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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**7 JULY 2024:**  
**14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)**  
**(Year B (II); Psalter: Week 2)**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 2: 2-5  
Resp. Psalm 122 (123)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10  
Gospel: Mark 6: 1-6

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 7 July	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (pp. 878 ff.)	Holy Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 9 July	Our Lady of Aberdeen (Feast) Mass Intention: Jenner Martin, RIP (Anniversary on 4 July)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 11 July	St. Benedict, Abbot, Co-Patron of Europe (Feast) Mass Intention: Alec Rennie, RIP (Recently Departed)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 13 July	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: Bob Black, RIP (Anniversary Today)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 14 July	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (pp. 882 ff.) Second Collection: Sea Sunday	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am

## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: Son of Mary

As we've walked with the Apostles in the Gospels in recent weeks, we've witnessed Jesus command the wind and sea, and order a little girl to arise from the dead. But He seems to meet His match in His hometown of Nazareth. Today's Gospel is blunt: "He was not able to perform any mighty deed there."

Why not? Because of the people's lack of faith. They acknowledged the wisdom of His words, the power of His works. But they refused to recognize Him as a prophet come among them, a messenger sent by God.

All they could see was how much "this man" was like them—a carpenter, the son of their neighbour, Mary, with brothers and sisters.

Of course, Mary was ever-virgin and had no other children. The Gospel refers to Jesus' brothers as Paul refers to all Israelites as his brothers, the children of Abraham (see Romans 9:3, 7).

That's the point in today's Gospel, too. Like the prophet Ezekiel in today's First Reading, Jesus was sent by God to the rebellious house of Israel, where He found His own brothers and sisters obstinate of heart and in revolt against God.

The servant is not above the Master (see Matthew 10:24). As His disciples, we too face the mockery and contempt we hear of in today's Psalm. And isn't it often hardest to live our faith among those in our own families, those who think they really know us, who define us by the people we used to be—before we chose to walk with Jesus?

As Paul confides in today's Epistle, insults and hardships are God's way of teaching us to rely solely on His grace. Jesus will work no mighty deeds in our lives unless we abandon ourselves to Him in faith. Blessed then are those who take no offense in Him (see Luke 7:23). Instead, we must look upon Him with the eyes of servants—knowing that the son of Mary is also the Lord enthroned in the heavens. (Scott Hahn)

## Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

This is the scandal: the incarnation of God, his concreteness, his 'daily life'. And God became concrete in a man, Jesus of Nazareth, he became a companion on the way, he made himself *one of us*. "You are one of us", we can say to Jesus. What a beautiful prayer! It is because one of us understands us, accompanies us, forgives us, loves us so much. In reality, an abstract, distant god is more comfortable, one that doesn't get himself involved in situations and who accepts a faith that is far from life, from problems, from society. Or we would even like to believe in a 'special effects' god who does only exceptional things and always provokes strong emotions. Instead, brothers and sisters, God incarnated Himself: God is humble, God is tender, God is hidden, he draws near to us, living the normality of our daily life. (*Angelus* Address, St. Peter's Square, 4 July 2021)

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### Today's Liturgy: 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (pp. 878 ff.)

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**A warm welcome to our visitors!** Toilets are available in the entrance foyer. Join us for tea/coffee & cake after Sunday Mass!

**New to the Parish?** Please introduce yourself to Fr. Domenico, and fill in a Parish Register Form!

**Any spare Bawbees? Or Drachmas? Or Zloty..!** – "On a recent visit to the Ladies Inner Wheel Club of Inverness, I was gifted two bags of assorted foreign coins & notes. This was in response to an appeal by Mary's Meals. As I will shortly be delivering them to Headquarters, I am wondering if parishioners have any small hoards of foreign currency gathering dust? I would be pleased to relieve you of the clutter, and add them to the collection. Many thanks, Peter Harkins for Mary's Meals."

**90 Club: Next Draw on Sunday 28 July!** Good luck to all of you who have a number.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Kathleen Macpherson, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Linda Macdonald, Lauren Marsh, Katie MacCormick, Brian Hamilton, Dorothy Macdonald, Cathy Grant, Patrick O'Donnell, Julie Marr, Betty Mulraine

**R.I.P:** Jenny Green, Dixie Lanigan, Sandy Lindsay, Alec Rennie, Morabel Eddie

**Anniversaries:** Jenner Martin, Bob Black, Ilene, Tom, & Margaret O'Connor, Bob Black, Tony Murphy, Alexander MacKinnon