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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

20TH MARCH 2016
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
OF OUR LORD

Sunday Mass Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7
Psalm: Ps 21: 8-9. 17-20. 23-24
2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11
Gospel: Luke 22: 14 – 23: 56

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 20 March	Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord (Second Collection: Building Fund)	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) Mass	9.00am 9.30am
Monday 21 March	Monday of Holy Week	Holy Week Retreat at St Mary's, Beaulieu (11.00am – 4.00pm) Retreat for the Syro-Malabar Community at St Columba's (9.00am – 5.00pm)	
Tuesday 22 March	Tuesday of Holy Week	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) Mass	6.30pm 7.30pm
Wednesday 23 March	Wednesday of Holy Week	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) Mass & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am 11.00am
Thursday 24 March	HOLY THURSDAY	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	6.30pm 7.30pm
Friday 25 March	GOOD FRIDAY	Stations of the Cross – in Keralese LITURGY OF THE PASSION Stations of the Cross – in English	10.00am 3.00pm 7.00pm
Saturday 26 March	HOLY SATURDAY	EASTER VIGIL – in Keralese EASTER VIGIL – in English	3.00pm 8.30pm
Sunday 27 March	EASTER SUNDAY (Second Collection: Building Fund)	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) Mass	9.00am 9.30am

Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord

“What is written about Me is coming to fulfilment,” Jesus says in today's Gospel (see Luke 22:37).

Indeed, we have reached the climax of the liturgical year, the highest peak of salvation history, when all that has been anticipated and promised is to be fulfilled.

By the close of today's long Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished, the new covenant will be written in the blood of His broken body hanging on the cross at the place called the Skull. In His Passion, Jesus is “counted among the wicked,” as Isaiah had foretold (see Isaiah 53:12). He is revealed definitively as the Suffering Servant the prophet announced, the long-awaited Messiah whose words of obedience and faith ring out in today's First Reading and Psalm.

The taunts and torments we hear in these two readings punctuate the Gospel, as Jesus is beaten and mocked (see Luke 22:63-65; 23:10-11,16), as His hands and feet are pierced (see Luke 23:33), as enemies gamble

for His clothes (see Luke 23:34), and as three times they dare Him to prove His divinity by saving Himself from suffering (see Luke 23:35,37,39).

He remains faithful to God's will to the end, does not turn back in His trial. He gives Himself freely to His torturers, confident that, as He speaks in today's First Reading: “The Lord God is My help...I shall not be put to shame.”

Destined to sin and death as children of Adam's disobedience, we have been set free for holiness and life by Christ's perfect obedience to the Father's will (see Romans 5:12-14,17-19; Ephesians 2:2; 5:6).

This is why God greatly exalted Him. This is why we have salvation in His Name. Following His example of humble obedience in the trials and crosses of our lives, we know we will never be forsaken, that one day we too will be with Him in Paradise (see Luke 23:42). Seeing and Believing. (Scott Hahn)

GENERAL NEWS

“Dancing with the Stars” – for children & their families!
Saturday 2 April, 2.00pm – 5.00pm, in St Mary’s Church Hall, Huntly Street. Come along for a fun family afternoon, with a party, food, and drinks. Dance to music with DJ Coli. Tickets, priced at **£5 per person**, are available from the St Mary’s Parish Office; tel. 01463 233519.

The Gabriel Society (continuing adult faith formation)
Tuesday 12 April: “The Social Teaching of the Catholic Church” – **St Mary’s, Marian Room, 7.30pm.**

PARISH NEWS

**** Volunteers Needed for Holy Week Liturgies!! ****

Would you like to take part in the liturgies of Holy Week? We are looking for volunteers for the following:

- **Washing of the Feet during the Mass of the Lord’s Supper, on Holy Thursday**
- **Readers for the Easter Vigil**

Can you help us? Please do consider offering your services; speak to Fr Domenico ASAP.

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Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising a **free donation for St Columba’s Church, Culloden?**

There are nearly 3,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, the trainline and Sainsbury’s – **it doesn’t cost you a penny extra!** It’s really simple, all you have to do is:

1. **Join.** Go to the following website: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stcolumbascullo den/> and sign up for free.
2. **Shop.** Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, pick the retailer you want and start shopping.
3. **Raise.** After you’ve checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever! There are **no catches or hidden charges** and St Columba’s Church, Culloden will be really grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support.

Sacrament of Reconciliation in Holy Week

Please note that there will be no specific Penitential Service at St Columba’s this week.

There will, however, be a Penitential Service, with individual Confession, as part of the Holy Week Retreat at St Mary’s, Beaulieu, on Monday 21 March.

In addition to this, there will be opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout this week at St Columba’s; see overleaf for times.

Reconciliation and Holy Communion classes:

Thursdays from 5.30pm until 6.00pm.
14, 21, 28 April.

Confirmation classes:

Thursdays from 6.30pm until 7.15pm.
21 & 28 April.

Inter-Diocesan World Youth Day Gathering:

The Inter Diocesan WYD 2016 Palm Sunday Mass will be held on **20th March at 1.00pm in St Mary’s Cathedral, Aberdeen.** We are expecting around 250 young people from all over Scotland will be attending this event in Aberdeen. This is a fantastic opportunity for those going to World Youth Day in Krakow - and for those from all our parishes who are not going to Krakow - to share their faith together. The day will involve catechesis for the young people, a Palm Procession before Mass at 3.30pm, and social time. The Speakers and Celebrants are Archbishop Leo Cushley and Bishop Hugh Gilbert. Everyone is welcome, especially young people and families!

“Thirsting for Mercy: Journeying with Christ Through Holy Week”. This one-day retreat, organised and led by Fr Domenico, will take place **at St Mary’s, Beaulieu, on Monday 21 March, beginning at 11.00am.**

The Programme is as follows:

11.00am: Welcome and Introduction to the Day.

11.15am: First Presentation.

11.45am: Quiet time for Reflection.

12.00 noon: Angelus and Rosary.

12.30pm-1.00pm: Holy Mass.

1.00-1.30pm: tea/coffee interval.

1.30pm-2.00pm: Second Presentation

2.00-3.00pm: Penitential Service with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and opportunities for Confession.

3.00pm onwards: Divine Mercy prayers, followed by light refreshments. – Everyone is very welcome!

Church cleaning: Tuesday at 4.30pm – Shona and Gi Gi.

“90 Club”: Draw next week, on Easter Sunday (27th March). Good luck to all those who have a number. You could be our next winners – there are a few spare numbers available: only £2 monthly. Please ask Don.

Prize Bingo: NO PRIZE BINGO until 29 April. Thank You to everyone who has donated goods for prizes: without your valuable help, we would not have the success that we do. Any non-perishable items can still be handed in; we will store them until our next Bingo night.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Audrey O’Connell + Anna Black + Amelia Drew + John Drew + Cathy Thomson + Marie Coyle + Leslie Murray + Ian Angus +

Anniversaries: + Sheena Urquhart + Kathleen Tierney + Edward Lafferty +