



# St. Columba's, Culloden

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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**19 MAY 2019:**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**YEAR C**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 14: 21-27  
Psalm: Ps 144 (145): 8-13a  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Apocalypse 21: 1-5  
Gospel: John 13: 31-33, 34-35

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 19 May	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>Second Collection: Building Fund</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>9.30 am</b>
Tuesday 21 May	Tuesday of Week 5 in Eastertide	~ NO MASS ~	---
Wednesday 22 May	Wednesday of Week 5 in Eastertide	~ NO MASS ~	---
Thursday 23 May	Thursday of Week 5 in Eastertide Mass Intention: Frank Webb, RIP (Anniversary: 21 May)	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 24 May	Friday of Week 5 in Eastertide Mass Intention: Dr. Iain Banks, RIP (Funeral today in Wick)	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am 12 noon
Saturday 25 May	Saturday of Week 5 in Eastertide	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	10.30 am 11.00 am
Sunday 26 May	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>Second Collection: Building Fund</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>9.30 am</b>

## Fifth Sunday of Easter: New For All Ages

By God's goodness and compassion, the doors of His kingdom have been opened to all who have faith, Jew or Gentile.

That's the good news Paul and Barnabas proclaim in today's First Reading. With the coming of the Church—the new Jerusalem John sees in today's Second Reading—God is “making all things new.”

In His Church, the “old order” of death is passing away and God for all time is making His dwelling with the human race, so that all peoples “will be His people and God Himself will always be with them.” In this the promises made through His prophets are accomplished (see Ezekiel 37:27; Isaiah 25:8; 35:10).

The Church is “the kingdom for all ages” that we sing of in today's Psalm. That's why we see the Apostles, under the guidance of the Spirit, ordaining “presbyters” or priests (see 1 Timothy 4:14; Titus 1:5).

Anointed priests and bishops will be the Apostles' successors, ensuring that the Church's “dominion endures through all generations” (see Philippians 1:1, note that the

New American Bible translates *episcopos*, the Greek word for bishops, as “overseers”).

Until the end of time, the Church will declare to the world God's mighty deeds, blessing His holy name and giving Him thanks, singing of the glories of His kingdom.

In His Church, we know ourselves as His “faithful ones,” as those Jesus calls “My little children” in today's Gospel. We live by the new law, the “new commandment” that He gave in His final hours.

The love He commands of us is no human love but a supernatural love. We love each other as Jesus loved us in suffering and dying for us. We love in imitation of His love. This kind of love is only made possible by the Spirit poured into our hearts at Baptism (see Romans 5:5), renewed in the sacrifice His priests offer in every Mass.

By our love we glorify the Father. And by our love all peoples will know that we are His people, that He is our God. (Scott Hahn).

## GENERAL NEWS

**Wednesday 22 May: 'Human Trafficking and Exploitation' Talk.** The Inverness Justice and Peace group have invited Alister Bull from Hope for Justice ([hopeforjustice.org](http://hopeforjustice.org)) to speak in St. Ninian's hall on Wednesday 22 May. He will identify the different types of exploitation that exist and give advice about how to respond appropriately. **Refreshments at 7.00pm, for a 7.30pm start.** For more information contact Jill Kent at: [jillkent@me.com](mailto:jillkent@me.com).

**Saturday 25 May: Spring Fair at St. Mary's, Beaulieu: 10.00am-2.00pm.** Featuring: bottle stall, bric a brac, home baking, raffle prizes, children's activities and prizes, commercial plant seller, and much more. Refreshments: £2.50. All proceeds go to the Fabric Fund.

**Saturday 25 May: The Moray String Quartet – St. Mary's RC Church, Nairn, invites you to a Fundraising Concert for their Church Hall Renovation. To be held at Pluscarden Abbey at 3.30pm.** The musical selection includes Pachelbel's Canon and 3 pieces by Gershwin. A retiring collection will be taken at the door; suggested donation: £10. Refreshments at the interval. All welcome.

