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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**14 JUNE 2020:**

### **SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) (Year A (II); Psalter: Week 3)**

## **Mass Readings**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3.14-16  
Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 147:12-15.19-20  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17  
Sequence: *Lauda Sion*  
Gospel: John 6:51-58

Date	Details	Service	Time
<b>Sunday 14 June</b>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) (p. 821 – Year A)</b>	<b>LIVE-STREAMED MASS ON FACEBOOK</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
Monday 15 June	Monday of Week 11 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donald MacNeil, RIP (Anniversary: 11 June)	<b>LIVE-STREAMED MASS ON FACEBOOK</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
Tuesday 16 June	Tuesday of Week 11 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Margaret Lamond, RIP (Recently Departed)	<b>LIVE-STREAMED MASS ON FACEBOOK</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
Wednesday 17 June	Wednesday of Week 11 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Grace Kennedy, RIP (Recently Departed: Funeral Today)	<b>LIVE-STREAMED MASS ON FACEBOOK</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
Thursday 18 June	Thursday of Week 11 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Margaret McLennan, RIP (Recently Departed)	<b>LIVE-STREAMED MASS ON FACEBOOK</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
<b>Friday 19 June</b>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS (p. 828 – Year A)</b> Mass Intention: Private Intention	<b>LIVE-STREAMED MASS ON FACEBOOK</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
Saturday 20 June	Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: Andrew Bury, RIP (Recently Departed)	<b>LIVE-STREAMED MASS ON FACEBOOK</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
<b>Sunday 21 June</b>	<b>TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 729 – Year A)</b>	<b>LIVE-STREAMED MASS ON FACEBOOK</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>

### **Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ: Word of the ‘Living Father’**

The Eucharist is given to us as a challenge and a promise. That's how Jesus presents it in today's Gospel.

He doesn't make it easy for those who hear Him. They are repulsed and offended at His words. Even when they begin to quarrel, He insists on describing the eating and drinking of His flesh and blood in starkly literal terms.

Four times in today's reading, Jesus uses a Greek word—*trogein*—that refers to a crude kind of eating, almost a gnawing or chewing (see John 6:54, 56, 57, 58).

He is testing their faith in His Word, as today's First Reading describes God testing Israel in the desert.

The heavenly manna was not given to satisfy the Israelites' hunger, as Moses explains. It was given to show them that man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

In today's Psalm, too, we see a connection between God's Word and the bread of life. We sing of God filling us with “finest wheat” and proclaiming his Word to the world.

In Jesus, “the living Father” has given us His Word come down from heaven, made flesh for the life of the world.

Yet as the Israelites grumbled in the desert, many in today's Gospel cannot accept that Word. Even many of Jesus' own followers abandon Him after this discourse (see John 6:66). But His words are Spirit and life, the words of eternal life (see John 6:63, 67).

In the Eucharist we are made one flesh with Christ. We have His life in us and have our life because of Him. This is what Paul means in today's Second Reading when He calls the Eucharist a “participation” in Christ's body and blood. We become in this sacrament partakers of the divine nature (see 1 Peter 2:4).

This is the mystery of the faith that Jesus asks us to believe. And He gives us His promise: that sharing in His flesh and blood that was raised from the dead, we too will be raised up on the last day. (Scott Hahn)

## PARISH NEWS

**Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), Year A (p. 821) –**

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 821: Readings & Proper Prayers

p. 541: Creed

p. 574: Preface – The Holy Eucharist I

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 our generous benefactors: we have received two donations of £100 each, one of £50, and one of £40.** God bless you! 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.

**ST. COLUMBA'S LIVE-STREAMED MASSES!**

Have you experienced our Live-Streamed Masses yet?! You can find a LIVE Mass, every day at 9.30am, on our Parish Facebook page, which you can access here: [www.facebook.com/stcolumbasculloden/live](http://www.facebook.com/stcolumbasculloden/live), or go to our parish website, and click the 'Facebook' icon at the top of the page.

**SUPERFAST BROADBAND IN ST. COLUMBA'S!**

– Fr. Domenico has arranged for superfast broadband to be made available in the church premises. This will benefit the entire community: it will assist with our current live-streaming of Daily Mass; it will allow us to offer online study courses to parishioners; it will be of benefit to our catechists, who lead the Sacramental Preparation classes; it can be used for Children's Liturgy on a Sunday morning; and it will permit

midweek Mass-goers to access daily Mass readings, and devotions, novenas, and other prayers that are available online.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):** after recent discussion with the Bishop, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available for those who wish to avail themselves. Confessions will be heard in the Parish Meeting Room. Entrance is by the back patio door – opposite the entrance to the House. There will be a comfy chair for the penitent, near the door, and Fr. Domenico will be seated in the other corner of the room, observing social distancing. If you would like to avail yourself of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, simply e-mail Fr. Domenico, or phone the Parish House (794993), to make an appointment.

**'King David: Lessons in Leadership. A Reading of Samuel 1 and 2' – Wednesday 17 June at 7.00pm.**

Fr. Domenico has already sent out Zoom invitations to those parishioners who have expressed an interest to participate in this forthcoming study course. If you were expecting to receive an invitation and did not do so, or if you would still like to take part, simply e-mail Fr. Domenico and he will make sure that you receive the necessary details. See you on Wednesday! In the meantime.. why not prepare by re-reading the Books of Samuel?!

**St. Vincent de Paul: "THANK YOU"** on behalf of the SVDP for your generous financial support. In the last week, we have received £270!! Your generosity has enabled the local group to continue to support a number of families in the Culloden area. There is still great need in our community, a need which can only increase during these difficult times. If you would like to help, could you please post an envelope containing your donation marked 'SVDP' through St. Columba's letterbox, or contact: David Atkinson on 07570 993713.

**90 Club: Next Draw on Sunday 28th June.** Good luck to all who have a number. We will soon catch up with payments when are back together again.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Michael Good, Laura Johnstone, Katie Mary Fraser, Norman Wood, Stuart MacLennan, Jeanette Catto, John Macdonald, Evelyn MacGregor, Denise Maclean, Rena Herbison, Louise Flett, Alistair Macleod, Alex Fruters, Pat McDaid, Morag Lloyd, Don Williams.

**RIP:** Andrew Bury + Margaret MacLennan + Margaret Lamond + Grace Kennedy +

**Anniversaries:** + Donald MacNeil + Vincent Lowe + Cardinal Thomas Winning + Leslie Murray + Noel McIlpatrick + Mary O'Boyle + Theresa Keyes + McIlpatrick + Mary O'Boyle + Theresa Keyes +