



St. Columba's, Culloden

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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

17TH JANUARY 2016
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
YEAR C

Sunday Mass Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm: Ps 95:1-3, 7-10
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Gospel: John 2:1-11

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 17 January	Second Sunday of the Year (C)	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) Mass	09.00 09.30
Tuesday 19 January	Tuesday in the Second Week of the Year	Mass	19.30
Wednesday 20 January	Wednesday in the Second Week of the Year	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00 11.30
Thursday 21 January	Memorial of St Agnes	Mass	19.30
Friday 22 January	Friday in the Second Week of the Year	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00 11.30
Sunday 24 January	Third Sunday of the Year (C)	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) Mass	09.00 09.30

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available 30 minutes before each Mass.

New Year, New Commitments, New Faces!

A New Financial Commitment

Let's all work smarter in 2016 – not harder!

Please GIFT AID for 2016, as it really helps the Parish. As long as you pay Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the UK equal to the tax the church will reclaim, then you are eligible. Churches can receive a 25 % rebate from the Government on all your weekly offertory contributions. This greatly helps to pay towards our running costs. For every pound you donate through Gift Aid, St Columba's receives an extra 25 pence, **at no extra cost to you!** Here are some examples:

£20 weekly donation (£5.00) = £25.00 to the Parish

£15 weekly donation (£3.75) = £18.75 to the Parish

£10 weekly donation (£2.50) = £12.50 to the Parish

£5 weekly donation (£1.25) = £6.25 to the Parish

Gift Aid is recorded through the weekly envelope system; remember that you can also make one-off donations as well, using the yellow envelopes located in the entrance foyer. Many thanks to all who currently Gift Aid their donations.

A New Pastoral Commitment to the Parish

Please consider joining our dedicated team of volunteers, as we continue to grow together in our new

life as a Parish. We are looking for new volunteers to help us in the following areas:

Welcome Ministry, Reading Ministry, Music Ministry, Flowers, Church Cleaning Team, Children's Liturgy Team, Gardening Team, Kitchen Team.

During this Year of Mercy, is there anything that you can do – no matter how small – to help the Parish to flourish? Please speak to Fr Domenico.

A New Priest for Inverness and the Deanery!

Fr Zeljko Pasa SJ (pronounced 'Jelico Pasha') has arrived in Inverness, and will be residing at St Mary's Presbytery. Fr Pasa is a Croatian Jesuit; he works in the Near East Province of the Society of Jesus, and is based in Beirut and Egypt. He has a Doctorate in ancient languages, and has been ordained as a priest for ten years. He will be with us here in the Highland Deanery until Easter Week. Let's make sure we give him a warm Highland welcome!

A New Bishop for Scotland!

Argyll and the Isles have a new Bishop-elect, **Monsignor Brian McGee**, Vicar-General of the Diocese of Paisley. His Episcopal Consecration is on Thursday 18 February at 7.00pm in St Columba's Cathedral, Oban. Please keep him in your prayers.

GENERAL NEWS

HCPT Quiz Night: Friday 29 January at 7.30pm

Think you're good at quizzes? Then get a team together, and come along to the Quiz Night at the Craigmonie Hotel! The cost is £5.00 each, or £20.00 per team. All proceeds go to the Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust (HCPT). If interested, please contact Maria Lamond on 07885 726426, to book your team.

PARISH NEWS

Year of Mercy: Evening of Reflection at St Columba's: the third of our Evenings will take place on **Wednesday 20 January, beginning at 7.00pm**. The format is as follows: a short talk, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, some quiet time, and concluding with Benediction. This month's Reflection is entitled '**Conversion: Beginning our Journey of Mercy**'. Do come and join us!

Sr Barbara's Anniversary: the Sisters and Friends of LSU warmly invite you to join them in an hour's reflection at St Columba's, on **Saturday 23 January, 2.30pm-3.30pm**, celebrating Sr Barbara's life in loving remembrance. The hour of reflection will be followed by soup, cake, and coffee. All welcome.

'Faith in Film' Evening: this month's film is entitled **Shadowlands** (1993), starring Anthony Hopkins and Deborah Winger. It will be screened on **Wednesday 27 January, from 7.00pm onwards**. This Oscar-nominated and BAFTA-Award winning film is an emotionally-moving drama based on the real-life romance between the writer and academic C. S. Lewis and the American poet Joy Gresham. It is an absorbing story of both personal and spiritual transformation. Certificate 12 (126 minutes).

Pilgrimage to the island of Iona, 10-14 October 2016

Pope Francis has encouraged all Catholics to make a pilgrimage of faith during this Year of Mercy. With this in mind, Fr Domenico has booked half-board accommodation in the Catholic House of Prayer on the beautiful island of Iona for a pilgrimage, departing from Inverness on Monday 10 October, and returning on Friday 14 October. The House of Prayer is a proper 'home from home', with en-suite bedrooms, a big, welcoming living-room, and even a chapel, where we can celebrate daily Mass. There are only a few places left: **1 Twin Room; 1 Double Room**. The total price per person will be approx £300. A deposit of £40 per person is required by mid-January. Transport will be in shared cars. Please see Fr Domenico asap to book your place.

Old Christmas cards? Please save your Christmas cards (religious ones only, please) for Sr Anne Marie, who recycles them. They may be handed in to the Sacristy. Sr Anne Marie is very grateful for your support.

Church cleaning: Tuesday 19 January, 4.30pm – Margaret and Rhona. If anyone would like to **join the cleaning team**, and help to keep the church lovely and clean, please feel free to come along. Many hands make light work!

"90 Club": The next draw will take place on Sunday 31 January. You could be a winner if you get one of the few numbers left; please ask Don.

Prize Bingo: our next fundraising 'eyes down', subject to the weather, will be on Friday 29 January. Thank you to all of you who have handed in items to give out as prizes; we always need these to help make the evening go well and the winners go home happy. Suitable prizes include: gift vouchers, boxed toiletries, chocolates, wine, spirits, etc.

FINANCES

No. 1 Account	£ 272.20
Building Fund	£ 159.00
– Thank you for your generosity and support –	

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Audrey O'Connell + Anna Black + Leslie Murray + Laura Johnston + Amelia Drew + Cathy Thomson + Ian Angus +

R.I.P.: + Michelle Campbell + Isobel Macmillan +

Anniversaries: + Mollie Pocock + Cyril Ainsley + William Loftus + Margaret Coryn + Theresa McKelvie +

GROUPS AND DEVOTIONS

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

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

Inverness Catenian Circle meet on the Second Monday of every month, at 7.30pm. The meeting is followed by dinner at the Craigmonie Hotel, Annfield Road, Inverness. Contact Donald (07780 603045). Visit www.catenians.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.

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. Join us for informal buffet meal in chapel house. 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.