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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

15 NOVEMBER 2020:
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year A (II); Psalter: Week 1)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 127 (128): 1-5
 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6
 Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 15 November	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 806 – Year A) Retiring Collection: Building Fund	LIVE-STREAMED PUBLIC MASS PUBLIC MASS	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 16 November	St. Margaret of Scotland (Feast) Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed Public Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 17 November	St. Elizabeth of Hungary Mass Intention: Effie Kennedy, RIP (Anniversary)	Live-Streamed Public Mass	9.30 am
Wednesday 18 November	Wednesday of Week 33 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed Public Mass	9.30 am
Thursday 19 November	Thursday of Week 33 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed Public Mass	9.30 am
Friday 20 November	Friday of Week 33 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Marianne Gorman, RIP (First Anniversary)	Live-Streamed Public Mass	9.30 am
Saturday 21 November	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: Richard Green, RIP (Third Anniversary)	Live-Streamed Public Mass	9.30 am
Sunday 22 November	CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING (p. 811 – Year A) Retiring Collection: Catholic Education	LIVE-STREAMED PUBLIC MASS PUBLIC MASS	9.30 am 11.00 am

Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year: Personal Responsibility and Faith in God

In this penultimate Sunday of the liturgical year, the Gospel presents to us the Parable of the Talents (cf. Mt 25:14-30). The servant who had received one talent dug a hole in the ground and therein hid his master's coin. He did not have a trusting relationship with his master, but was afraid of him, and this hindered him. Fear always immobilises and often leads to making bad choices. Fear discourages us from taking the initiative; it induces us to take refuge in secure and guaranteed solutions, and thus end up not accomplishing anything good. To move forward and grow on the journey of life, we must not have fear; we must have faith. This parable helps us understand how important it is to have a true concept of God. We must not think that he is a cruel, hard and severe master who wishes to punish us. We are called to reflect in order to discover what our idea of God really is. Already in the Old Testament he revealed himself as "a God merciful and

gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" (Ex 34:6). Jesus always showed us that God is not a severe or intolerant master, but a father full of love, of tenderness, a father full of goodness. Jesus shows us God's generosity and care in so many ways: with his words, with his gestures, with his welcome toward everyone, especially toward sinners, the little ones and the poor. But he also does so with his admonitions, which show his interest so that we do not pointlessly waste our life. Indeed, it is a sign that God has great esteem for us: this awareness helps us to be responsible people in all our actions. Therefore, the Parable of the Talents reminds us of a personal responsibility and of a faithfulness that even becomes the ability to continually set out anew, walking new paths, without "burying the talent", that is, the gifts which God has entrusted to us, and for which he will call us to account. (Pope Francis, *Angelus*, 19/11/17).

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November – Month of the Holy Souls: November is the month when we remember our dearly departed. If you would like to have any deceased relatives or friends remembered at Mass during November, please place their names in the brown envelopes in the foyer, and hand these in to the Sacristy. All names will be placed in front of the altar, and a selection will be read out at every Mass. **All offerings received will be donated to our Building Fund.**

Catholic Education Week is to be celebrated each year between the Feast of St Margaret on 16 November and the Solemnity of St Andrew on 30 November. We will have a Retiring Collection next Sunday for the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service.

**Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal):
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A
(p. 806)**

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 806: Readings & Proper Prayers
p. 543: Apostles' Creed
p. 573: Preface VIII: The Church united by the Trinity
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.

"I rejoiced when I heard them say: Let us go to God's House!" (Psalm 121/122) – Have you been back to God's House? St. Columba's is open every day for

Mass at 9.30am. 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 next Sunday, here are the links:

22 November 9.30am:

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-22-11-2020-0930am.eventbrite.co.uk>

22 November 11.00am:

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-22-11-2020-1100am.eventbrite.co.uk>

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

Piety Stall: we have many new items in stock! Are you looking for Christmas cards? – Look no further? Are you in need of a Rosary? – We have all sizes and styles! Advent calendars? – We have plenty! Nativity scenes and baby Jesus statuettes? – They're all here! Plus, we have many other tempting gifts, holy items, and spiritual books. Why not browse the stall, and attend to your Christmas shopping at the same time?

Our *Fratelli Tutti* Reading Group begins THIS WEEK! If you would like to take part in this reading group, please contact Fr. Domenico, for the Zoom link details. The dates of our evenings are as follows:

18 November: Chapters 1 & 2

25 November: Chapters 3 & 4

2 December: Chapters 5 & 6

9 December: Chapters 7 & 8

All meetings begin on Zoom at 7.00pm. Copies of *Fratelli Tutti* are available in the Sacristy, priced £6.95 each.

90 Club: Next Draw on Sunday 29 November! Good luck to all who have a number. Anyone wishing to catch up with their payments can contact Don directly, at: donalddora79@aol.com, or telephone 01463 791332, to find out how much is owed; they can then put the money in an envelope through the church letterbox if they wish.

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, Louise Flett, Alex Fruters, Morag Lloyd, Patrick Macpherson, Kathleen Macpherson, Ricci Hudson-Storey, Lily Finlay, Marian Ellis, James Mochan.

Anniversaries: + Margaret Anne Welsh + Margaret Marshall + Michael and Manji Dannish + Jack Johnstone + Pat Grout + Effie Kennedy + Annie Jasinski + Richard Green +