



# St. Columba's, Culloden

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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**14 FEBRUARY 2021:**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**(Year B (I); Psalter: Week 2)**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46  
 Resp. Psalm: Ps 31 (32):1-2, 5, 11  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Cor 10:31-11:1  
 Gospel: Mk 1:40-45

Date	Details	Live-Streamed Liturgies	Time
<b>Sunday 14 February</b>	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> (p. 848 – Year B)	<b>Morning Prayer &amp; Adoration</b> <b>Holy Mass</b> <b>Angelus, Evening Prayer, &amp; Rosary</b>	<b>8.45 am</b> <b>9.30 am</b> <b>6.00 pm</b>
Monday 15 February	Monday of Week 6 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Tuesday 16 February	Tuesday of Week 6 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
<b>Wednesday 17 February</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY (p. 143)</b> <b>~ A DAY OF FASTING</b> <b>&amp; ABSTAINING FROM MEAT ~</b> <b>Mass Intention: John Smith, RIP</b> <b>(First Anniversary)</b>	<b>Morning Prayer &amp; Adoration</b> <b>Holy Mass</b> <b>Angelus, Evening Prayer, &amp; Rosary</b>	<b>8.45 am</b> <b>9.30 am</b> <b>6.00 pm</b>
Thursday 18 February	Thursday after Ash Wednesday Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Friday 19 February	Friday after Ash Wednesday Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Saturday 20 February	Saturday after Ash Wednesday Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
<b>Sunday 21 February</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b> (p. 182 – Year B)	<b>Morning Prayer &amp; Adoration</b> <b>Holy Mass</b> <b>Angelus, Evening Prayer, &amp; Rosary</b>	<b>8.45 am</b> <b>9.30 am</b> <b>6.00 pm</b>

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Made Clean

In the Old Testament, leprosy is depicted as punishment for disobedience of God's commands (see Numbers 12:12-15; 2 Kings 5:27; 15:5). Considered "unclean"—unfit to worship or live with the Israelites, lepers are considered "stillborn," the living dead (see Numbers 12:12). Indeed, the requirements imposed on lepers in today's First Reading—rent garments, shaven head, covered beard—are signs of death, penance, and mourning (see Leviticus 10:6; Ezekiel 24:17).

So there's more to the story in today's Gospel than a miraculous healing. When Elisha, invoking God's name, healed the leper, Naaman, it proved there was a prophet in Israel (see 2 Kings 5:8). Today's healing reveals Jesus as far more than a great prophet—He is God visiting His people (see Luke 7:16). Only God can cure leprosy and cleanse from sin (see 2 Kings 5:7), and only God has the power to bring about what He wills (see Isaiah 55:11; Wisdom 12:18).

The Gospel scene has an almost sacramental quality about it. Jesus stretches out His hand—as God, by His outstretched arm, performed mighty deeds to save the Israelites (see Exodus 14:6; Acts 4:30). His ritual sign is accompanied by a divine word ("Be made clean"). And, like God's word in creation ("Let there be"), Jesus' word "does" what He commands (see Psalm 33:9).

The same thing happens when we show ourselves to the priest in the sacrament of penance. On our knees like the leper, we confess our sins to the Lord, as we sing in today's Psalm. And through the outstretched arm and divine word spoken by His priest, the Lord takes away the guilt of our sin.

Like the leper we should rejoice in the Lord and spread the good news of His mercy. We should testify to our healing by living changed lives. As Paul says in today's Second Reading, we should do even the most little things for the glory of God and that others may be saved. (Scott Hahn).

## PARISH NEWS

### Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 848)

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 845: Readings & Proper Prayers

p. 541: The Creed

p. 571: Preface VI of Sundays in Ordinary Time

p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II

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** – 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.

**Schedule of Online Daily Devotions** – Our new daily schedule of parish devotions are as follows. Please feel free to join us, and do spread the word!

8.45 am: Morning Prayer

9.00 am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30 am: Holy Mass

6.00 pm: Angelus, & Evening Prayer

6.15pm: Holy Rosary

**This year's Lenten Course at St. Columba's – 'Voices of the Passion':** a series of reflections delivered online via Zoom, on **Wednesdays at 7.00pm** throughout the Lenten season, focusing on the major characters of the Passion of Christ. Please contact Fr. Domenico for further information. The programme is as follows:

**17 February: Peter & Judas**

**24 February: 3 March: Pilate & Herod**

**3 March: Jesus & Barabbas**

**10 March: Simon of Cyrene and Veronica**

**17 March: Women of Jerusalem &  
Mary Magdalen**

**24 March: John and Mary**

**Stations of the Cross from around the world!** – each Thursday evening at 7.00pm during Lent – **beginning Thursday 18 February** – we will pray the Stations of the Cross via Zoom. We will travel around the Catholic world, visiting different locations such as Jerusalem, Częstochowa, Lourdes, as we reflect on various visual images portraying the Passion of Jesus. For the Zoom link, please contact Fr. Domenico.

**Mary's Meals Tigray Appeal:** Dear friends, in recent weeks you may have heard something of the grave news from Tigray in northern Ethiopia. An armed conflict between the federal and regional governments has escalated into a shocking humanitarian crisis. We are hearing harrowing reports of tens of thousands of families displaced from their homes and that as many as 4.5 million people are without access to basic food, medical and sanitary supplies across the region! We have been working in Tigray for many years where our trusted partners the Daughters of Charity normally serve over 24,000 children Mary's Meals. We are now working with the Daughters of Charity to respond to this crisis and provide support to children and families affected by this crisis. As people of faith, we are asking you to partner with us by holding the people of Tigray and the emergency work we are doing there in your prayers. To find out more about this appeal, please visit the following page: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk>. Thank you.

**Happy Birthday, Chris!** – one of our stalwart parishioners, Chris Hamilton, celebrates her birthday on Wednesday. Given that you are no longer obligated to participate in the Lenten fast (on account of your age!), feel free to have a wee tippie on us, Chris! Many happy returns to you!!

**90 Club: Next Draw on Sunday 28 February!** Good luck all with a number. Spare numbers are available speak to Father Domenico for details.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Michael Good, Laura Johnstone, Katie Mary Fraser, Norman Wood, Stuart MacLennan, John Macdonald, Evelyn MacGregor, Rena Herbison, Alex Fruters, Patrick Macpherson, Kathleen Macpherson, Ricci Hudson-Storey, June Lee, Marian Ellis, Morag Lloyd, Angela Rogers, Angela Broad, Maree MacGillivray

**RIP:** + Iain Campbell + Boniface Nwosu +

**Anniversaries:** + Anne-Marie Grout + Johnny Gallagher + Jack Hasterick + Mary and Joe Sharkey + Jim Murray +