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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

6 NOVEMBER 2022:
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year C (II); Psalter: Week 4)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
Resp. Psalm: Ps 16 (17):1-2, 5-6, 8, 15
2nd Reading: 2 Thess 2:16-3:5
Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 6 November	THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 1083 – Year C)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 8 November	Blessed John Duns Scotus, Priest Mass Intention: Mary MacInnes, RIP (Recently Departed)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 10 November	St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 12 November	St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 13 November	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✠ REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY ✠ Second Collection: Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: To Rise Again

With their riddle about seven brothers and a childless widow, the Sadducees in today's Gospel mock the faith for which seven brothers and their mother die in the First Reading.

The Maccabean martyrs chose death—tortured limb by limb, burned alive—rather than betray God's Law. Their story is given to us in these last weeks of the Church year to strengthen us for endurance—that our feet not falter but remain steadfast on His paths.

The Maccabeans died hoping that the “King of the World” would raise them to live again forever (see 2 Maccabees 14:46).

The Sadducees don't believe in the Resurrection because they can't find it literally taught in the Scriptures. To ridicule this belief, they fix on a law that requires a woman to marry her husband's brother if he should die without leaving an heir (see Genesis 38:8; Deuteronomy 25:5).

But God's Law wasn't given to ensure the raising up of descendants to earthly fathers. The Law was given, as Jesus explains, to make us worthy to be “children of God”—sons and daughters born of His Resurrection. “God our Father,” today's Epistle tells us, has given us “everlasting encouragement” in the Resurrection of Christ. Through His grace, we can now direct our hearts to the love of God.

As the Maccabeans suffered for the Old Law, we will have to suffer for our faith in the New Covenant. Yet, He will guard us in the shadow of His wing, He will keep us as the apple of His eye, as we sing in today's Psalm. The Maccabeans' persecutors marvelled at their courage. We too can glorify the Lord in our sufferings and in the daily sacrifices we make.

And we have even greater cause for hope than they did. One who has risen from the dead has given us His word—that He is the God of the living, that when we awake from the sleep of death we will behold His face and be content in His presence (see Psalm 76:6; Daniel 12:2). (Scott Hahn)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 1083)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 1083: 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

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

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.

Remembrance Sunday: Next week, 13 November – this is a day for the nation to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom. We will have our own short Service of Remembrance in front of our War Memorial, at the conclusion of the 9.30am Mass. If you have served – or are presently serving – in HM Armed Forces, or in any form of public service, please do consider attending the event in uniform. Our Second Collection will be for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Advent Reflections: each Wednesday evening during Advent, the Priests of the Highland Deanery have arranged reflections in different parishes. You will hear different speakers offering their thoughts on Advent itself, or on the particular feast of the day. Here are the dates, locations, and speakers:

Wednesday 30 November (St. Andrew) – St. Lawrence, Dingwall – Fr. Andrew Niski / St. Andrew Community
Wednesday 07 December (St. Ambrose/Eve of the Immaculate Conception) – St. Mary's Beaully – Fr. Laurence Gambella

Wednesday 14 December (St. John of the Cross) – St. Mary's Inverness – Fr. Domenico Zanrè

Wednesday 21 December (St. Peter Canisius) – St. Columba's Culloden – Fr. James Bell

Each evening will consist of the following programme:

6.15pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, & opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession
7.00pm	Reflection
7.20pm	Night Prayer
7.30pm	Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Looking Ahead.. Christmas Mass Times at St. Columba's:

Christmas Vigil (Sat 24 Dec):	Carol Service: 9.00 pm; Vigil Mass: 9.30 pm
Mass of Christmas Day (Sunday 25 Dec):	9.30 am

Christmas Hamper: would anyone like to organise the hamper this year? Please speak to Fr. Domenico if interested.

Prize Bingo: Next evening is Friday 2 December – donations for prizes are very gratefully accepted (gift vouchers, toiletries, chocolates, bottles, biscuits...). Your support is greatly appreciated. Come along and join in the fun!

90 Club: October Winners – First Prize: Chris Grant; **Second Prize:** Chris Hamilton; **Third Prize:** Donnie MacMillan. Our next draw date is Sunday 27th November; would you like to be a winner, too? It costs only £2 a month to join. Why not take part in this parish fundraiser? Speak to Fr. Domenico.

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, Eileen Anne Millar

RIP: Colin MacMillan, Fr. Stanley Bennie, Mary MacInnes, Donald MacRury, Dennis O'Driscoll, Jim Quinn

Anniversaries: Archie Lumsden, Renzo Serafini, Tom O'Connor, John Horne, William Hay