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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**1 MARCH 2020:**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**(Year A (II); Psalter: Week 1)**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7  
 Psalm: Ps 50 (51): 3-6, 12-14, 17  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 5: 12-19  
 Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11

Date	Details	Service	Time
<b>Sunday 1 March</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (p. 151)</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 3 March	Tuesday of Week 1 in Lent Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 4 March	Wednesday of Week 1 in Lent Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 5 March	Thursday of Week 1 in Lent Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>* Stations of the Cross *</b> Mass	6.30 pm <b>7.00 pm</b> 7.30 pm
Friday 6 March	Friday of Week 1 in Lent Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am 12 noon
	<b>LENT STATION MASS: ST. AIDAN'S, AVIEMORE</b>	<b>Station Mass</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>
Saturday 7 March	Saturday of Week 1 in Lent Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>** Rosary **</b> Mass	10.15 am 10.40 am 11.00 am
<b>Sunday 8 March</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (p. 154)</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>

## First Sunday of Lent: A Tale of Two Adams

In today's Liturgy, the destiny of the human race is told as the tale of two "types" of men—the first man, Adam, and the new Adam, Jesus (see 1 Corinthians 15:21–22; 45–59).

Paul's argument in the Second Reading is built on a series of contrasts between "one" or "one person" and "the many" or "all." By one person's disobedience, sin and condemnation entered the world, and death came to reign over all. By the obedience of another one, grace abounded, all were justified, and life came to reign for all.

This is the drama that unfolds in today's First Reading and Gospel. Formed from the clay of the ground and filled with the breath of God's own Spirit, Adam was a son of God (see Luke 3:38), created in His image (see Genesis 5:1–3). Crowned with glory, he was given dominion over the world and the protection of His angels (see Psalms 8:6–8; 91:11–13). He was made to worship God—to live not by bread alone

but in obedience to every word that comes from the mouth of the Father.

Adam, however, put the Lord his God to the test. He gave in to the serpent's temptation, trying to seize for himself all that God had already promised him. But in His hour of temptation, Jesus prevailed where Adam failed—and drove the devil away.

Still, we sin after the pattern of Adam's transgression. Like Adam, we let sin in the door (see Genesis 4:7) when we entertain doubts about God's promises, when we forget to call on Him in our hours of temptation. But the grace won for us by Christ's obedience means that sin is no longer our master. As we begin this season of repentance, we can be confident in His compassion, that He will create in us a new heart (see Romans 5:5; Hebrews 8:10). As we do in today's Psalm, we can sing joyfully of our salvation, renewed in His presence. (Scott Hahn).

## GENERAL NEWS

### Lent Station Masses 2020 – Fridays at 7.00pm:

6 March: St Aidan's, Aviemore \* # (6.00pm)  
13 March: Immaculate Conception, Stratherrick # (5.45pm)  
**20 March: St. Columba's, Culloden**  
27 March: Our Lady and St. Bean, Marydale \* # (5.45pm)  
3 April: Christ the King, Brora # (5.15pm)  
\* Principal Celebrant: Bishop Hugh Gilbert, OSB.  
# Bus departs St. Mary's Inverness (£7.50). Phone to book.

### CHRISM MASS: this will take place on Thursday 2 April, at St. Mary's Inverness, beginning at 6.00pm.

This is an important Diocesan event. All of the priests of the diocese gather together for this Mass, and during it Bishop Hugh will consecrate the sacred oils used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Orders. Each parish receives its annual supply of these oils at the Chrism Mass. Pope Benedict XVI related some of the symbolism of this Mass in a homily given in 2010. He said: "In the Chrism Mass ... the holy oils are at the centre of the liturgical action. They are consecrated ... for the whole year. They thus serve also as an expression of the Church's unity, guaranteed by the episcopate, and they point to Christ, the true 'shepherd and guardian' of our souls." Everyone is welcome to attend – come early to obtain a seat!

**Coronavirus: Public Information** – The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus. You can help too. Germs can live on some surfaces for hours. To protect yourself and others: \* Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze. \* Bin the tissue, and to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel. \* If you have arrived back from China or Italy within 14 days, follow the specific advice for returning travellers. This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus. Find out more at [gov.uk/coronavirus](http://gov.uk/coronavirus). Please be careful in church.

## PARISH NEWS

### Today's Lenten Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): First Sunday of Lent, Year A (p. 151) –

p. 521: Introductory Rites  
p. 151: Readings and Proper Prayers  
p. 541: Creed  
p. 155: Preface: The Temptation of the Lord  
p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II  
p. 631: Communion Rite

**Thank you to everyone who participated in Chris Hamilton's Surprise 90th Birthday Party** in the Smithton Hotel on Tuesday 18 February. Chris asked if the following message could be included the Newsletter: *".. I was taken by my daughter Jenny, son Mick, and his wife Diana, to what I thought was to be a quiet birthday meal. It was certainly a big surprise to be greeted by Father Domenico and many members of St. Columba's, together with cards, gifts, and flowers! It made a special day even more special. As I said – probably several times: 'Now I am 90, I can do what I like'. But what I would like to say*

*is that I am very fortunate to have a loving family and so many kind and thoughtful friends.' Thank you! Chris."*

**Defibrillator and Emergency Life Support Training** – the Training Day at St. Columba's will be **Saturday 21 March, from 10.00am-12 noon**. We have over 30 people signed up for the free course; if you cannot make this training event, please inform Fr. Domenico.

**'The Mysteries of the Passion'** – a series of Lenten Reflections at St. Columba's, complete with readings from Holy Scripture and images from the Holy Land, offering a fresh perspective on the five Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. The Reflections take place on **Wednesdays at 7.00pm** throughout the Lenten season.

The programme is as follows:

**4 March: The Agony in the Garden**  
**11 March: The Scourging at the Pillar**  
**18 March: The Crowning with Thorns**  
**25 March: The Carrying of the Cross**  
**1 April: The Crucifixion**

All welcome. Please spread the word!

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** the next class is on **Thursday 5 March, at 6.20pm** (note the change in time), and lasts for 30 minutes. If you have any difficulty getting to class, just let Ewen or Helen know.

**Highland Foodbank – March and April 2020:** 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 Ham** \* **Weetabix/Corn Flakes (small)** \* **Tins of Corned Beef** \* **Tins of Potatoes** \* **Washing up liquid (small)** \*. Please leave these items in the plastic box at the front door of the church. Thank you!

**Baby and Toddlers' Group:** the group will meet tomorrow, **Monday 2 March, from 9.30am to 11.30am**. We are looking for new children to join the group, and to take part in the fun! Why not come along?

**Cleaning Team** – Cleaning team Monday 2nd March at 12.15 pm: Esther and Don. Would you like to help out too? Many hands make light work! See Don for details.

**90 Club: February Draw Winners** – First Prize: Katie Walker; Second Prize: Dorothy Macdonald; Third Prize: Jean Hay. The next draw will be on Sunday 29th March. Would you like to take part? There are a few numbers left; please see Don for details. Only £2 monthly.

**PRIZE BINGO:** The next session will be on Friday 27th March. Eyes down at 7.00pm! ALL WELCOME. Thanks for your help with the lovely items handed in, to give as prizes; they are greatly appreciated!

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** + Anna Black + Angus Johnson + Michael Good + Laura Johnstone + Norman Wood + Katie Mary Fraser + John Daniel Peteranna + Margaret and Stuart MacLennan + Jeanette Catto + John Macdonald + Evelyn MacGregor + Mary Ritchie + Denise Maclean +

**R.I.P:** + Jean Bewley +