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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

2 JULY 2023:
13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year A (I); Psalter: Week 1)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4: 8-11, 13-16
Resp. Psalm: Psalm 88 (89): 2-3, 16-19
2nd Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
Gospel: Matthew 10: 37-42

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 2 July	13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (pp. 733 ff.) Second Collection: Peter's Pence	Live-Streamed Holy Mass ** Scalan Annual Mass **	9.30am 4.00pm
Tuesday 4 July	Tuesday of Week 13 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Jenner Martin, RIP (Third Anniversary Today)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 6 July	St. Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr Mass Intention: Shona MacInnes, RIP (Recently Departed)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 8 July	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: Esther Grant, RIP (Recently Departed)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 9 July	14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (pp. 736 ff.) Second Collection: Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: To Find Our Lives

The liturgy this week continues to instruct us in the elements of discipleship. We're told that even the most humble among us have a share in the mission Christ gives to His Church. We're not all called to the ministry of the Apostles or to be prophets like Elisha in today's First Reading. But each of us is called to a holy life (see 2 Timothy 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:3). At Baptism, our lives were joined forever to the Cross of Christ, as Paul tells us in today's Epistle. Baptized into His death, we're to renounce sin and live for God in Christ Jesus. We are to follow Him, each of us taking up our personal cross, as Jesus says in today's Gospel.

That doesn't mean we will all be asked to suffer a martyr's death. But each of us is called to self-denial, to the offering of our lives in service of God's plan.

Jesus must be elevated to first place in our lives—above even our closest bonds of kinship and love. By Baptism, we've been made part of a new family: the kingdom of God, the Church. We are to proclaim that kingdom with our lives, bringing our fathers, our mothers, and all men and women to live as little ones under the fatherhood of God and the kingship of the Holy One.

We do this by opening our hearts and homes to the service of the Lord, following the Shunnamite woman's example in today's First Reading. As Jesus tells us, we're to receive others—not only prophets but also little children, the poor, and the imprisoned—as we receive Christ Himself (see Matthew 18:5; 25:31–46). As we sing in today's Psalm, we are to testify to His favours and kindness in our lives. We're to hold fast to the promise—that if we have died with Christ, we shall also live, that if we lose our lives for His sake, we shall find our reward and walk forever in His countenance. (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

Gratitude, appreciation is, first of all, good manners, but it is also a characteristic of a Christian. It is a simple but genuine sign of the Kingdom of God, which is the kingdom of gratuitous and grateful love. (Angelus Address, 28 June 2020)

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Today's Liturgy: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A (pp. 733 ff.)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 733: Readings & Proper Prayers
p. 540: The Creed

p. 569: Preface IV of Sundays in Ordinary Time
p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II
p. 631: Communion Rite

Today's Special Collection: Peter's Pence – this Special Collection is for the charitable works and institutions supported by the Holy See in Rome. “Peter's Pence’ is the most characteristic expression of the participation of all the faithful in the Bishop of Rome’s charitable initiatives in favour of the universal Church. The gesture has not only a practical value, but also a strong symbolic one, as a sign of communion with the Pope and attention to the needs of one’s brothers and sisters.” (Pope Benedict XVI)

TODAY, SUNDAY, 2 July: Scalan Annual Mass, at 4.00pm – Scalan is the site of a hidden seminary, located in the Braes of Glenlivet, and during the 18th century, more than a hundred ‘Heather Priests’ were trained there. The postcode is **AB37 9JS**; this will take you to Chapeltown of Glenlivet – please walk, or ask for a lift from others, for the last 1½ miles. All welcome!

24-27 July: Mary's Meals at 'Refuel Scotland' – This year, Mary's Meals will have a stall at Refuel Scotland, a family-friendly Christian festival within the grounds of Gordon Castle Estate, on the banks of the river Spey. We are looking for volunteers to help with looking after the Mary's Meals hub, selling home-made goods and handing out leaflets. If you are able to give either a morning or afternoon of your time during the event (24-27 July), we would be very grateful. To register your interest, or simply to find out more, please e-mail sally.davidson@marysmeals.org, or call Sally on 07763 99437. Thank you.

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 for your support.

Wednesday 2 August at 7.30pm: “Oggie! Oggie! Oggie!” – A new modern solo play, based on the *Confessions* of Saint Augustine. Tickets available to buy in advance, otherwise can be bought ‘on the night’; **price: £5.00**. Running time: one hour, followed by a post-performance Q&A, with tea and biscuits. NB: contains themes unsuitable for persons under 12 years of age. Please spread the word!

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.

Appeal for unwanted magazines – Do you have any magazines that you have finished reading? If you have any suitable for male prisoners in HMP Inverness, please drop them off at St Columba's. Titles could include Cars, Sport, Fitness, Fishing, Food, Music or anything similar. Many thanks.

Piety Stall – Why not check out our extensive range of items at our Piety Stall. Your one-stop shop for all things Catholic!

Sacrament of Confirmation in 2024! – Bishop Hugh has kindly agreed to come to the parish and bestow the Sacrament of Confirmation upon our candidates on **Sunday 21 April 2024**. If your child is of the appropriate age (P7/S1), please do get in contact with Fr. Domenico as soon as possible, please.

90 CLUB: June Winners! – First Prize: Sandy Grant; Second Prize: Dorothy Macdonald; Third Prize: Marie Mackintosh. Would you like to take part? You too could be a winner! For details, 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

RIP: Esther Grant, Tony Lightfoot, Shona MacInnes

Anniversaries: Sister Eva Flannery LSU, Brian Campbell, Jenner Martin