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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

29 OCTOBER 2023:
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year A (I); Psalter: Week 2)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Exodus 22: 20-26
 Resp. Psalm: 17 (18): 2-4, 47, 51
 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10
 Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-40

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 29 October	30 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (pp. 796 ff.)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am
Tuesday 31 October	Tuesday of Week 30 in Ordinary Time	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 1 November	ALL SAINTS DAY ~ HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ~	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am 6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 2 November	All Souls Day	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 4 November	St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 5 November	31 ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (pp. 799 ff.)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Love Commanded

Jesus came not to abolish the Old Testament law but to fulfil it (see Matthew 5:17). And in today's Gospel, He reveals that love—of God and of neighbour—is the fulfilment of the whole of the law (see Romans 13:8–10). Devout Israelites were to keep all 613 commands found in the Bible's first five books. Jesus says today that all these, and all the teachings of the prophets, can be summarized by two verses of this law (see Deuteronomy 6:5; Leviticus 19:18).

He seems to summarize the two stone tablets on which God was said to have engraved the Ten Commandments (see Exodus 32:15–16). The first tablet set out three laws concerning the love of God, such as the command not to take His name in vain; the second contained seven commands regarding love of neighbour, such as those against stealing and adultery.

Love is the hinge that binds the two tablets of the law. For we can't love God, whom we can't see, if we don't love our neighbour, whom we can (see 1 John 4:20–22). But this love we are called to is far more than simple affection or warm sentiment. We must give ourselves totally to God—loving with our whole beings, with all our heart, soul, and mind. Our love for our neighbour must express itself in concrete actions, such as those set out in today's First Reading.

We love because He first loved us (see 1 John 4:19). As we sing in today's Psalm, He has been our deliverer, our strength when we could not possibly defend ourselves against the enemies of sin and death.

We love in thanksgiving for our salvation. In this we become imitators of Jesus, as Paul tells us in today's Epistle—laying down our lives daily in ways large and small, seen and unseen, our lives offered as a continual sacrifice of praise (see John 15:12–13; Hebrews 13:15). (Scott Hahn)

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Today's Liturgy: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A (pp. 796 ff.)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
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p. 540: The Creed

p. 573: Preface VII of Sundays in Ordinary Time
p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II
p. 631: Communion Rite

Spring Forward.. and Fall Back! – Don't forget that the clocks go **BACK ONE HOUR this weekend (Sunday 29 October)**, so you can enjoy an extra hour in bed .. or you can come early to St. Columba's for an extra hour of prayer.. !!

Solemnity of All Saints – please note that All Saints Day on Wednesday 1 November is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will therefore be offering TWO Masses: at 9.30am, and at 7.30pm. Both Masses will be preceded by Confession and Adoration.

November: Month of the Holy Souls – November is the month when we remember our dearly departed. If you would like to have any deceased relatives or friends remembered at Mass during November, please place their names in the brown envelopes in the foyer, and hand these in to the Sacristy. All names will be placed in front of the altar, and a selection will be read out at every Mass.

'Power of Grace' Retreat with the Dominican Sisters, at St. Michael's Centre in Tomintoul for S2-S3 Students – this retreat take place on **3-5 November**. With outdoor activities, fun games, the opportunities to make new friends from around the diocese, music and prayer, and much more! For more information, please contact Sr. Bernadette Marie at: op@rcda.scot

'Encounter Christ' Retreats – these retreats organised by the Dominican Sisters, and held at Greyfriars Convent in Elgin, are being advertised for single women from the ages of 18 to 35. There are two retreats: **17-19 November 2023**, and **15-17 March 2024**. Suggested donation: £30. For more information, please contact Sr. Bernadette Marie at: op@rcda.scot

Saturday 2 December, 2.00pm-4.00pm: Children's Christmas Party! A date for your diaries! Santa has been notified, and has promised us that he will come to visit St. Columba's! Please note, Mums: Selection Boxes wrapped up! There will be music, games, surprises, and much more! Please spread the word, to ensure that as many children as possible come along and join in the fun!!

Christmas at the Piety Stall! – we have many new items in stock! Are you looking for Christmas cards? Look no further! Are you in need of a Rosary in this Marian month of October? We have all sizes and styles! **Advent calendars, nativity scenes and baby Jesus statuettes, as well as Catholic diaries for 2024, are all in stock!** Plus, we have many other tempting gifts, holy items, and spiritual books. Why not browse the stall, and attend to your Christmas shopping at the same time?

Umbrellas – there are a number of them, hanging on the hooks by the Piety Stall. Please identify and claim your broolly!

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.

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

90 Club: Draw today, 29 October! Good luck to all those who have a number. Envelopes for your contributions towards next year's draws are available on the table at the front door; please take one home, fill in the details, and return when you are ready. Are you interested in taking part in the 90 Club? There are 25 numbers available. Please speak to Don.

St. Columba's Culloden: Prize Bingo returns! – on **Friday 3 November. 'Eyes down' at 7.00pm**. All welcome! Items for prizes are always needed, such as: toiletries, chocolates, jigsaws, store vouchers, wine/spirits, and anything that you would like to win yourselves! If anyone would like to take over the running of the Bingo, or help to organise the Christmas Prize Hamper, 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, Katie MacCormick, Brian Hamilton

RIP: Anne Sinforiani, Louise Agatha de Rozario

Anniversaries: John Drew, Michael Weir, Joan MacIntyre, Archie Lumsden, Renzo Serafini, Colin MacMillan, Rhona Calder, Fr. Stanley Bennie, Mary MacInnes, Donald MacRury