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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

10 MAY 2020:
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
(Year A (II); Psalter: Week 1)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Acts 6: 1-7
 Psalm: Ps 32 (33): 1-2, 4-5, 18-19
 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2: 4-9
 Gospel: John 14: 1-12

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 10 May	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (p. 381 – Year A)	Private Sunday Mass offered for the parishioners of St. Columba's	9.30 am
Monday 11 May	Monday of Week 5 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Cara Falconer, RIP (Anniversary at this time)	Private Mass; followed by Holy Hour	10.30 am
Tuesday 12 May	Tuesday of Week 5 of Eastertide Mass Intention: John Macintyre, RIP (Recently Deceased)	Private Mass; followed by Holy Hour	10.30 am
Wednesday 13 May	Our Lady of Fatima Mass Intention: Robert Tarr (Health and Intentions)	Private Mass; followed by Holy Hour	10.30 am
Thursday 14 May	St. Matthias, Apostle – Feast Mass Intention: Private Intention	Private Mass; followed by Holy Hour	10.30 am
Friday 15 May	Friday of Week 5 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Donor's Intentions	Private Mass; followed by Holy Hour	10.30 am
Saturday 16 May	Saturday of Week 5 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Donor's Intentions	Private Mass; followed by Holy Hour	10.30 am
Sunday 17 May	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (p. 385 – Year A)	Private Sunday Mass offered for the parishioners of St. Columba's	9.30 am

VE Day and Covid-19

On the 75th anniversary of VE Day, Bishop Paul Mason, the Catholic Bishop of the Forces, has recognised the war-time spirit with which the nation is battling Covid-19: "It's an ironic twist of fate that our VE Day celebration of victory and liberation should find us both embattled and locked down. How readily we have seen in these days, however, that same spirit of determination and pulling together of our forebears in World War Two. Although we are not able to mark the 75th anniversary as planned, I am sure it will not stop us from remembering them, thanking them and celebrating the courage of all those who bought our freedom at such cost." Church leaders in Ireland and Northern Ireland also issued a statement to mark VE Day: "We are all now, in the present day, facing a very different war with an unseen enemy in the Covid-19 pandemic.. On 8th May 1945, countless numbers of people celebrated as nearly six years of war came to an end. Those years had brought immense pain and suffering with millions of lives destroyed. Peace was won, but at a great cost.

The world has changed much in the years since. Peace is still a costly, precious and fragile commodity – a reality that perhaps we in this place know better than many others. Reconciliation takes years of work and an appreciation and understanding of the needs and aspirations of others. Only then is it possible for a shared path to be walked together. As church leaders we are reminded of the words of the prophet Isaiah that 'in the days to come.. they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more'. Our hope is that the world will see a new dawn once this pandemic is conquered. That people will realise the futile nature of war and how precious the gift of life truly is. With God's help may we together work to create and shape a better and more peaceful world where love and respect is at the centre of all our thinking." (The Tablet, 8 May 2020)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A (p. 381) –

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 381: Readings & Proper Prayers
p. 541: Creed
p. 563: Preface V of Easter
p. 611: Eucharistic Prayer III
p. 631: Communion Rite

Remember one another – Please try to support one another in these challenging times: a phone call to check up on elderly and vulnerable parishioners and friends; a friendly call to see if anyone needs shopping; supporting your local shops and businesses, which will be hit hard from a financial perspective. We are all in this together.

Remember your parish – Thank you to the very kind benefactor who donated £100 to St. Columba's! If you would like to support the maintenance of our parish during this time of lockdown, here are some different ways that the parish can be assisted:

- **A regular Standing Order:** the account details are in the next column opposite, under 'Parish Finances'.
- **Donations in an envelope, put through the church letterbox.** During this period, and for the foreseeable future, any offerings, donations or benefactions to the parish will be paid in to our No. 1 (Running) Account.
- **A re-evaluation of your level of giving.** If every parishioner at Mass gave an extra £5 (two coffees at Costa or Starbucks..), it would make an enormous difference to the future of the parish!!
- **A Bequest,** or gift left in a will, is an increasingly popular way of remembering your parish. All bequests should be made to St. Columba's Culloden Building Fund Account. All benefactors are remembered at our Masses.

Thank you for your consideration and continuing generosity and support – it is greatly appreciated.

Mass intentions – if you would like a private Mass celebrated for any sick family and friends, or any deceased loved ones, simply e-mail Fr. Domenico.

The Marian Month of May – “The month of May is ... a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family.” (Pope Francis, 25 April 2020). The Holy Father reminds us of the traditional Marian devotion associated with this month of the year, and in his recent letter, he provides us with two prayers to recite at the end of the Rosary, which he will be using, in order to unite himself spiritually with each one of us. The letter of Pope Francis, together with the two prayers, can be found on the Vatican website (click below): http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2020/documents/papa-francesco_20200425_lettera-mesedimaggio.html

Catholicism in the Time of Coronavirus – a FREE eBook to download from 'Word on Fire': The COVID-19 pandemic has been, for countless people around the world, a great and unexpected trial. But for Catholics, who were already struggling with the abuse crisis and a dramatic rise

in disaffiliation, this trial is not only economic, social, or medical—it is spiritual. Plunged into a time of darkness and separated from the sacraments and their parish communities, the faithful are feeling isolated, disheartened, and uncertain about what the future holds. This new eBook from Word on Fire Institute Fellow Dr. Stephen Bullivant is an insightful and encouraging analysis of the coronavirus, shedding light not only on the Church's present moment or similar crises of the past but also on the immediate future. For further details, go to the following website: https://ebook.wordonfire.org/covid-book?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=socialmedia&utm_term=CatholicismCoronavirus&utm_campaign=CatholicismCoronavirus-eBook

FREE To Stream Online: “A Biblical Introduction to Mary” – This first lesson from *The Bible and the Virgin Mary* reviews the passages of the Bible that mention Mary and explains how to read them properly to reveal the vital role that Mary plays in helping us get to heaven. It is only one of a number of resources on 'The Quarantined Catholic Hub' (<https://stpaulcenter.com/hub/>).

Mary's Meals: Presentation and Activity Packs – the website of this important charity contains a number of new resources for us all during this time of Covid-19, including a special presentation (click here) for parishes from the founder, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, together with an activity pack for children. Why not visit the website to find out more? – <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk>

Via Lucis: Stations of the Resurrection – are you familiar with these meditations? Like the Via Crucis (the Way of the Cross), this 'Way of Light' involves 14 meditations, beginning with Matthew's account of the empty tomb on the Sunday morning, and ending with the day of Pentecost. You can find out more about the various stations of the Via Lucis by Googling it, or by going to the following website: <https://aleteia.org/2020/04/14/stations-of-the-resurrection-meditations-on-jesus-appearances/> Alternatively, if you have Microsoft Powerpoint on your computer, there is a presentation available on the RC Diocese of Aberdeen website; simply click here: <https://www.rcda.scot/via-lucis/#more-16036>

'90 Club – NEXT DRAW: 31 MAY. Good luck to all who have a number. If you pay monthly, and haven't submitted your dues, don't worry – your number will be in each draw, and we can catch up with payments when we meet again.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Michael Good, Laura Johnstone, Katie Mary Fraser, Norman Wood, Margaret and Stuart MacLennan, Jeanette Catto, John Macdonald, Evelyn MacGregor, Denise Maclean, Rena Herbison, Louise Flett, Yvonne Muir, Alistair Macleod, Robert Tarr

Anniversaries: + Mary and Ernie MacMillan +