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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

19 APRIL 2020:
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(Year A (II); Psalter: Week 2)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Acts 10: 34, 37-43
Psalm: Ps 117 (118): 1-2, 16-17, 22-23
2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4
Gospel: John 20: 1-9

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 19 April	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY ~ (p. 367 – Year A)	Private Sunday Mass offered for the parishioners of St. Columba's	9.30 am
Monday 20 April	Monday of Week 2 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Chisholm Family	Private Mass; followed by Holy Hour	10.30 am
Tuesday 21 April	Tuesday of Week 2 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Finlayson Family	Private Mass; followed by Holy Hour	10.30 am
Wednesday 22 April	Wednesday of Week 2 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Storey Family	Private Mass; followed by Holy Hour	10.30 am
Thursday 23 April	Thursday of Week 2 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Private Mass; followed by Holy Hour	10.30 am
Friday 24 April	Friday of Week 2 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Eileen Lee (Health and Intentions: 70 th Birthday)	Private Mass; followed by Holy Hour	10.30 am
Saturday 25 April	Saturday of Week 2 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Private Mass; followed by Holy Hour	10.30 am
Sunday 26 April	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (p. 372 – Year A)	Private Sunday Mass offered for the parishioners of St. Columba's	9.30 am

Second Sunday of Easter: His Mercy Endures

We are children of Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. Through this wondrous sign of His great mercy, the Father of Jesus has given us new birth, as we hear in today's Second Reading.

Today's First Reading sketches the "family life" of our first ancestors in the household of God (see 1 Peter 4:17). We see them doing what we still do—devoting themselves to the Apostles' teaching, meeting daily to pray and celebrate "the breaking of the bread."

The Apostles saw the Lord. He stood in their midst, showed them His hands and sides. They heard His blessing and received His commission—to extend the Father's mercy to all peoples through the power and Spirit He conferred upon them.

We must walk by faith and not by sight, must believe and love what we have not seen (see 2 Corinthians 5:7). Yet the invisible realities are made present for us through the devotions the Apostles handed on.

Notice the experience of the risen Lord in today's Gospel is described in a way that evokes the Mass.

Both appearances take place on a Sunday. The Lord comes to be with His disciples. They rejoice, listen to His Word, receive the gift of His forgiveness and peace. He offers His wounded body to them in remembrance of His Passion. And they know and worship Him as their Lord and their God. Thomas' confession is a vow of faith in the new covenant. As promised long before, in the blood of Jesus we can now know the Lord as our God and be known as His people (see Hosea 2:20–25).

This confession is sung in the heavenly liturgy (see Revelation 4:11). And in every Mass on earth we renew our covenant and receive the blessings Jesus promised for those who have not seen but have believed.

In the Mass, God's mercy endures forever, as we sing in today's Psalm. This is the day the Lord has made—when the victory of Easter is again made wonderful in our eyes.

(Scott Hahn)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Second Sunday of Easter, Year A (p. 367) –

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 367: Readings & Proper Prayers

p. 541: Creed

p. 559: Preface I of Easter: The Paschal Mystery

p. 591: Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon)

p. 631: Communion Rite

Light of the North magazine – the new edition is now available online! You can read the latest issue here, at: <https://www.lightofthenorth.org/>

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 – we are indeed fortunate to have such magnificent supporters in our parish. **We recently received several donations of £100 each – thank you so much! – and an incredible £2,000 from one benefactor. Because this sum has been Gift Aided, we are able to claim 25% back, which equates to a total sum of £2,500!!** Not only is this an incredible sum, but it also underlines the importance of using Gift Aid. It costs you nothing extra, but helps the parish even more. God bless your generosity and commitment to our wonderful 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 Building Fund Account. All benefactors are remembered at our Masses.

Thank you for your consideration and continuing generosity and support – it is greatly appreciated.

Mass intentions – if you would like a private Mass celebrated for any sick family and friends, or any deceased loved ones, simply e-mail Fr. Domenico.

Divine Mercy Sunday: at 3.00pm today – the traditional hour of Divine Mercy – there will be an online service, live-streamed from St. Joseph's parish in Aberdeen. If you would like to take part, simply go to the following website: <https://www.rcda.scot/divine-mercy-sunday/#more-16023>

Via Lucis: Stations of the Resurrection – are you familiar with these meditations? Like the Via Crucis (the Way of the Cross), this 'Way of Light' involves 14 meditations, beginning with Matthew's account of the empty tomb on the Sunday morning, and ending with the day of Pentecost. You can find out more about the various stations of the Via Lucis by Googling it, or by going to the following website for details: <https://aleteia.org/2020/04/14/stations-of-the-resurrection-meditations-on-jesus-appearances/> Alternatively, if you have Microsoft Powerpoint on your computer, there is a presentation available on the RC Diocese of Aberdeen website, here: <https://www.rcda.scot/via-lucis/#more-16036>

FREE Online Study Programme from Scott Hahn – The St. Paul Centre is offering, for a limited time, completely free access to its online study programme entitled 'The Eucharist in Scripture'. It is only one of a number of resources on 'The Quarantined Catholic Hub' (<https://stpaulcenter.com/hub/>).

90 Club: DRAW NEXT WEEK! – Good luck to those who have a number. If you pay monthly, don't worry – your number will be in each draw, and we can catch up with payments when we meet again.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Angus Johnson + Michael Good + Laura Johnstone + Norman Wood + Katie Mary Fraser + Margaret and Stuart MacLennan + Jeanette Catto + John Macdonald + Evelyn MacGregor + Mary Ritchie + Denise Maclean + Rena Herbison + Louise Flett + Clive Dytor MC + Yvonne Muir +

Recently Departed: + Derek Wilkie + Baby Rory

Anniversaries: + Michael Joseph MacKinnon + Des Coleman + Neil McDaid +