



# St. Columba's, Culloden

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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 10: 34, 37-43  
Psalm: Ps 117 (118): 1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4  
Gospel: John 20: 1-9

**12 APRIL 2020:**  
**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION**  
**(Year A (II); Psalter: Week 1)**

Date	Details	Service	Time
<b>Sunday 12 April</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION</b> <b>(p. 362 – Year A)</b>	<b>Private Sunday Mass offered for the parishioners of St. Columba's</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
Monday 13 April	Monday within the Easter Octave Mass Intention: The Morris Family	Private Mass; followed by Holy Hour	10.30 am
Tuesday 14 April	Tuesday within the Easter Octave Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Private Mass; followed by Holy Hour	10.30 am
Wednesday 15 April	Wednesday within the Easter Octave Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Private Mass; followed by Holy Hour	10.30 am
Thursday 16 April	Thursday within the Easter Octave Mass Intention: Paul Futers (50 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)	Private Mass; followed by Holy Hour	10.30 am
Friday 17 April	Friday within the Easter Octave Mass Intention: Michael Joseph MacKinnon, R.I.P. (Anniversary)	Private Mass; followed by Holy Hour	10.30 am
Saturday 18 April	Saturday within the Easter Octave Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Private Mass; followed by Holy Hour	10.30 am
<b>Sunday 19 April</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>~ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY ~</b> <b>(p. 367 – Year A)</b>	<b>Private Sunday Mass offered for the parishioners of St. Columba's</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>

### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection: They Saw And Believed

Jesus is nowhere visible. Yet today's Gospel tells us that Peter and John "saw and believed." What did they see? Burial shrouds lying on the floor of an empty tomb. Maybe that convinced them that He hadn't been carted off by grave robbers, who usually stole the expensive burial linens and left the corpses behind.

But notice the repetition of the word "tomb"—seven times in nine verses. They saw the empty tomb and they believed what He had promised: that God would raise Him on the third day. Chosen to be His "witnesses," today's First Reading tells us, the Apostles were "commissioned . . . to preach . . . and testify" to all that they had seen—from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb.

More than their own experience, they were instructed in the mysteries of the divine economy, God's saving plan—to know how "all the prophets bear witness" to Him (see Luke 24:27,44). Now they could "understand the Scripture," could teach us what He had told them—that He

was "the Stone which the builders rejected," who, today's Psalm prophesies, will be resurrected and exalted. (see Luke 20:17; Matthew 21:42; Acts 4:11).

We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb and give thanks for "Christ our life," as today's Second Reading calls Him.

Baptized into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above.

We live in memory of the Apostles' witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar. And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come—the day when we too "will appear with Him in glory." (Scott Hahn)

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### Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Easter Sunday of the Resurrection, Year A (p. 362)

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**Light of the North magazine** – the new edition is now available online! You can read the latest issue here, at: <https://www.lightofthenorth.org/>

**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 for the magnificent way in which you are supporting St. Columba's during this time of closure! As you will see, we received a wonderful donation of £500 from an extremely kind anonymous donor: God bless you! During the coming weeks and months, we will all be self-isolating at home, but as you know, your parish is still here, and needs to be maintained, kept open and administered at a time of much diminished regular giving. In addition to the church, we have the parish house, with all of the associated costs (electricity, gas, water rates, council tax, phone, internet, stationery and office supplies, household items, provisions, and so on). On top of this we have considerable financial obligations to the Diocese, in the form of monthly levies. Here are some different ways that the parish can be assisted during these 'strange days':

- **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.** We are currently £1,000 in debit every month. 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.

**Thank You!** for your Gift Aid small contributions – we have received a cheque from Mr. Taxman, to the value of **£1,217.58**. It underlines the importance of Gift Aid!!

**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.

**Live-stream display of the Holy Shroud of Turin** – this will take place on **Holy Saturday, from 4.00pm UK time**, and should be available on Vatican Media Live, on the Diocese of Turin website, EWTN, and elsewhere.

**Andrea Bocelli in concert:** live-streamed from the Duomo of Milan on **Easter Sunday at 6.00pm UK time**. You can find the concert on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Il6nH5-J3c>

**FREE Online Study Programme from Scott Hahn** – The St. Paul Centre is offering, for a limited time, completely free access to its online study programme entitled 'The Eucharist in Scripture'. It is only one of a number of resources on its new page, 'The Quarantined Catholic Hub' (<https://stpaulcenter.com/hub/>).

**Reflect with Bishop Robert Barron on the Stations of the Cross** – a beautiful video reflection is available FREE here: <https://stations.wordonfire.org/stations-of-the-cross> - together with pdf text and mp3 audio versions.

**Len Batty RIP:** Terry and Sue Nicholls, who were former parishioners, and members of the music group, have suffered a recent bereavement, with the death of Sue's father, Len. Please keep Terry, Sue, and the family in your prayers, and pray also for the repose of the soul of Len. May he rest in peace, and rise in glory.

**90 Club – NEXT DRAW:** Sunday 26th April. Those of you who pay monthly: 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 + Norman Wood + Katie Mary Fraser + Margaret and Stuart MacLennan + Jeanette Catto + John Macdonald + Evelyn MacGregor + Mary Ritchie + Denise Maclean + Rena Herbison + Fiona + Baby Matthew and Baby Aidan +

**Recently Departed:** + Patricia Campbell + Len Batty + Baby Rory +

**Anniversaries:** + Michael Joseph MacKinnon + Isobel Campbell + Peggy Martin + Bridget Cuminsky + Flora Morrison + Donald MacDonald + Ohna Van Reenan +