



# St. Columba's, Culloden

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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**1 AUGUST 2021:**  
**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**(Year B (I); Psalter: Week 2)**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15  
 Resp. Psalm: Ps. 77 (78): 3-4, 23-25, 54  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24  
 Gospel: John 6: 24-35

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
<b>Sunday 1 August</b>	<b>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> (p. 892 – Year B)	<b>Live-Streamed Holy Mass</b> <b>Holy Mass</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>11.00 am</b>
Monday 2 August	Monday of Week 18 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Sheila and James Keenan, RIP (Anniversary at this time)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 3 August	Tuesday of Week 18 in Ordinary Time	<b>NO LITURGIES TODAY</b>	---
Wednesday 4 August	St. John Vianney, Priest Mass Intention: Rosslyn Grant (Health & Intentions)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Thursday 5 August	Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major Mass Intention: Morag Campbell, RIP (Recently Departed)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Friday 6 August	Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast) Mass Intention: John and Roberta Robertson (Health & Intentions: 44 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Today)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Saturday 7 August	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: Sian Robertson (Health & Intentions) (Birthday Tomorrow)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
<b>Sunday 8 August</b>	<b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> (p. 897 – Year B)	<b>Live-Streamed Holy Mass</b> <b>Holy Mass</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>11.00 am</b>

## **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Endurance Test**

The journey of discipleship is a lifelong exodus from the slavery of sin and death to the holiness of truth on Mount Zion, the promised land of eternal life. The road can get rough. And when it does, we can be tempted to complain like the Israelites in this week's First Reading. We have to see these times of hardship as a test of what is in our hearts, a call to trust God more and to purify the motives for our faith (Deuteronomy 8: 2-3).

As Paul reminds us in this week's Second Reading, we must leave behind our old self-deceptions and desires and live according to the likeness of God in which we are made.

Jesus tells the crowd in this week's Gospel that they are following Him for the wrong reasons. They seek Him because He filled their bellies. The Israelites, too, were content to follow God so long as there was plenty of food. Food is the most obvious of signs—because it is the most basic of our human needs. We need our daily bread to live.

But we cannot live by this bread alone. We need the bread of eternal life that preserves those who believe in Him (Wisdom 16: 20, 26).

The manna in the wilderness, like the bread Jesus multiplied for the crowd, was a sign of God's Providence—that we should trust that He will provide. These signs pointed to their fulfilment in the Eucharist, the abundant bread of angels we sing about in this week's Psalm.

This is the food that God longs to give us. This is the bread we should be seeking. But too often we don't ask for this bread. Instead, we seek the perishable stuff of our everyday wants and anxieties. In our weakness we think these things are what we really need.

We have to trust God more. If we seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, all these things will be ours as well (Matthew 6: 33). (Scott Hahn)

## PARISH NEWS

### Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 892)

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**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.

**Social distancing reduced to ONE METRE.** This equates exactly to two seat-widths. This means that our maximum seating capacity at

Mass is **now SEVENTY** souls. Face coverings are still mandatory, as are full sanitising protocols. 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:

**8 August: 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, at 9.30am**

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-08-08-2021-0930am.eventbrite.co.uk>

**8 August: 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, at 11.00am**

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-08-08-2021-1100am.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Please note that seats for both Masses will be available to book online from Sunday 1 August, at 12 noon.** If you have a problem or query, please contact Fr. Domenico.

**Mary's Meals – Rucksacks and Backpacks:** this Highland charity is collecting used rucksacks and backpacks in good condition, which are no longer needed. These will be filled and sent to Malawi. If you have any forlorn bags, please feel free to leave them in the church entrance foyer, or contact Peter Harkins (07990 845116).

**90 Club: JULY WINNERS!** – First Prize: Janey & David Oates; Second Prize: Tony Cairns; Third Prize: Mary Grady. You could be a winner too; spare numbers are available! Only £2 monthly, with three prizes to be won! Please speak to Father Domenico for details.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Katie Mary Fraser, Norman Wood, John Macdonald, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Canon Alistair Doyle, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Calum MacIntyre

**RIP:** Patrick Macpherson, Morag Campbell

**Anniversaries:** Charlie Keeler, Janette Catto, Jean Storey, Margaret Smith, Sheila & James Keenan