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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

14 MARCH 2021:
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
(Year B (I); Psalter: Week 4)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23
 Resp. Psalm: Ps. 136 (137):1-6
 2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10
 Gospel: John 3:14-21

Date	Details	Live-Streamed Liturgies	Time
Sunday 14 March	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ <i>Laetare Sunday</i> ~ (p. 197 – Year B)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Monday 15 March	Monday of Week 3 in Lent 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 March	Tuesday of Week 3 in Lent Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Wednesday 17 March	St. Patrick, Bishop & Missionary, Feast Mass Intention: Maree MacGillivray, RIP (Funeral Today)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Thursday 18 March	Thursday of Week 3 in Lent Mass Intention: Fr. Simon Lumbela (Health and Intentions)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Friday 19 March	SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH 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 March	Saturday of Week 3 in Lent Mass Intention: Michael Galleitch, RIP (Anniversary of Birthday)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Sunday 21 March	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (p. 202 – Year B)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm

Fourth Sunday of Lent: Living in the Light

The Sunday readings in Lent have been showing us the high points of salvation history—God's covenant with creation in the time of Noah; His promises to Abraham; the law He gave to Israel at Sinai.

In today's First Reading, we hear of the destruction of the kingdom established by God's final Old Testament covenant—the covenant with David (see 2 Samuel 7; Psalm 89:3). His chosen people abandoned the law He gave them. For their sins, the temple was destroyed, and they were exiled in Babylon. We hear their sorrow and repentance in the exile lament we sing as today's Psalm. But we also hear how God, in His mercy, gathered them back, even anointing a pagan king to shepherd them and rebuild the temple (see Isaiah 44:28–45:1, 4).

God is rich in mercy, as today's Second Reading teaches. He promised that David's kingdom would last forever, that

David's son would be His Son and rule all nations (see 2 Samuel 7:14–15; Psalm 2:7–9). In Jesus, God keeps that promise (see Revelation 22:16). Moses lifted up the serpent as a sign of salvation (see Wisdom 16:6–7; Numbers 21:9). Now Jesus is lifted up on the Cross, to draw all people to Himself (see John 12:32).

Those who refuse to believe in this sign of the Father's love condemn themselves—as the Israelites in their infidelity brought judgment upon themselves. But God did not leave Israel in exile, and He does not want to leave any of us dead in our transgressions. We are God's handiwork, saved to live as His people in the light of His truth.

Midway through this season of repentance, let us again behold the Pierced One (see John 19:37) and rededicate ourselves to living the “good works” that God has prepared us for. (Scott Hahn)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Fourth Sunday of Lent (p. 197)

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 197: Readings & Proper Prayers

p. 541: The Creed

p. 555: Preface I of Lent

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 Fabric 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 please 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

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available every day for those who wish to avail themselves. Confessions are heard in the Parish Meeting Room. Entrance is by the back patio door – opposite the entrance to the House. There is a comfy chair for the penitent, near the door, and

Fr. Domenico is seated in the other corner of the room, observing social distancing. If you would like to avail yourself of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, simply contact Fr. Domenico to make an appointment.

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. The remaining programme is as follows:

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, we will pray the Stations of the Cross via Zoom. We will travel around the Catholic world, visiting different locations such as Jerusalem, Rome, Częstochowa, and Lourdes, as we reflect on various visual images portraying the Passion of Jesus. For the Zoom link, please contact Fr. Domenico.

Friday Station Masses: for obvious reasons, there are no Station Masses in our Highland Deanery this year; however, we have organised 'virtual' online Masses from around the Diocese instead. Each Mass begins at 7.00pm; the remaining Masses are as follows:

19 March – St Joseph's, Aberdeen

26 March – St. Peter's, Aberdeen

To access the Masses online, go to the RCDA website: <https://www.rcda.scot/station-masses/>

90 Club: Next Draw: Sunday 28 March 2021.

Good luck to 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, Baby Hope, Steven Shippen, Anne Hewitt, Fr. Simon Lumbela, Canon Ray Coyle

RIP: + Alexander Anderson + Maureen Sherwen + Jim McGonigal + Maree MacGillivray + Karl Storey

Anniversaries: + Elsie Heinowski + Maureen Harkins + Mary Armstrong + Veronica Smith + Leslie Murray +