30 January	Tuesday of Week 4 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Maureen Ellis, RIP (Recently Departed)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 1 February	Thursday of Week 4 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Jean MacCormick, RIP (Recently Departed)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 3 February	St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr Mass Intention: Archie Macdonald, RIP (Anniversary: 2 January)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 4 February	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 845)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: The King's Authority

Last week, Jesus announced the kingdom of God is at hand. This week, in mighty words and deeds, He exercises His dominion—asserting royal authority over the ruler of this world, Satan (see John 12:31).

Notice that today's events take place on the sabbath. The sabbath was to be an everlasting sign—both of God's covenant love for His creation (see Exodus 20:8–11; 31:12–17), and His deliverance of His covenant people, Israel, from slavery (see Deuteronomy 6:12–15). On this sabbath, Jesus signals a new creation—that the Holy One has come to purify His people and deliver the world from evil.

“With an unclean spirit” is biblical language for a man possessed by a demon, Satan being the prince of demons (see Mark 3:22). The demons' question: “What have you to do with us?” is often used in Old Testament scenes of combat and judgment (see Judges 11:12; 1 Kings 17:18).

And as God by His Word “rebuked” the forces of chaos in creating the world (see Psalms 104:7; Job 26:10–12), and again rebuked the Red Sea so the Israelites could make their exodus (see Psalm 106:9), Mark uses the same word to describe Jesus rebuking the demons (see Mark 4:39; Zechariah 3:2).

Jesus is the prophet foretold by Moses in today's First Reading (see Acts 3:22). Though He has authority over heaven and earth (see Daniel 7:14, 27; Revelation 12:10), He becomes one of our own kinsmen.

He comes to rebuke the forces of evil and chaos—not only in the world, but in our lives. He wants to make us holy in body and spirit, as Paul says in today's Epistle (see Exodus 31:12). In this liturgy, we hear His voice and “see” His works, as we sing in today's Psalm. And as Moses tells us today, we should listen to Him. (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

Jesus is our Teacher, powerful in word and deed. Jesus imparts to us all the light that illuminates the sometimes dark paths of our lives. He also transmits to us the necessary strength to overcome difficulties, trials and temptations. Let us consider what a great grace it is for us to have known this God who is so powerful and so good! . (Angelus, 28 January 2018)

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Today's Liturgy: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B (p. 841)

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p. 841: 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

Second Collection Today for Justice and Peace Scotland – the National Commission for Justice and Peace advises the Scottish Bishops' Conference of the Catholic Church in matters relating to social justice, international peace and human rights, and promotes action in these areas. For further information, see: www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk

A New Year Resolution – help us get 2024 off to a great start for the parish by signing up to support us for FREE with **Easyfundraising**. You can raise donations whenever you shop online, with over 8,000 brands, including Amazon, Argos, M&S, eBay, John Lewis, and many more. Plus, once you've raised your first £5, Easyfundraising will double it! Currently, we have raised over £1,000, from 24 supporters. Imagine if we had double that number of people supporting the parish – at absolutely no extra cost to them! Sign up today: it will make a BIG difference to us this year. Simply go to the following site: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stcolumbasculloden/?utm_campaign=raise-more

Genesis to Jesus – the Ogilvie Centre would like to invite you to discover the riches of sacred scripture through an online zoom course called Genesis to Jesus. Presented by other members from our Diocese and over the course of 7 weeks, in which by the end you will be able to locate your place in salvation history. This is part of a wider programme, starting in January 2024 that will see us bring more of the St Paul Center archive of material, which they kindly have given us to use for free, to our Diocese. We have sessions starting on **Monday 15 January** (Evening or Afternoon) and **Tuesday 16 January** (Evening only). Go to the Ogilvie Centre website (https://rcda.scot/ogilvie/?page_id=18) for more details and to sign up.

Lenten Station Masses 2024 – Masses will take place each Friday in Lent at 7.00pm, at the following locations:

16 February	St. Mary's, Inverness	8 March	St. Aidan's, Aviemore
23 February	Our Lady & St. Bean, Cannich	15 March	St. Joseph's, Invergordon
1 March	St. Mary's, Nairn	22 March	St. Ninian's, Inverness

90 Club – Our First Draw of 2024 takes place TODAY, Sunday 28 January! There are still some people with numbers who have yet to pay their dues; Amanda/Don will be at the front door to assist you with this! If anyone else would like to try their luck: only £2 monthly, and you could win one of 3 prizes. Please speak to Amanda MacNeil.

Next Prize Bingo Evening on Friday, 23 February! – Doors open: 6.30pm; eyes down: 7.00pm. Items to give as prizes are always needed, and gratefully received; thank you for your support. There is a box in the entrance foyer, under the Piety Stall, in which you can place your donations. NB. We are still looking for someone to take over the Bingo – can you help us? If so, speak to Don, or to Fr. Domenico.

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, Esther Smith, Linda Macdonald, Pat Peteranna, Lauren Marsh, Katie MacCormick, Brian Hamilton, Dorothy Macdonald, Cathy Grant

R.I.P: John MacPhee, Jean MacCormick, Agnes MacIntyre, Bill Bewley, Betty Thompson, Ellen Campbell, Maureen Ellis

Anniversaries: Eva Zanrè, Lachlan MacLellan, Geraldine Black, Henry Pieraccini, Amie Greaves, Maureen Campbell