



St. Columba's, Culloden

Tower Road, Culloden, Inverness, IV2 7PW
 Tel: (01463) 794619 (Sacristy) / (01463) 794993 (House)
 E-mail: stcolumbasculloden@outlook.com
 Website: www.stcolumbasculloden.org
 Facebook: www.facebook.com/stcolumbasculloden
 Parish Priest: Fr. Domenico Zanrè
 Parish Safeguarding Coordinator: Dr. Helen Macdonald



~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

16 JANUARY 2022:
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year C (II); Psalter: Week 2)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5
 Resp. Psalm: Psalm 95 (96):1-3,7-10
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
 Gospel: John 2:1-11

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 16 January	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 971 – Year C)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 17 January	St. Antony, Abbot Mass Intention: Mary MacIntyre, RIP (Second Anniversary Today)	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 18 January	Tuesday of Week 2 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Joan (Seònaig) Walker, RIP (Recently Departed)	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 19 January	Wednesday of Week 2 in Ordinary Time	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Thursday 20 January	St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr, and St. Sebastian, Martyr	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 21 January	St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr Mass Intention: Ralph McWilliam, RIP (Anniversary Recently)	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Saturday 22 January	St. Vincent, Deacon, Martyr Mass Intention: Maria D'Almeida, RIP (Anniversary Tomorrow)	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 23 January	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD) (p. 975 – Year C)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Covenant of Salvation

Think of these first weeks after Christmas as a season of “epiphanies.” The liturgy is showing us who Jesus is and what He has revealed about our relationship with God. Last week and the week before, the imagery was royal and filial—Jesus is the new-born king of the Jews who makes us coheirs of Israel’s promise, beloved children of God. Last week in the liturgy we went to a baptism. This week we’re at a wedding. We’re being shown another dimension of our relationship with God. If we’re sons and daughters of God, it’s because we’ve married into the family. Have you ever wondered why the Bible begins and ends with a wedding—Adam and Eve’s in the garden and the marriage supper of the Lamb (compare Genesis 2:23–24 and Revelation 19:9; 21:9; 22:17)? Throughout the Bible, marriage is the symbol of the covenant relationship God desires with His chosen people. He is the groom, humanity His beloved and sought after bride. We see this reflected beautifully in today’s First Reading. When Israel breaks the covenant, she is compared to an unfaithful spouse (see Jeremiah 2:20–36; 3:1–13). But God promises to take her back, to “espouse” her to Him forever in an everlasting covenant (see Hosea 2:18–22). That’s why in today’s Gospel Jesus performs His first public “sign” at a wedding feast. Jesus is the divine bridegroom (see John 3:29), calling us to His royal wedding feast (see Matthew 22:1–14). By His New Covenant, He will become “one flesh” with all humanity in the Church (see Ephesians 5:21–33). By our baptism, each of us has been betrothed to Christ as a bride to a husband (see 2 Corinthians 11:2). The new wine that Jesus pours out at today’s feast is the gift of the Holy Spirit given to His bride and body, as today’s Second Reading says. This is the “salvation” announced to the “families of nations” in today’s Psalm. (Scott Hahn)

PARISH NEWS

Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 971)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 971: Readings & Proper Prayers
p. 541: The Creed

p. 567: Preface I of Sundays in Ord Time
p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II
p. 631: Communion Rite

MARY'S MEALS APPEAL: Thanks to your wonderful generosity, we will be sending a cheque to Mary's Meals for the sum of £ 743.02. This is the sum total of our Christmas Crib donations, together with last Sunday's Retiring Collection. Because of the current 'Double the Love' campaign, our donation will be doubled, and **Mary's Meals will thus receive £ 1,486.04.** In addition.. on 30 November and 5 January, our Mary's Meals Rep, Peter Harkins, banked an additional £257.00, made up of cheque and cash donations. These donations qualify for the 'Double the Love' initiative (= £514.00). **IN TOTAL, then, your generosity amounts to an amazing sum of £2000.04** (some of which is gift aided, and thus adding an extra 25p to every pound donated). Thank you so much for your kindness!

ST. JOSEPH ICON: the St. Andrew Community, currently based in Dingwall, are happy to produce smaller reproductions of our new parish icon of St. Joseph, for anyone who would like one. These home icons measure approximately 5 inches (13 cms) by 8 inches (19 cms). The Community have suggested a donation of £10 per icon. If anyone would like a reproduction of our new icon for their own home, please speak to Fr. Domenico.

WANTED – Readers for the 11.00am Mass: do you attend the 11.00 Sunday Mass? Have you ever considered offering your services as a Reader at our liturgy? If you would like to help, please speak to Fr. Domenico or to Pat Grant.

Sacramental Preparation – First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion: Children of Primary 3 age or above are invited to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Weekly classes will begin in February. Please email to request an application form, or speak to Fr Domenico. Forms should be returned by 31 January.

Diocesan Synodal Process: St. Columba's is one of the many parishes that has been invited to host a Synodal Meeting. The precise date is to be confirmed, but certainly before June. Every parishioner will be invited to attend, and everyone's voice will be heard. We will be looking for volunteers on the day to help with: stewarding; moving furniture; providing tea/coffee facilities. If you are interested in volunteering, or in attending this open event, please speak to Fr. Domenico.

Catenian Association: please note that the monthly Catenian meetings, which are held in the Craigmonie hotel, now take place on the **second Thursday of each month**, at 6.45pm. for 7.00pm, as from the 13th January. New members are always very welcome.

90 Club: NEXT DRAW ON SUNDAY 30 JANUARY. Please note that there are envelopes on the table in the entrance foyer for your 2022 contributions. Good Luck to you all!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Katie Mary Fraser, Ian Macdonald, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Anne Hamill, Charlie Grant, Winnie Ferrari

RIP: Joan (Seònaig) Walker

Anniversaries: Mary MacIntyre, Ralph McWilliam, Maria D'Almeida, Mary Eleanor McKeever, Margaret Coryn, William Loftus, Cyril Ainsley, Theresa McKelvie, Harry Lawless