



# St. Columba's, Culloden

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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2015**

**Twentieth Sunday of the Year B**

## Sunday Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Proverbs 9: 1-6

Psalm: 33: 2-3, 10-15

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 5: 15-20

Gospel: John 6: 51-58

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 16 August	Twentieth Sunday of the Year B (2nd Collection: Building Fund)	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) Mass	09.00 09.30
Wednesday 19 August	Wednesday of Week 20 in Ordinary Time	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00 11.30
Thursday 20 August	St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor (Memorial)	Mass	19.30
Sunday 23 August	Twenty-First Sunday of the Year B (2nd Collection: Building Fund)	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) Mass	09.00 09.30

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available every Sunday before Mass, and at any other time upon request.**

### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) – The Eucharist, Part IV: Sacrifice and Memory.

In our final reflection on the Eucharist, we can explore some questions about the Eucharist as a real and true remembering (or memorial) and as a real and true sacrifice. Hopefully, this series has deepened our understanding and appreciation of the incredible gift that the Eucharist is, and will enhance our celebration of the Mass and the ways we can live the Mass every day.

Memory is a very human and precious faculty. We all have photographs of loved ones and objects that have a special value and memory. We can also recall how our lives are shaped by the living and ongoing memory of various people and events that continue to influence us. Sometimes memories are so vivid and real that it is as though they still happen to us every day.

All of this gives us an important clue to the power of the Eucharist as a memorial or as an act of remembering. In fact, the Eucharist is so powerful a memory and such a gift that it is real: Just as we spoke of the Eucharist as "Real Presence," we can speak of it as a "real remembering."

When Jesus said, "Do this in memory of me," He meant it - so much so that He is not just remembered, but is present and real in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is an abiding, permanent memorial and presence of the Lord, unlike our human memories, which can fade or change with time.

The Eucharist is also a true sacrifice in the sense that it is a memorial or a re-presentation - making present again - of the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross for us. As Jesus tells us, "This is my body, which will be given up for you....This is my blood, which will be poured out for you....Do this in memory of me."

The act of love, Jesus' sacrifice and all that it gives to us, is made real, living and present each time we celebrate Mass together. Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday come together in the celebration of the Mass. (Incidentally, this is why we can offer the Mass for particular people or intentions: We are sharing in the fruits of what Jesus did for us, and that is now made real and truly present in the celebration of the Eucharist.)

We are what we celebrate: We are a Eucharistic people, the Body of Christ. The "holy communion" that we celebrate at the Mass is a

communion with the Lord (a "vertical" communion), but it is also a communion with each other (the "horizontal" element).

The Eucharist is indeed the Body of Christ, of our Lord; but it is also about us becoming the body of Christ through a communion with Christ and with each other. The word "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving," so being a Eucharistic people is all about a lifestyle and an attitude of constantly giving thanks. So many spiritual writers tell us again and again that this "attitude of gratitude" is at the root of a healthy human and spiritual life.

The Eucharist is also about keeping the memory of our Lord alive here and now - not just in the Eucharist itself, but how we live that Eucharist when we leave Mass: of being Christ to others, or of representing Him as His ambassadors, as St. Paul tells us (2 Cor 5:20).

The Eucharist is an ongoing sacrifice, too. The word "sacrifice" is usually associated with giving up things or even a destruction of something, but the root of the word means "making holy." We are to be made holy, but we are also to be instruments of that holiness to others - and we can do this by being fed and strengthened by the Eucharist. That is why, at Mass, we hear the prayer, "Pray that my sacrifice and yours...."

Finally, as the ritual of the washing of feet on Holy Thursday powerfully reminds us, the Eucharist is also a mandate: a commission or order. The ritual is actually called "the mandatum." It is a commissioning and a sending forth to bring the love of Christ that we have received to others. This is absolutely central and it is something stressed again and again by Pope Francis. Not for nothing is the Eucharist often called "the sacrament of love." As the dismissal at the end of Mass commands us, let us go forth, glorifying the Lord by our life.

Let's conclude with several verses from St. Thomas Aquinas' hymn *Adoro te Devote* ("Godhead here in hiding"):

"I am not like Thomas; wounds I cannot see,  
But can plainly call thee Lord and God as he.

This faith each day deeper be my holding of,  
Daily make me harder hope and dearer love".

(Rev. Anthony Barrett)

## GENERAL NEWS

**Highland Deanery Pilgrimage, Saturday 22 August:** St Duthac Collegiate Church, Tain: Mass 1200 noon. Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Mario Conti. This year, the Deanery pilgrimage coincides with celebrations to commemorate the granting of a Papal Bull to Tain. After Mass, there will be a procession to the Old Church of St Duthac. After prayers and a hymn, we will join Archbishop Mario Conti and people at St Vincent's Church in Tain, for Highland refreshments. Please mark this in your diaries so that we can make it a very special event.

