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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

15 AUGUST 2021:
ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
(Year B (I); Psalter: Week 3)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Revelation 11:19, 12:1-6, 10
 Resp. Psalm: Ps. 44 (45):10-12, 16
 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-26
 Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 15 August	ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (p. 1174 – Year B)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 16 August	St. Stephen of Hungary Mass Intention: Colin MacMillan (Health and Intentions)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 17 August	Tuesday of Week 20 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Mary Flora Cumming, RIP (First Anniversary Recently)	Evening Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 18 August	Wednesday of Week 20 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Patrick Macpherson, RIP (Recently Departed)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Thursday 19 August	St. John Eudes, Priest	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Friday 20 August	St. Bernard, Abbot, Doctor Mass Intention: Lachlan MacNeil, RIP (Anniversary Today)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Saturday 21 August	St. Pius X, Pope Mass Intention: James Zanrè, RIP (Anniversary Today)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 22 August	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 905 – Year B)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

[The *Magnificat*] is a song of praise to God who works great things through humble people, unknown to the world, as is Mary herself, as is her spouse Joseph, and as is the place where they live, Nazareth. The great things God has done with humble people, the great things the Lord does in the world with the humble, because humility is like a vacuum that leaves room for God. The humble are powerful because they are humble: not because they are strong. And this is the greatness of the humble and of humility. I would like to ask you — and also myself — but do not answer out loud — each of you respond in your heart: “How is my humility?”

The *Magnificat* praises the merciful and faithful God who accomplishes his plan of salvation through the little ones and the poor, through those who have faith in him, who trust in his Word as did Mary. Here is the exclamation of Elizabeth: “Blessed is she who believed” (Lk 1:45). In that house, the coming of Jesus through Mary created not only a climate of joy and fraternal communion, but also a climate of faith that leads to hope, prayer, and praise.

We would like to have all of this happen today in our homes too. Celebrating Mary Most Holy Assumed into Heaven, we would once again wish her to bring to us, to our families, to our communities, this immense gift, that unique Grace that we must always seek first and above all the other graces that we also have at heart: the grace that is Jesus Christ!

By bearing Jesus, Our Lady also brings to us a new joy full of meaning; she brings us a new ability to traverse with faith the most painful and difficult moments; she brings us the capacity of mercy, in order to forgive each other, to understand each other and to support each other.

Mary is the model of virtue and of faith. Today, in contemplating her Assumption into Heaven, the final fulfilment of her earthly journey, we thank her because she always precedes us in the pilgrimage of life and faith. She is the first Disciple. And we ask her to keep us and support us; that we may have a strong, joyful and merciful faith; that she may help us to be saints, to meet with her, one day, in Heaven. (Pope Francis. *Angelus* Address, 15 August 2017)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Solemnity of the Assumption (p. 1174)

- p. 521: Introductory Rites
- p. 1174: Readings & Proper Prayers
- p. 541: The Creed
- p. 1178: Preface: The Glory of Mary
- 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.

Social distancing reduced to ONE METRE. This equates exactly to two seat-widths. This means that our maximum seating capacity at Mass is **now SEVENTY** souls. Face coverings are still mandatory, as are full sanitising protocols. Fr. Domenico will continue to offer two Masses each Sunday: at 9.30am (which will

also be live-streamed) and at 11.00am. To book a seat(s) for Mass, here are the links:

22 August: 21st Sun in Ord. Time, at 9.30am
<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-22-08-2021-0930am.eventbrite.co.uk>

22 August: 21st Sun in Ord. Time, at 11.00am
<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-22-08-2021-1100am.eventbrite.co.uk>

Please note that seats for both Masses will be available to book online from Sunday 15 August, at 12 noon. If you have a problem or query, please contact Fr. Domenico.

Altar Servers: happily, we are now permitted to have Altar Servers on the Sanctuary once again. Any child who has received First Holy Communion is encouraged to consider helping the Parish Liturgy by serving at Mass. It doesn't matter if you are a new Server, or if you are one of our 'old hands'; if you would like to assist during our Sunday Masses, just let us know. Full training will be given! Please speak to Fr. Domenico to register your interest.

Light of the North – the Summer edition of our popular Diocesan magazine is now available online. To access it, click on the following link:
<https://bit.ly/LightofthenorthSummerIssue-47-2021>

90 Club – Next Draw: Sunday 29 August! – There is plenty of time to join in and try your luck! Only £2 monthly, with three prizes to be won. Please speak to Father Domenico for details.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Katie Mary Fraser, Norman Wood, John Macdonald, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Calum MacIntyre

RIP: Canon Alistair Doyle, Patrick Macpherson, Morag Campbell

Anniversaries: Mary Flora Cumming, Elizabeth Cosker, Lachlan MacNeil, James Zanrè