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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

2 OCTOBER 2022:

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year C (II); Psalter: Week 3)**

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4

Resp. Psalm: Ps 94 (95): 1-2, 6-9

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17: 5-10

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 2 October	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 1069 – Year C)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 4 October	Tuesday of Week 27 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donald Angus MacCormick, RIP (Anniversary Recently)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 6 October	St. Bruno, Priest Mass Intention: John Daley, RIP (Recently Departed)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 8 October	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	NO MASS TODAY	---
Sunday 9 October	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 1072 – Year C)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: Life by Faith

Because of his faith, the just man shall live. We hear in today's First Reading the original prophetic line made so central by St. Paul (see Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Hebrews 10:38). We are to live by faith in Christ who loved us and gave Himself on the Cross for us (see Galatians 2:20).

The world, though, can seem to us as seventh-century Judah seemed to Habakkuk—in the control of God's enemies. The strife and discord we face in our own lives can sometimes cause us to wonder, as the prophet does, why God doesn't seem to hear or intervene when we cry for help.

We can't let our hearts be hardened by the trials we undergo. As today's Psalm reminds us: Israel forgot His mighty works, lost faith in the sound words of His promise. They tested God in the desert, demanding a sign. But God didn't redeem Israel from Egypt only to let them die in the desert. And He didn't ransom us from futility only to abandon us in our trials. He is our God, and we are the people He shepherds always—though at times His mercy and justice seem long delayed.

If we call on the Lord, as the Apostles do in today's Gospel, He will increase our faith, will stir to a flame the Holy Spirit who has dwelt within us since Baptism. As Paul tells us in today's Second Reading, the Lord will always give us the love and self-control we need to bear our share of hardship for the Gospel—with a strength that can come from God alone. Our task is to continue doing what He has commanded—to love and to build up His kingdom—trusting that His vision still presses on to its fulfilment.

For His vision still has its time. One day, though we are but "unprofitable servants," we will be invited to eat and drink at our Master's table. It is that day we anticipate with each celebration of the Eucharist. (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

The faith comparable to the grain of mustard is a faith that is not proud and self-assured ... It is a faith that, in its humility, feels a great need of God and in its smallness surrenders itself, trusting fully in Him. It is a faith that gives us the ability to look with hope at the alternate events of life, which helps us to accept even defeat, suffering, with the awareness that evil never has, never will have, the last word. (Angelus, St. Peter's Square, 6 October 2019)

GENERAL NEWS

The St. Andrew Community are establishing two groups –

- **St. Dominic Savio Club:** for children 11 years and younger. This will include sacramental preparation for First Holy Communion. Every Friday from 5-6pm at St. Mary's Parish Hall, Huntly Street, Inverness – **beginning Friday 7 October.**
- **St. John Bosco Youth Group:** for older children, from 12 years and older, to teenagers. Every Friday from 6.30-9.00pm, again at St. Mary's parish hall.

Anyone for Bowls?! – the Indoor Bowling Club meet every Monday at the Smithton Culloden Youth Centre (beside the Library), from 10.15am until 12 noon. Everyone welcome: from the young to the 'young at heart'! Why not come along and join the fun?

PARISH NEWS

Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 1069)

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 1069: Readings & Proper Prayers

p. 541: The Creed

p. 571: Preface VI of Sundays in Ordinary Time

p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II

p. 631: Communion Rite

NO Children's Liturgy Today – our apologies in advance to you all.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): this is available before each midweek Mass, and after Saturday Mass.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC): If you are an EMHC, could you please visit the Sacristy and write down in our liturgy planning book the dates of your availability to assist at Sunday Mass? Thank you.

This Month: Prayers for Vocations to the Priesthood – During this Marian month of October, we will turn to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Priests, and ask for her intercession as we pray before every weekday Mass, in front of the Blessed Sacrament, for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood in our Diocese. It is vital that we pray for our own priests, AND for future priests to this diocese. Why not come along and join us?

Saturday 15 October: Day Retreat on "St. Teresa of Avila: Her Thoughts and Prayers", at the church of the Immaculate Conception, Stratherrick. A Day of Reflection, Prayer, and Reconciliation. From 10.00am until 4.00pm. See the poster on the notice-board for further details.

Piety Stall: have you seen our latest collection of spiritually-uplifting gifts? We have rosaries, bibles, prayer books, diaries, statues, and much, much more! A number of new items are now in stock, and we have already placed a large order for Christmas!

THIS FRIDAY: PRIZE BINGO! Doors open at 6.30pm; eyes down at 7.00pm – donations for prizes very gratefully accepted (gift vouchers, toiletries, chocolates, bottles...). Your support is greatly appreciated. Why not come along and join the fun?!!

90 Club: SEPTEMBER WINNERS!! First Prize: Brenda Carson; Second Prize: Mary Jenkins; Third Prize: Helen Macdonald. Congratulations to all our winners! **Our next draw is Sunday 30th October.**

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, Godfrey Hermann, Colin MacMillan, Eileen Anne Millar, Betty Mulraine

RIP: Matthew Brennan, John Daley, Joan Wilson, David Green, Ann Marie Mitchell, Alex Mackin, John Shaw

Anniversaries: Maureen Kelly, Donald Angus MacCormick, Mark Kelly