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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

16 MAY 2021:
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
(Year B (I); Psalter: Week 3)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48
 Resp. Psalm: Ps. 97 (98): 1-4
 2nd Reading: 1 John 4: 7-10
 Gospel: John 15: 9-17

Date	Details	Live-Streamed Liturgies	Time
Sunday 16 May	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (p. 455 – Year B)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm
Monday 17 May	Monday of Week 7 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Tuesday 18 May	Tuesday of Week 7 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Wednesday 19 May	Wednesday of Week 7 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Thursday 20 May	Thursday of Week 7 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Robina ('Ruby') Davidson, RIP (Funeral Today)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Friday 21 May	Friday of Week 7 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Frank Webb, RIP (Anniversary Today)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Saturday 22 May	Saturday of Week 7 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Stewart MacLennan, RIP (Recently Departed)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Sunday 23 May	SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST Special Collection: Mary's Meals (p. 460 – Year B)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm

Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Kingdom Remains

Today's First Reading begins by giving us a time frame—the events take place during the days between Christ's Ascension and Pentecost. We're at the same point in our liturgical year. On Thursday we celebrated His being taken up in glory, and next Sunday we will celebrate His sending of the Spirit upon the Church.

Jesus' prayer in the Gospel today also captures the mood of departure and the anticipation. He is telling us today how it will be when He is no longer in the world. By His Ascension, the Lord has established His throne in heaven, as we sing in today's Psalm. His kingdom is His Church, which continues His mission on earth.

Jesus fashioned His kingdom as a new Jerusalem and a new house of David (see Psalm 122:4-5; Revelation 21:9-14). He entrusted this kingdom to His Twelve Apostles, who were to preside at the Eucharistic table, and to rule with Him over the restored twelve tribes of Israel (see Luke 22:29-30).

The Twelve Apostles symbolise the twelve tribes and hence the fulfilment of God's plan for Israel (see Galatians 6:16). That's why it is crucial to replace Judas—so that the Church in its fullness receives the Spirit at Pentecost.

Peter's leadership of the Apostles is another key element of the Church as it is depicted today. Notice that Peter is unquestionably in control, interpreting the Scriptures, deciding a course of action, even defining the nature of the apostolic ministry. No one has ever seen God, as we hear in today's Second Reading. Yet, through the Church founded on His Apostles, the witnesses to the resurrection, the world will come to know and believe in God's love, that He sent His Son to be our saviour.

Through the Church, Jesus' pledge still comes to us—that if we love, God will remain with us in our trials and protects us from the evil one. By His word of truth He will help us grow in holiness, the perfection of love.

(Scott Hahn)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Seventh Sunday of Easter (p. 455)

- p. 521: Introductory Rites
- p. 455: Readings & Proper Prayers
- p. 541: The Creed
- p. 565: Preface II of the Ascension
- 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.

"I rejoiced when I heard them say: Let us go to God's House!" (Psalm 121/122) – St. Columba's is now open for public worship. At present, the maximum seating capacity at Mass is FIFTY souls – which should not be a problem for midweek worship. 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:

23 May: Pentecost Sunday, at 9.30am

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-23-05-2021-0930am.eventbrite.co.uk>

23 May: Pentecost Sunday, at 11.00am

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-23-05-2021-1100am.eventbrite.co.uk>

Please note that seats for both Masses will be available to book online from **Sunday 16 May, at 12 noon**. If you have a problem or query, please contact Fr. Domenico.

Piety Stall: First Holy Communion celebration? Confirmation? We have many new items in stock to mark these special sacramental life-events. Are you in need of a Rosary in this Marian month of May? – We have all sizes and styles! Looking for a children's prayer book? Look no further! Plus, we have many other tempting gifts and holy items. Why not browse our well-stocked stall?

NEXT WEEK – 25-27 May 2021: Annual Pluscarden Lectures – the invited Speaker is Fr. Thomas White OP, of the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. Fr. Thomas is the Director of the Thomistic Institute, and Professor of Systematic Theology. He will be speaking on the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus (see the attached documentation). It is likely that the talks will be live-streamed. See next Sunday's Bulletin for details!

Mary's Meals: Pray in May – This May, the month traditionally dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in our prayer campaign for the work of Mary's Meals, which is reaching more than 1.8 million children with a nutritious meal in 19 countries every school day. We pray in thanksgiving for each little act of love that makes this work possible and we also pray for God's continued blessing on our beautiful mission, that through His providence it will always flourish enabling us to reach more hungry children. Prayer resources and further information can be found on the following page: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay>
Next Sunday, we will have a Special Collection for Mary's Meals.

90 Club: the NEXT DRAW will be on Sunday 30 May! You too could be a winner: spare numbers are available; only £2 monthly, with three prizes to be won! Speak to Father Domenico for details.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Katie Mary Fraser, Norman Wood, John Macdonald, Patrick Macpherson, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Angela Rogers, Angela Broad, Fr. Simon Lumbela, Ellen Williams, Chris Hamilton, David Munro, Agnes Murphy, Mary MacLean

RIP: Stewart MacLennan, Andrew Horne, Ruby Davidson

Anniversaries: Canon Hugh Malaney, Isobel Hastie, Lillian Stewart, Chris Green, Eilidh MacLeod