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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

19 JULY 2020:
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
(Year A (II); Psalter: Week 4)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19
Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 85 (86): 5-6, 9-10, 15-16
2nd Reading: Romans 8: 26-27
Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-43

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 19 July	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (p. 744 – Year A)	LIVE-STREAMED PUBLIC MASS PUBLIC MASS	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 20 July	Monday of Week 16 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Carol Ingram, RIP (Third Anniversary)	Live-Streamed Mass on Facebook	9.30 am
Tuesday 21 July	Tuesday of Week 16 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Bill Muir, RIP (Anniversary)	Live-Streamed Mass on Facebook	9.30 am
Wednesday 22 July	Feast of St. Mary Magdalen Mass Intention: Thomas Burns MacDonald, RIP (First Anniversary)	Live-Streamed Mass on Facebook	9.30 am
Thursday 23 July	Feast of St. Bridget of Sweden Mass Intention: Samuel Thomson, RIP (Twelfth Anniversary)	Live-Streamed Mass on Facebook	9.30 am
Friday 24 July	Friday of Week 16 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Don and Ellen Williams (55 th Wedding Anniversary)	Live-Streamed Mass on Facebook	9.30 am
Saturday 25 July	Feast of St. James the Apostle Mass Intention: Eileen Webb, RIP (Anniversary)	Live-Streamed Mass on Facebook	9.30 am
Sunday 26 July	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (p. 748 – Year A)	LIVE-STREAMED PUBLIC MASS PUBLIC MASS	9.30 am 11.00 am

Sixteenth Sunday of the Year: Of Wheat and Weeds

God is always teaching His people, we hear in today's First Reading. And what does He want us to know? That He has care for all of us, that though He is a God of justice, even those who defy and disbelieve Him may hope for His mercy if they turn to Him in repentance.

This divine teaching continues in the three parables that Jesus tells in the Gospel today. Each describes the emergence of the kingdom of God from the seeds sown by His works and preaching. The kingdom's growth is hidden—like the working of yeast in bread; it's improbable, unexpected—as in the way the tall mustard tree grows from the smallest of seeds. Again this week's readings sound a note of questioning: Why does God permit the evil to grow alongside the good? Why does He permit some to reject the Word of His kingdom?

Because, as we sing in today's Psalm, God is slow to anger and abounding in kindness. He is just, Jesus assures us—evildoers and those who cause others to sin will be thrown

into the fiery furnace at the end of the age. But by His patience, God is teaching us—that above all He desires repentance, and the gathering of all nations to worship Him and to glorify His name.

Even though we don't know how to pray as we ought, the Spirit will intercede for us, Paul promises in today's Second Reading. But first we must turn and call upon Him, we must commit ourselves to letting the good seed of His Word bear fruit in our lives.

So we should not be deceived or lose heart when we see weeds among the wheat, truth and holiness mixed with error, injustice and sin.

For now, He makes His sun rise on the good and the bad (see Matthew 5:45). But the harvest draws near. Let's work that we might be numbered among the righteous children—who will shine like the sun in the kingdom of the Father.

(Scott Hahn)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Sixteenth Sunday of the Year (p. 744) –

- p. 521: Introductory Rites
- p. 744: Readings & Proper Prayers
- p. 543: Apostles' Creed
- p. 567: Preface II: The Mystery of Salvation
- 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 Building Fund Account. All benefactors are remembered at our Masses.

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

ST. COLUMBA'S REOPENS FOR SUNDAY MASS! During this present stage of the easing of lockdown, Fr. Domenico will be offering two Masses each Sunday: at 9.30am (which will also be live-streamed) and at 11.00am. To book a seat(s) for Mass on 26 July, here are the links:

26 July 9.30am:

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-26-07-2020-0930am.eventbrite.co.uk>

26 July 11.00am

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-26-07-2020-1100am.eventbrite.co.uk>

Please note that seats for both Masses will be available to book online from **Sunday 19 July at 12**

noon. If you have a problem or query, please contact Fr. Domenico.

Congratulations to our 'Anniversary Couples'! – two couples from our congregation are celebrating wedding anniversaries: Kathryn and Paul Rusk, whose 4th wedding anniversary was last Thursday, 16 July; and Ellen and Don Williams, who will be celebrating 55 years of wedded bliss together, this Friday. A wonderful milestone indeed! Very many congratulations to both couples on their special day! May the Good Lord continue to bless them in their love and support for one another.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Confessions will be heard in the Parish Meeting Room. Entrance is by the back patio door – opposite the entrance to the House. There will be a comfy chair for the penitent, near the door, and Fr. Domenico will be seated in the other corner of the room, observing social distancing. If you would like to avail yourself of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, simply e-mail Fr. Domenico, or phone the Parish House (794993), to make an appointment.

'Genesis to Jesus' Virtual Bible Study Course – this seven-week course, beginning Tuesday 21 July, is being offered by the Ogilvie Centre. For further details, please contact the Dominican Sisters in Elgin at: ogilvie@rcda.scot.

90 Club: DRAW NEXT WEEK on Sunday 26th July. Good luck to everyone who has a number. We will catch up with payments once things return 'to normal'.

PARISH FINANCES: 12 July 2020

Current Account:	£ 254.00
(including Donation:	£ 100.00)

Thank you for your generosity and support.

No. 1 (Running) Account:

RCD of Aberdeen St Mary's Inv

a/c No. 2 Culloden

Acc. No: 00809358 – Sort Code: 80 91 26

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Michael Good, Laura Johnstone, Katie Mary Fraser, Norman Wood, Stuart MacLennan, Jeanette Catto, John Macdonald, Evelyn MacGregor, Denise Maclean, Rena Herbison, Louise Flett, Alistair Macleod, Alex Fruters, Pat McDaid, Morag Lloyd, Ellen Williams, Steve Knight, Patrick Macpherson, Kathleen Macpherson, Linda Robson, Dennis Smith.

RIP: + Michael MacLean + Mary Cameron + Penny Morrison ('Penny Bheag') +

Anniversaries: + Carol Ingram + Bill Muir + Thomas Burns MacDonald + Samuel Thomson + Eileen Webb + Richard Utton + Nan Ward + Ellen Grant + John Drew +