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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**29 JANUARY 2023:**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**(Year A (I); Psalter: Week 4)**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13  
 Resp. Psalm: Ps 145 (146):6-10  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
 Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 29 January	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 700)</b>	<b>Live-Streamed Holy Mass</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
Tuesday 31 January	St. John Bosco, Priest Mass Intention: Eva Zanrè, RIP (Fourth Anniversary Today)	<b>Sacrament of Confession</b> Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	<b>6.00 pm</b> 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 2 February	The Presentation of the Lord (Feast) Mass Intention: Jim Bicker, RIP (Recently Departed)	<b>Sacrament of Confession</b> Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	<b>6.00 pm</b> 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 4 February	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: Mr. & Mrs. Ellis (Health and Intentions)	<b>Sacrament of Confession</b> Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	<b>8.15 am</b> 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 5 February	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 704)</b> <b>Second Collection: Catholic Education</b>	<b>Live-Streamed Holy Mass</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Blessed Path

In the readings since Christmas, Jesus has been revealed as the new royal son of David and Son of God. He is sent to lead a new exodus that brings Israel out of captivity to the nations and brings all the nations to God. As Moses led Israel from Egypt through the sea to give them God's law on Mount Sinai, Jesus too has passed through the waters in baptism. Now, in today's Gospel, He goes to the mountain to proclaim a new law—the law of His Kingdom. The Beatitudes mark the fulfilment of God's covenant promise to Abraham—that through his descendants all the nations of the world would receive God's blessings (see Genesis 12:3; 22:18). Jesus is the son of Abraham (see Matthew 1:1). And through the wisdom He speaks today, He bestows the Father's blessings upon "the poor in spirit."

God has chosen to bless the weak and lowly, those foolish and despised in the eyes of the world, Paul says in today's Epistle. The poor in spirit are those who know that nothing they do can merit God's mercy and grace. These are the humble remnant in today's First Reading, taught to seek refuge in the name of the Lord.

The Beatitudes reveal the divine path and purpose for our lives. All our striving should be for these virtues—to be poor in spirit; meek and clean of heart; merciful and makers of peace; seekers of the righteousness that comes from living by the law of Kingdom.

The path the Lord sets before us today is one of trials and persecution. But He promises comfort in our mourning and a great reward.

The Kingdom we have inherited is no earthly territory but the promised land of heaven. It is Zion where the Lord reigns forever. And, as we sing in today's Psalm, its blessings are for those whose hope is in the Lord. (Scott Hahn)

### Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

The Kingdom of God belongs to the poor in spirit. There are those who have kingdoms in this world, they have goods and comforts. But we know how they end. Only those who know how to love what is truly good more than themselves, reign. And this is the power of God. (General Audience, 5 February 2020)

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### Today's Liturgy: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A (p. 700)

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p. 700: Readings & Proper Prayers

p. 541: The Creed

p. 567: Preface II of Sundays in Ordinary Time

p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II

p. 631: Communion Rite

**Mary's Meals: 'Thank You!'** – last week's Second Collection for Mary's Meals took in £ 765.47! This will be added to the Christmas Crib Collection, which totalled £ 264.70. This gives us a total of £ 1,030.17. Thanks to the 'Double the Love' campaign, this will make a **grand contribution of £ 2,060.34!!** This is an incredible amount: thank you so much for your generosity and support!

**Scottish Screening of 'The Letter'** – The *Laudato Si' Movement* and the *Care of Creation Office* have organised an online Scottish screening of the film *The Letter: A Message For Our Earth* for **Thursday 2nd February at 7.00pm**. The film, is based on Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical letter, "*Laudato Si', on Care for Our Common Home*", and tells the story of several leaders, committed to ecological and social causes who were invited to Rome for a private audience with Pope Francis during which they shared their personal story and that of their country. After the screening, there will be an opportunity for Q&A with Lorna Gold, who appears in the film and is president of the *Laudato Si' Movement*. Register at: <https://bit.ly/TheLetterScottishScreening>

**Servant Leadership Course – a course for lay people, in partnership with the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology in Cambridge** (<https://www.mbit.cam.ac.uk/>). The Institute provides courses and training for parishes and other institutions. Those who do their courses can eventually earn a qualification from the University of Cambridge or Anglia Ruskin University if they so choose. There are 6 to 7 sessions over the course of the year, at a cost of £60 per session. All teaching is conducted online. Further information can also be obtained from Eric Hanna at [ericthanna@googlemail.com](mailto:ericthanna@googlemail.com)

**L'Arche Highland** is seeking a full-time House Leader for Rosie Lovat House, Inverness. Pay: £27,336 - £28,431 a year. An SVQ Level 2 in Social Care is required as well as experience of supporting people with learning disabilities and some leadership experience. L'Arche is a place where you can bring your faith to work! For further details please contact Shirley Bannister, HR Lead via [shirley.bannister@larche.org.uk](mailto:shirley.bannister@larche.org.uk) or 01463 239615."

**Prize Bingo: our next evening together will be on Friday 24 February 2023.** Eyes down at 7.00pm. Thank you for the many lovely items handed in to give as prizes, these are always needed, and they make the fundraiser such a success. We now play bingo on the last Friday each month until June.

**90 Club:** The first draw for 2023 will take place today! Good luck to all who have a number. Envelopes for your dues are on the table at the front door; please take one, fill it out, and hand it back with your remittance to Don. Numbers are still available if you would like to join in this parish fundraiser.

## 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, Mo Horne, Eileen Anne Millar, Tony Lightfoot

**RIP:** Donald MacKinnon, Lesley Rankin, Jim Bicker

**Anniversaries:** Amie Greaves, Maureen Campbell, Eva Zanrè, Jo Jo Giubarelli, Henry Pieraccini