



# St. Columba's, Culloden

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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**19<sup>th</sup> JULY 2015**  
**Sixteenth Sunday of the Year B**

## Sunday Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Psalm: 22: 1-6

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 2: 13-18

Gospel: Mark 6: 30-34

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 19 July	Sixteenth Sunday of the Year B (2nd Collection: Building Fund)	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) Mass	09.00 09.30
Wednesday 22 July	Memorial of St Mary Magdalen	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00 11.30
Thursday 23 July	Feast of St Bridget of Sweden	Mass	19.30
Sunday 26 July	Seventeenth Sunday of the Year B (2nd Collection: Building Fund)	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) Mass	09.00 09.30

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available every Sunday before Mass, and at any other time upon request.

### ‘One Flock’: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

As the Twelve return from their first missionary journey in today's Gospel, our readings continue to reflect on the authority and mission of the Church.

Jeremiah says in the First Reading that Israel's leaders, through godlessness and fanciful teachings, had misled and scattered God's people. He promises God will send a shepherd, a king and son of David, to gather the lost sheep and appoint for them new shepherds (see Ezekiel 34:23).

The crowd gathering on the green grass (see Mark 6:39) in today's Gospel is the start of the remnant that Jeremiah promised would be brought back to the meadow of Israel. The people seem to sense that Jesus is the Lord, the good shepherd (see John 10:11), the king they've been waiting for (see Hosea 3:1-5).

Jesus is moved to pity, seeing them as sheep without a shepherd. This phrase was used by Moses to describe Israel's need for a shepherd to succeed him (see Numbers 27:17). And as Moses appointed Joshua,

Jesus appointed the Twelve to continue shepherding His people on earth.

Jesus had said there were other sheep who did not belong to Israel's fold, but would hear His voice and be joined to the one flock of the one shepherd (see John 10:16). In God's plan, the Church is to seek out first the lost sheep of the house of Israel, and then to bring all nations into the fold (see Acts 13:36; Romans 1:16).

Paul, too, in today's Second Reading, sees the Church as a new creation, in which those nations who were once far off from God are joined as “one new person” with the children of Israel.

As we sing in today's Psalm, through the Church, the Lord, our good shepherd, still leads people to the verdant pastures of the kingdom, to the restful waters of baptism; He still anoints with the oil of confirmation, and spreads the Eucharistic table before all people, filling their cups to overflowing.

(Scott Hahn)

### Pope Francis – The Priest as the ‘Good Shepherd’:

“This is precisely the reason for the dissatisfaction of some, who end up sad -- sad priests -- in some sense becoming collectors of antiques or novelties, instead of being shepherds living with ‘the odour of the sheep.’ This I ask you: Be shepherds, with the ‘odour of the sheep,’ make it real, as shepherds among your flock, fishers of men.” (Chrism Mass, March 28, 2013).

## GENERAL NEWS

### Day of Reflection at Stratherrick, Sunday 26 July:

11.00am Rosary; 12 noon Angelus; 12.30pm Mass; 1.10pm Rosary walk to the Grotto of Our Lady of the Highlands; 2.15pm BBQ; 3.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Divine Mercy; 3.30pm Deposition. For information, contact Therese Finlay (01456 486678 or 07765 695245)

**Cologne Philharmonic Chamber Orchestra** will offer a concert of classical music in St Mary's, Inverness, on **Wednesday 29 July at 7.30pm**. The programme includes music by **Vivaldi, Mozart, and Tchaikovsky**. Tickets available from Inverness Tourist Information Centre (Tel. 01463 252401). Ticket prices: £15 Adults; £13 Seniors; £11 Student/Child. Tickets are also available at the door.

**Highland Deanery Pilgrimage, Saturday 22 August:** St Duthac Collegiate Church, Tain: Mass 1200 noon with Archbishop Mario Conti.

**Special Clachan Comar Mass of St Bean, Sat 29 August.** A special Mass will be celebrated for those who are interred at Clachan Comar, nr Tomich, Marydale/Cannich, at 3.00 pm, on Sat 29 August – a date for your diary!

## PARISH NEWS

**Installation Mass with Bishop Hugh Gilbert, OSB:** Bishop Hugh is coming to St Columba's next month for a special Mass on **12<sup>th</sup> August**, to install Fr Domenico as Parish Priest. Please put this date in your diaries! More details to follow.

**Our New Website:** Come and visit us (and tell us what you think!) at: [www.stcolumbasculloden.org](http://www.stcolumbasculloden.org).

**Altar Servers: Calling all young people – would you like to help your Parish?** As long as you have made your First Holy Communion, you can serve! Full training provided. Please see Fr Domenico.

**Hospital/Home Visits:** if you know of anyone who is sick or housebound, and who would like to receive the Sacraments, or just a visit, please speak to Fr Domenico.

**'90' Club:** our draw takes place next week, on 26<sup>th</sup> July. Good luck to those who have a ticket.

**St Columba's Prize Bingo** is having a 'rest', but non-perishable items to be given as prizes will be gratefully accepted and stored until we begin again. Thank you!

**Cleaning Team** – Wednesday 22<sup>th</sup> July at 4.30pm: Mary and Marie.

**Gardening:** our garden shrubberies have received some TLC, though more needs to be done. Many thanks to those who came along. **Next get-together:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 7.00pm.

**Tea and Coffee:** come along and join us for a cuppa and a chat after Mass, in our meeting room at the end of the corridor.

## FINANCES

St Columba's No. 1 Account	£ 341.84
(including collection for The Apostleship of the Sea	£ 139.22)
St Columba's Building Fund:	£ 46.90
– Thank you for your generosity and support –	

### St Columba's Accounts

<b>General Running Account:</b>	<b>Building Account:</b>
<b>Sort Code: 80-91-26</b>	<b>Sort Code: 80-91-26</b>
<b>Account No: 00809358</b>	<b>Account No. 00809390</b>

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Anna Black + Peggy Horne + Leslie Murray + Mary Gribben + Claire Macpherson + Michelle Campbell

**Anniversaries:** + Samuel Thomson + Yvonne Inglis + Kenny Campbell + Lizzy Gardener + George Cameron + Richard Utton + Bill Muir + Bob Black

## GROUPS AND DEVOTIONS

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

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

**Inverness Catenian Circle** meet on the Second Monday of the month at 7.30 pm. Meeting followed by dinner in the Craigmonie Hotel, Annfield Road, Inverness. Contact Donald (07780 603045.) Visit [www.thecatenians.co.uk](http://www.thecatenians.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](http://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. 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](http://www.svp.org.uk).