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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

3 SEPTEMBER 2023:
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year A (I); Psalter: Week 2)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20: 7-9
Resp. Psalm: 62 (63): 2-6, 8-9
2nd Reading: Romans 12: 1-2
Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 3 September	22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (pp. 765 ff.) SECOND COLLECTION: SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am
Tuesday 5 September	Tuesday of Week 22 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Tay Siew Khim, RIP (Anniversary: 7 September)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 7 September	Thursday of Week 22 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Catrina Greig, RIP (Anniversary Today)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 9 September	** NO MASS TODAY **	---	---
Sunday 10 September	23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (pp. 769 ff.)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: For Your Life

Today's First Reading catches the prophet Jeremiah in a moment of weakness. His intimate lamentation contains some of the strongest language of doubt found in the Bible. Following God's call, he feels abandoned. Preaching His Word has brought him only derision and reproach. But God does not deceive—and Jeremiah knows this. God tests the just (see Jeremiah 20:11–12) and disciplines His children through their sufferings and trials (see Hebrews 12:5–7).

What Jeremiah learns is what Jesus states explicitly in today's Gospel. To follow Him is to take up a cross, to deny yourself—your priorities, preferences, and comforts. It is to be willing to give it all up, even life itself, for the sake of His Gospel.

As Paul says in today's Epistle, we have to join ourselves to the Passion of Christ, to offer our bodies—our whole beings—as living sacrifices to God. By His Cross, Jesus has shown us what Israel's sacrifices of animals were meant to teach: we owe to God all that we have. God's kindness is a greater good than life itself, as we sing in today's Psalm. The only thanks we can offer is our spiritual worship, giving our lives to the service of His will (see Hebrews 10:3–11; Psalm 50:14, 23).

Peter doesn't yet get this in today's Gospel. As it was for Jeremiah, the cross is a stumbling block for Peter (see 1 Corinthians 1:23). This is our natural temptation, as well: to refuse to believe that our sufferings play a necessary part in God's plan.

That's how people think, Jesus tells us today. But we are called to the renewal of our minds—to think as God thinks, to will what He wills. In the Mass, we once again offer ourselves as perfect and pleasing sacrifices of praise (see Hebrews 13:15).

We bless Him as we live, confident that we will find our lives in losing them, that with the riches of His banquet our souls will be satisfied. (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

In the Eucharistic celebration we relive the mystery of the Cross; we not only remember, but we commemorate the redeeming Sacrifice in which the Son of God completely loses Himself so as to be received anew by the Father and thus find us again, we who were lost, together with all creatures. Each time we take part in the Holy Mass, the love of the crucified and Risen Christ is conveyed to us as food and drink, so that we may follow Him on the daily path, in concrete service to our brothers and sisters. (Angelus Address, St. Peter's Square, 3 September 2017)

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Today's Liturgy: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A (pp. 765 ff.)

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 765: 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

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.

Saturday 16 September: Mary's Meals Open Day in Inverness – Mary's Meals provides school meals to over 2.4 million children in some of the world's poorest communities. We warmly invite you to attend the charity's Open Day in Inverness from **1.30-3.30pm on Saturday 16 September**, at the Spectrum Centre, 1B Margaret Street IV1 1LS. Join us to hear updates on the impact of the work of Mary's Meals from our local Supporter Engagement Officer, meet our volunteers and browse our stalls, featuring home-baking, crafts, bric-a-brac and a raffle. To book: <https://marysmealsinverness.eventbrite.co.uk> or contact Sue Dalton: sueatharlosh@gmail.com, or telephone: 01470 521570.

'Power of Grace' Retreats with the Dominican Sisters, at St. Michael's Centre in Tomintoul – these take place on the following dates: **22-24 September: S1 Students; 3-5 November: S2-S3 Students**. With outdoor activities, fun games, the opportunities to make new friends from around the diocese, music and prayer, and much more! For more information, or to register, please contact Sr. Bernadette Marie at: op@rcda.scot

Monday 25 September-Sunday 8 October: The Shroud of Turin Exhibition! – at St. Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen. A full-size replica of the Shroud is coming to our Cathedral! There will also be Group Guided Tours organised, together with screenings of 'The Silent Witness', and Q&A. Fr. Domenico is organising a group to visit on **Monday 2 October**, via car sharing. If you would like to attend, please let him know ASAP.

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.

'Angel Stories for Children': A Colouring Book – this book, complete with stories and drawings to colour in, was compiled by Ishbel McGillivray-McGregor, a former parishioner of St. Columba's. It only costs £2, and is available at our Piety Stall.

90 Club: August Winners! – First Prize: Edith Grant; Second Prize: Mary MacKinnon; Third Prize: Ellen Williams. Congratulations to all our winners. Would you like to take part and be a winner too? Please speak to Don for details. Next draw: Sunday 24 September.

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

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

RIP: Mary Pene MacNeil, Donald Allan MacQuarrie, Mary Frances Mackinnon

Anniversaries: Catrina Greig, Tay Siew Khim, Sally McEwen, HM Queen Elizabeth II