**Saturday 1 June: Day of Recollection at St. Mary's, Beaulieu: 'The Holy Spirit: The Paraclete of Jesus Christ',** led by Fr. Peter Ezekoka (St. Margaret's, Huntly). The programme for the day is as follows:

10.30am: tea/coffee – introductions  
11.00am: Mass  
11.50am-12.40pm: Session  
12.45pm-1.05pm: Discussion  
1.10pm: Convene and Conclusion  
1.30pm: Lunch and Dismissal

## PARISH NEWS

**Looking forward.. Some dates for your diaries – Saturday 8 June:** Transferred Parish Patronal Feast Day of St. Columba: Mass and parish lunch 'al fresco'.

**Sunday 9 June:** Pentecost.

**Sunday 23 June:** First Holy Communions (Corpus Christi).

We are looking for help with each of these events: we will need catering (salads, quiche, desserts, etc.), for St. Columba's Day; we are also looking for parishioners whose mother-tongue is not English, and who are prepared to read out our Prayers of the Faithful in their own language. Any singing groups are also very welcome!

**Congratulations!** – to Annrose, Caitlin, Calum, Emily, Katie, and Ruby, who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Thursday 16 May. Please continue to pray for them, as they prepare to make their First Holy Communion on 23 June.

**PASSKEEPERS / USHERS** – Would you like to help the Parish? Why not consider becoming a Passkeeper or Usher? Please speak to Fr. Domenico after Mass for further details.

**Dominic Nwaigwe – Ordination to the Priesthood:** Thanks be to God, Dominic will be ordained as a Priest at St. Mary's Inverness on **Tuesday 20 August 2019**. Please continue to pray for him and for his family in Nigeria who are supporting him in their prayers.

**Sunday 2 June, from 11.00am onwards: St. Ninian's Summer Fete.** Why not head along to this special event? Fun for all the family! Home bakes, teas/coffees, burger stalls, bottle stalls, bric-a-brac, and much, much more! **This year, we have been invited to set up our own stalls to help St. Columba's. Would you like to get involved?** All monies raised by our stall(s) will go to our parish! Please speak to Fr. Domenico if you are interested.

**RETURN OF SCIAF WEE BOXES** – Please return these boxes to us from Easter Sunday onwards. Every pound you save will help our brothers and sisters around the world to survive and thrive.

**Highland Foodbank – April and May:** Your donations help to provide emergency food and support to local people in crisis. During these months, we would be grateful for the following items: \* Tins of Vegetables \* Cartons of Long Life Fruit Juice \* Washing Powder (small) \* Shaving Foam / Razors. Please leave them in the plastic box at the front door of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

**BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP:** the group is meeting tomorrow, **Monday 20 May, at the Botanical Gardens at 10.00am**, for a picnic. Why not come along and join in the fun?! .

**CLEANING TEAM** – Cleaning Team: Monday at 1.30pm: Margaret, Isobel, and Don. **Please see the notice in the front lobby with weeks 1 to 4 with cleaning times; all of them are on Mondays. If anyone would like to join in and help on any of the days, please speak to Don.** It's only once a month, and it really helps to keep our church looking fresh and clean!

**"90 Club" – Draw next Sunday, 26 May.** Good luck to all who have a number. You can still join in: there are a few numbers left; why not take one?! Only £2 monthly. There are 3 nice prizes to be won. Ask Don for details.

**Next Prize Bingo: FRIDAY 31 MAY! – 'eyes down' at 7.00pm.** Family fun for all! A warm welcome awaits you. Our cupboard is very low on prizes – can you help us? Ideal gifts include: boxed toiletry sets, wine, spirits, boxed biscuits, scented candles, gift vouchers, unwanted gifts... The bingo success is all down to the many wonderful items that you hand in; please do keep them coming! Thank you!

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** + Anna Black + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Vinnie Walton + Michael Good + Elspeth Angus + Magda Maclean + Laura Johnstone + Kirsteen MacCorquodale + Fr. James Bell +

**R.I.P:** Iain Burns + Mary Becci +

**Anniversaries:** + Lillian Stewart + Anne Lowe + Chris Green + Eilidh MacLeod +