**Special Clachan Comar Mass of St Bean, Sat 29 August.** A special Mass will be celebrated for those who are interred at Clachan Comar, nr Tomich, Marydale/Cannich, at 3.00 pm, on Sat 29 August – a date for your diary!

**“A Song for St Cecilia 2”: Sunday 30 August at 2.30pm:** the Dominican Sisters at Greyfriars Convent in Elgin are organising a fundraising concert to support their work with youth and with the World Youth Day fund. Please join them for what is sure to be an enjoyable afternoon!

**Martin Aelred concert, Wednesday 2 September:** contemporary tenor and classical guitarist Martin Aelred is returning to Inverness to perform ‘Around the world in 80 minutes’, at St. Mary's, Inverness. Martin Aelred has performed for the Dalai Lama and HRH Prince Charles, as well as for presidents and prime ministers at the United Nations in New York, and at cathedrals and churches across the UK. More details to follow. Don't miss it!

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**Installation Mass:** many thanks to all of you who contributed in any way to our Installation Mass on Wednesday evening. A great deal of time and effort was invested in preparing the church for the Mass, and in providing the cold buffet. Thank you most sincerely for your support.

**‘World Youth Day’ for Teenagers and Young Adults:** this will take place on **5 September 2015** at St Columba's. The day is aimed at young people throughout the Highland Deanery; it will be an opportunity to meet one another, to enjoy a meal in good company, and to share our faith. Gaynoll Craig will be giving a presentation on next Year's World Youth Day in Krakow, and we will look at developing different initiatives for our young people. Please do join us! Watch this space for more information!

**Altar Servers: Calling all young people – would you like to help your Parish?** As long as you have made your First Holy Communion, you can serve! Full training provided. Please see Fr Domenico.

**OUR PRIZE BINGO RESUMES!** – This essential “fun fund-raiser” resumes again on Friday 4 September at 7.00pm, here at St Columba's. Please do come along and support us. Not only is it an enjoyable evening, but it raises much-needed cash for our Building Fund. Can you help us – either with prizes or by donating your time on the night?

**Gardening:** no gardening this Tuesday. Many thanks to Catriona and Donald for their hard work.

**‘90’ Club:** our next draw takes place on Sunday 30 August. There are still some numbers available: £2 monthly, with three prizes to be won. See Don for further details.

**Tea and Coffee:** come along and join us for a cuppa and a chat after Mass, in our meeting room at the end of the corridor.

## FINANCES

St Columba's no. 1	£ 293.56
St Columba's building fund:	£ 285.46
– Thank you for your generosity and support –	

### St Columba's Accounts

<b>General Running Account:</b>	<b>Building Account:</b>
<b>Sort Code: 80-91-26</b>	<b>Sort Code: 80-91-26</b>
<b>Account No: 00809358</b>	<b>Account No. 00809390</b>

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Des Gair + Anna Black + Peggy Horne + Leslie Murray + Mary Gribben + Michelle Campbell + Claire Macpherson

**Anniversaries:** + Peter Tierney + Donald and Dorothy MacDonald + Jessie Williams

## GROUPS AND DEVOTIONS

**The Secular Franciscan Order** meets at 2.00 pm on the second Saturday of each month at St Columba's, Culloden. Contact Helen MacGilp (01463 792149). Visit [www.ofsgb.org.uk](http://www.ofsgb.org.uk).

**Prayer and Praise Group** every Thursday at St Columba's after 7.30pm Mass in the Lady Chapel. Call Brian (01463 790255) for details.

**Inverness Catenian Circle** meet on the Second Monday of the month at 7.30 pm. Meeting followed by dinner in the Craigmonie Hotel, Annfield Road, Inverness. Contact Donald (07780 603045.) Visit [www.thecatenians.co.uk](http://www.thecatenians.co.uk).

**The Knights of St Columba** meets on the first Monday of every month in the Marian Room at St. Mary's, at 7.30 pm: contact Neil Munro (01463 232095). Dedicated to the principles of charity, unity & fraternity in the local parishes. Visit [www.ksc.org.uk](http://www.ksc.org.uk).

**The Parents & Toddlers Group** meets on Wednesdays from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm in the Marian Room beside St Mary's.

**The Cenacolo Prayer Group** meets every Monday after the 6:00 pm Mass in St. Mary's. All welcome.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)** meets every fortnight, on Sundays, in the Marian Room at St Mary's, at 10.00 am. Requests for assistance and support can be made by contacting any SVP member or by dropping a note in a SVP collection box. Visit [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk).