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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

9 OCTOBER 2022:
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year C (II); Psalter: Week 4)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: 2 Kings 5: 14-17
Resp. Psalm: Ps 97 (98): 1-4
2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2: 8-13
Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 9 October	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 1072 – Year C)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 11 October	St. John XXIII, Pope Mass Intention: Joan Wilson, RIP (Recently Departed)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 13 October	Thursday of Week 28 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Nigel Robson, RIP (First Anniversary Today)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 15 October	St. Teresa of Avila, Virgin Mass Intention: Ann Marie Mitchell, RIP (Recently Departed)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 16 October	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 1076 – Year C)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Returning Thanks

A foreign leper is cleansed and in thanksgiving returns to offer homage to the God of Israel. We hear this same story in both the First Reading and Gospel today. There were many lepers in Israel in Elisha's time, but only Naaman the Syrian trusted in God's Word and was cleansed (see Luke 5:12–14). Today's Gospel likewise implies that most of the ten lepers healed by Jesus were Israelites—but only a foreigner, the Samaritan, returned.

In a dramatic way, we're being shown today how faith has been made the way to salvation, the road by which all nations will join themselves to the Lord, becoming His servants, gathered with the Israelites into one chosen people of God, the Church (see Isaiah 56:3–8).

Today's Psalm also looks forward to the day when all peoples will see what Naaman sees—that there is no God in all the earth except the God of Israel.

We see this day arriving in today's Gospel. The Samaritan leper is the only person in the New Testament who personally thanks Jesus. The Greek word used to describe his "giving thanks" is the word we translate as "Eucharist." And these lepers today reveal to us the inner dimensions of the Eucharist and sacramental life.

We, too have been healed by our faith in Jesus. As Naaman's flesh is made again like that of a little child, our souls have been cleansed of sin in the waters of Baptism. We experience this cleansing again and again in the Sacrament of Penance—as we repent our sins, beg and receive mercy from our Master, Jesus.

We return to glorify God in each Mass, to offer ourselves in sacrifice—falling on our knees before our Lord, giving thanks for our salvation.

In this Eucharist, we remember "Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David," Israel's covenant king. And we pray, as Paul does in today's Second Reading, to persevere in this faith—that we too may live and reign with Him in eternal glory. (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day

"No one, save God who is Love, can heal [the] leprosy of the spirit which scars the face of humanity." (Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus, 14 October 2007).

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.
- **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.

PARISH NEWS

Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 1072)

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 1072: 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

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

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

Month of October: Praying for Vocations to the Priesthood – During the coming month, before every weekday Mass, we will pray before 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 to Eucharistic Adoration, available before each weekday Mass?

This 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!

Prize Bingo: Friday 4 November. Thank you for all the lovely items handed in; please do keep them coming, as it's the prizes that makes this fundraising event so successful: store gift cards, chocolates/sweets, box set toiletries, box biscuits and anything else you can think of – nothing goes to waste. Why not come along and join the fun?!!

90 Club: Next Draw Sunday 30 October. 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, Godfrey Hermann, Colin MacMillan, Eileen Anne Millar, Betty Mulraine

RIP: Matthew Brennan, John Daley, Joan Wilson, David Green, Ann Marie Mitchell, Rhona Calder

Anniversaries: Nigel Robson, John Campbell, Frankie Bills