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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

16 AUGUST 2020:
THE ASSUMPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
(Year A (II); Psalter: Week 4)

Mass Readings

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

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 16 August	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (p. 1174 – Year A)	LIVE-STREAMED PUBLIC MASS PUBLIC MASS	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 17 August	Monday of Week 20 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Alistair MacLeod, RIP (Funeral Today in Fort William)	Live-Streamed Mass on Facebook	9.30 am
Tuesday 18 August	Tuesday of Week 20 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Janette Catto, RIP (Funeral Today in Inverness)	Live-Streamed Mass on Facebook	9.30 am
Wednesday 19 August	Wednesday of Week 20 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Lachlan MacNeil, RIP	Live-Streamed Mass on Facebook	9.30 am
Thursday 20 August	Memorial of St. Bernard, Abbot, Doctor Mass Intention: Lachlan MacNeil, RIP (Third Anniversary Today)	Live-Streamed Mass on Facebook	9.30 am
Friday 21 August	Memorial of St. Pius X, Pope Mass Intention: Donald Sinclair and Kathryn MacSween (Wedding Today)	Live-Streamed Mass on Facebook	9.30 am
Saturday 22 August	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: James Zanrè, RIP (Anniversary Yesterday)	Live-Streamed Mass on Facebook	9.30 am
Sunday 23 August	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 762 – Year A)	LIVE-STREAMED PUBLIC MASS PUBLIC MASS	9.30 am 11.00 am

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: A Mystery of Love

How would we have acted, if we could have chosen our own mother? I'm sure we would have chosen the one we have, adorning her with every possible grace. That is what Christ did. Being all-powerful, all-wise, Love itself, his power carried out his will. See how Christians discovered long ago this train of thought. St John Damascene writes: "It was fitting that she who in childbirth preserved intact her virginity should preserve without corruption her body after the conclusion of her earthly life. It was fitting that she who bore in her womb the creator become a babe should dwell in the divine mansion. It was fitting that the spouse of God be taken to the heavenly home. It was fitting that she who witnessed her Son on the cross, suffering in her heart then the pain she

was spared in childbirth, should contemplate him seated at the right hand of the Father. It was fitting that the Mother of God come to possess what belongs to her Son and that she be honoured as Mother and Servant of God by all creatures." Theologians have frequently come up with similar reasons to explain in some way the meaning of the abundant graces showered upon Mary and culminating in her assumption to heaven. They put it this way: "It was fitting; God could do so; therefore he did." This is the clearest reason why our Lord granted his Mother, from the very moment of her immaculate conception, all possible privileges. She was free from the power of Satan. She is beautiful, spotless and pure in soul and body. (St. Josemaría Escrivá, *Christ is Passing By*, 171)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (p. 1174) –

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 1174: Readings & Proper Prayers

p. 543: Apostles' Creed

p. 1178: Preface: Glory of Mary Assumed into Heaven

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.

ST. COLUMBA'S IS REOPENING FOR DAILY MASS! From Tuesday 1 September, St. Columba's will be open **EVERY DAY for Mass at 9.30am!** In the meantime, 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:

23 August 9.30am:

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-23-08-2020-0930am.eventbrite.co.uk>

23 August 11.00am:

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-23-08-2020-1100am.eventbrite.co.uk>

Please note that seats for both Masses will be available to book online from **Sunday 16 August at**

12 noon. If you have a problem or query, please contact Fr. Domenico.

SCIAF WEE BOXES: LAST CHANCE!! – If you still have a SCIAF Wee Box(es) at home, could you hand it in to St. Columba's as soon as possible, please, as Fr. Domenico will be sending off our parish contribution soon. Many thanks.

NEW DAWN IN SCOTLAND CONFERENCE – the 11th Annual New Dawn Conference takes place online **from Friday 28 August to Sunday 30 August.** There is something for everyone: a Saturday morning slot for children, an early afternoon session on both days for teenagers and young people, and – **for everyone – 5 talks that follow the 5 themes of the conference.** There is a strong presence from our Diocese this year, with talks by Fr. Keith Herrera and Sr. Anna Christi OP, and Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Gabor Czako and Deacon Doug Duncan. Details on how to participate in this FREE conference can be found on the New Dawn in Scotland website: www.newdawninscotland.com. See you there!

'LIGHT OF THE NORTH': available online! – There's lots for everyone in this issue, not least Bishop Hugh Gilbert's letter in which he considers how, as humans, we are so adaptable to changed circumstances and how versatile a faith we have. Then there's Deacon John Wire's Lockdown Diary and, for our Polish readers, Lidia Konar marks the 15th anniversary this year of the death of St John Paul II. We also have plenty of pictures from the ordination to the diaconate of Malachy Eze and Christopher Doig and, in our series about the churches of the Diocese, we look at the Church of Saint Margaret, Huntly. To access the LOTN online, click on the following link: <https://bit.ly/-LOTN-Summer2020-Issue44>

Any unwanted old iPads at home? If you have an old and unwanted iPad at home, that is no longer of use to you, and would consider donating it to the parish, please speak to Fr. Domenico.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): 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.

90 Club: Next Draw on Sunday 30 August – If you would like to take part in this parish fundraiser, it's only £2 monthly; please speak to Fr. Domenico.

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, Steve Knight

RIP: + Janette Catto + Alistair Macleod +

Anniversaries: + Lachlan MacNeil +