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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

9 JULY 2023:
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year A (I); Psalter: Week 2)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Zechariah 9: 9-10
 Resp. Psalm: Psalm 144 (145)
 2nd Reading: Romans 8: 9, 11-13
 Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
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
Tuesday 11 July	* Reception of Esther Grant, RIP * St. Benedict, Abbot, Co-Patron of Europe (Feast) Mass Intention: Esther Grant, RIP (Recently Departed)	Liturgy of Reception Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	5.00pm 6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 12 July	* Funeral Mass of Esther Grant, RIP *	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	12.15 pm
Thursday 13 July	Thursday of Week 14 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Fr. John Maguire, RIP (Anniversary on 15 July)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 15 July	St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor Mass Intention: Canon Ambrose Woods, RIP (Anniversary on 16 July)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 16 July	15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (pp. 740 ff.)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: A Yoke for the Childlike

Jesus is portrayed in today's Gospel as a new and greater Moses. Moses, the meekest man on earth (see Numbers 12:3), was God's friend (see Exodus 34:12, 17). Only he knew God "face to face" (see Deuteronomy 34:10). And Moses gave Israel the yoke of the Law, through which God first revealed Himself and how we are to live (see Jeremiah 2:20; 5:5). Jesus, too, is meek and humble. But He is more than God's friend. He is the Son who alone knows the Father. He is more also than a law-giver, presenting Himself today as the yoke of a new Law and as the revealed Wisdom of God. As Wisdom, Jesus was present before creation as the firstborn of God, the Father and Lord of heaven and earth (see Proverbs 8:22; Wisdom 9:9). And He gives knowledge of the holy things of the kingdom of God (see Wisdom 10:10).

In the gracious will of the Father, Jesus reveals these things only to the "childlike"—those who humble themselves before Him as little children (see Sirach 2:17). These alone can recognize and receive Jesus as the just saviour and meek king promised to daughter Zion, Israel, in today's First Reading.

We, too, are called to childlike faith in the Father's goodness as sons and daughters of the new kingdom, the Church. We are to live by the Spirit we received in Baptism (see Galatians 5:16), putting to death our old ways of thinking and acting, as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle. Our "yoke" is to be His new law of love (see John 13:34), by which we enter into the "rest" of His kingdom.

As we sing in today's Psalm, we joyously await the day when we will praise His name forever in the kingdom that lasts for all ages. This is the sabbath rest promised by Jesus—the rest first anticipated by Moses (see Exodus 20:8-11), but which still awaits the people of God (see Hebrews 4:9). (Scott Hahn)

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Today's Liturgy: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A (pp. 736 ff.)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 736: 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

Children's Liturgy – please note that there will be **NO** children's liturgy today. Our apologies in advance.

Today's Special Collection: Stella Maris – Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This annual collection is vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. For more information, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk

Esther Grant, RIP – Esther will be received into St. Columba's on Tuesday 11 July at 5.00pm. Her live-streamed Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 12 July at 12.15pm, thereafter to Kilvean Crematorium for a Service of Committal. Well-wishers are invited to join the family for refreshments at the Kingsmills hotel, after the Cremation Service. Her remains will be interred at Tomnahurich Cemetery on Thursday 13 July at 10.30am. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

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 – Would you like to take part? You too could be a winner! Three good prizes each month. 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, Shona MacInnes

Anniversaries: Ilene, Tom, & Margaret O'Connor, Bob Black, Tony Murphy, Alexander MacKinnon, George Cameron, Lizzy Gardener, Canon Ambrose Woods, Fr. John Maguire