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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

18 APRIL 2021:
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
(Year B (I); Psalter: Week 3)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
 Resp. Psalm: Ps. 4: 2, 4, 7, 9
 2nd Reading: 1 John 2:1-5
 Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Date	Details	Live-Streamed Liturgies	Time
Sunday 18 April	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (p. 429 – Year B)	Live-Streamed Public Holy Mass Public Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 19 April	Monday of Week 3 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Mary MacLean (Health and Intentions)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Tuesday 20 April	Tuesday of Week 3 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Wednesday 21 April	Wednesday of Week 3 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Rebecca O'Hara (Health and Intentions)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Thursday 22 April	Thursday of Week 3 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Hattie Thynne (Health and Intentions)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Friday 23 April	Friday of Week 3 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Saturday 24 April	Saturday of Week 3 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass ** NO EVENING DEVOTIONS **	8.45 am 9.30 am ---
Sunday 25 April	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (p. 433 – Year B)	Live-Streamed Public Holy Mass Public Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm

Third Sunday of Easter: Understanding the Scriptures

Jesus in today's Gospel teaches His apostles how to interpret the Scriptures.

He tells them that all the Scriptures of what we now call the Old Testament refer to Him. He says that all the promises found in the Old Testament have been fulfilled in His Passion, death, and Resurrection. And He tells them that these Scriptures foretell the mission of the Church—to preach forgiveness of sins to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem. In today's First and Second Readings, we see the beginnings of that mission, and we see the apostles interpreting the Scriptures as Jesus has taught them.

God has brought to fulfilment what He announced beforehand in all the prophets, Peter preaches. His sermon is shot through with Old Testament images. He evokes Moses and the Exodus, in which God revealed himself as the ancestral God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (see Exodus 3:6, 15). He identifies Jesus as Isaiah's suffering servant who has been glorified (see Isaiah 52:13).

John, too, describes Jesus in Old Testament terms. Alluding to how Israel's priests offered blood sacrifices to atone for the people's sins (see Leviticus 16; Hebrews 9–10), he says that Jesus intercedes for us before God (see Romans 8:34), and that His blood is a sacrificial expiation for the sins of the world (see 1 John 1:7).

Notice that in all three readings, the Scriptures are interpreted to serve and advance the Church's mission—to reveal the truth about Jesus, to bring people to repentance, the wiping away of sins, and the perfection of their love for God.

This is how we, too, should hear the Scriptures. Not to know more "about" Jesus, but to truly know Him personally, and to know His plan for our lives.

In the Scriptures, the light of His face shines upon us, as we sing in today's Psalm. We know the wonders He has done throughout history. And we have the confidence to call to Him, and to know that He hears and answers. (Scott Hahn)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Third Sunday of Easter (p. 429)

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 429: Readings & Proper Prayers

p. 541: The Creed

p. 561: Preface III of Easter: Christ Living & Interceding

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:

25 April: Fourth Sunday of Easter, at 9.30am
<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-25-04-2021-0930am.eventbrite.co.uk>

25 April: Fourth Sunday of Easter, at 11.00am
<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-25-04-2021-1100am.eventbrite.co.uk>

Please note that seats for both Masses will be available to book online from Sunday 18 April, at 12 noon. If you have a problem or query, please contact Fr. Domenico.

SCIAF Wee Boxes – Please hand in your Wee Boxes to St. Columba's as soon as possible. **The last date to hand in boxes is NEXT WEEK, 25 April.** Please remember

that if you are a UK taxpayer, you can gift aid your donation; simply fill out your details on the box. **The UK government will match all donations made.** Thank you for your generosity.

Ever wanted to read the whole Bible? In a year?! - If you've struggled to read the Bible, this podcast is for you! Ascension's **Bible in a Year Podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz** and featuring Jeff Cavins, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes. Each 20-25 minute episode includes:

- two to **three scripture readings**
- a **reflection** from Fr. Mike Schmitz
- and **guided prayer** to help you **hear God's voice in his Word.**

You can even join in on your PC or phone via the internet: go to: <https://media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/> Tune in and live your daily life through the lens of God's word!

Calling all Catholic Men! FREE online Conference, 23-25 April – St. John Paul II often stated that "Man cannot know himself except through a sincere gift of self." In a world that is growing increasingly suspicious of masculinity, we need more than ever to return to our roots and remember our identity and calling as men. When we know who we are as men, we can be a sincere gift to our families and to the world.

The *A Man and Father Conference* is leading this discussion of what it means to live our unique call as men in all arenas of our life - family, prayer, hobbies, work, and more. For more information, visit the website: <https://go.virtualcatholicconference.com/manandfather>

Church Cleaning: Can You Help? – As we reopen our church for liturgies, we need to arrange a cleaning rota. If anyone can spare approximately **one hour per week or fortnight**, please pass your name and a contact phone number to Peter Harkins, who will then contact you to discuss your availability. If we have enough volunteers, then we hope to limit your commitment to fortnightly. Thank you!

90 Club: DRAW NEXT WEEK, Sunday 25 April! Good luck to all who have a number. 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, Stuart MacLennan, John Macdonald, Patrick Macpherson, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Angela Rogers, Angela Broad, Fr. Simon Lumbela, Ellen Williams, Chris Hamilton, David Munro, Catherine Hudson-Storey, Rebecca O'Hara, Agnes Murphy, Hattie Thynne, Shannon MacLeod, Mary MacLean

RIP: Margaret Harrison

Anniversaries: Michael Joseph MacKinnon, Flora Morrison, Des Colman, Neil McDaid, Ohna Van Reenan