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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

7 AUGUST 2022:
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year C (II); Psalter: Week 3)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9
Resp. Psalm: 32 (33):1,12,18-20,22
2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19
Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 7 August	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 1037 – Year C)	Holy Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 9 August	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr Mass Intention: Gerry MacLeod RIP (Anniversary Tomorrow)	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 11 August	St. Clare, Virgin	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 13 August	Saturday of Week 19 in Ordinary Time	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 14 August	ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (p. 1174 – Year C)	Holy Mass	9.30 am

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Faith of Our Fathers

We are born of the faith of our fathers, descending from a great cloud of witnesses whose faith is attested to on every page of Scripture (see Hebrews 12:1). We have been made His people, chosen for His own inheritance, as we sing in this Sunday's Psalm.

The Liturgy this week sings the praises of our fathers, recalling the defining moments in our "family history." In the Second Reading, we remember the calling of Abraham; in the First Reading we relive the night of the Exodus and the summons of the holy children of Israel. Our fathers, we are told, trusted in the Word of God, put their faith in His oaths. They were convinced that what He promised, He would do. None of them lived to see His promises made good. For it was not until Christ and His Church that Abraham's descendants were made as countless as the stars and sands (see Galatians 3:16–17, 29). It was not until His Last Supper and the Eucharist that "the sacrifice . . . the divine institution" of that first Passover was truly fulfilled.

And now we too await the final fulfilment of what God has promised us in Christ. As Jesus tells us in this week's Gospel, we should live with our loins girded—as the Israelites tightened their belts, cinched

up their long robes and ate their Passover standing, vigilant and ready to do His will (see Exodus 12:11; 2 Kings 4:29).

The Lord will come at an hour we do not expect. He will knock on our door (see Revelation 3:20), inviting us to the wedding feast in the better homeland, the heavenly one that our fathers saw from afar, and which we begin to taste in each Eucharist.

As they did, we can wait with "sure knowledge," His Word like a lamp lighting our path (see Psalm 119:105). Our God is faithful, and if we wait in faith, hope in His kindness, and love as we have been loved, we will receive His promised blessing and be delivered from death. (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

"It is a case of not putting down roots in comfortable and reassuring dwellings but rather to surrender oneself, to be open with simplicity and trust to God's passage in our lives, to the will of God who guides us towards the next destination. (*Angelus*, 11 August 2019).

GENERAL NEWS

Friday 12 August: Gospel Music Concert – *Mystic Chorale*, from Boston, Massachusetts, are performing at **Ness Bank Church on Friday 12 August at 7.30pm**. They are joined by our local *Highland Voices Gospel Choir*. Free admission, but donations are welcomed!

PARISH NEWS

TODAY'S LITURGY (CTS Missal): 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C (pp. 1037 ff.)

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p. 1037:	Readings & Proper Prayers	p. 603:	Eucharistic Prayer II
p. 541:	The Creed	p. 631:	Communion Rite

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) – this is available after Saturday morning Mass, and at any other mutually convenient time. Simply get in touch with Fr. Domenico to make an appointment.

***Desiderio Desideravi* now available!** – Copies of Pope Francis' recent apostolic letter entitled *Desiderio Desideravi* – focusing on proper liturgical formation for the people of God – is available in the entrance foyer priced £4.95.

New Assisted Seating – Fr. Domenico is ordering a number of chairs with arms, for the benefit of parishioners who require assistance with standing and sitting. They should arrive by the end of the month.

Thursday 18 August at 5.00pm: Altar Servers' Meeting – Any child who has made his or her First Holy Communion is eligible to apply to become an Altar Server. Would you like to join our small team? Full training will be given! Our first meeting will be on Thursday 18 August at 5.00pm, in the church. If you are interested, please speak to Fr. Domenico.

Holy Land Pilgrimage, 2-9 March 2023: Fr. Domenico is leading an 8-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land, following the footsteps of Jesus: from Jerusalem and Bethlehem to Nazareth and the Sea of Galilee. There is a special 'early bird' price **until 15 July** for this 8-day / 7-night pilgrimage of **£1,169**. The price includes: a non-stop return flight from the UK to Tel Aviv airport, an air-conditioned luxury touring coach and professional local guide, and en-suite half-board hotel accommodation in Tiberias and Bethlehem. For further details, please go to this link: www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/hl0768/

Hospital Visits – if you or a loved one is being admitted to Raigmore Hospital, please do let Fr. Domenico know. The official Catholic Chaplain is Fr. Laurence Gambella, who is based at St. Mary's in Huntly Street.

90 CLUB: July Winners! – First Prize: Esther Grant; Second Prize: Ian MacDonald; Third Prize: David Munro. Next draw Sunday 28 August. Numbers are available if you want the chance to win one of three prizes £2 per number. Please ask Father Domenico.

Monthly Bingo.. it's back! – our fun-filled parish Bingo night returns! **Eyes down on Friday 2 September at 7.00pm**. Thereafter the first Friday of each month until December. Non-perishable prizes are always welcomed (toiletries, gift vouchers..); any help is always appreciated.

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, Colin MacMillan, Angus Cumming, Godfrey Herman, Eileen Anne Millar

Anniversaries: Donald Joseph Peteranna, Virla MacLennan Bill Esselmont, Peter Tierney, Donald & Dorothy MacDonald