



St. Columba's, Culloden

Tower Road, Culloden, Inverness, IV2 7PW

Tel: (01463) 794619 / (01463) 233519

E-mail: stcolumbasculloden@outlook.com

Website: www.stcolumbasculloden.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/stcolumbasculloden

Parish Priest: Fr Domenico Zanrè

Parish Safeguarding Coordinator: Helen Macdonald



~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

21 APRIL 2019:

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Acts 10: 34, 37-43

Psalm: Ps 117 (118): 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4

Gospel: John 20: 1-9

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 21 April	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 23 April	Easter Tuesday Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 24 April	Easter Wednesday Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 25 April	Easter Thursday Mass Intention: Elizabeth Morris R.I.P. (Recently Deceased: 7 April 2019)	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 26 April	Easter Friday Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am 12 noon
Saturday 27 April	Easter Saturday	NO MASS - APOLOGIES	-
Sunday 28 April	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) Second Collection: Building Fund	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am

Easter Sunday: Seeing and Believing

Jesus is nowhere visible. Yet today's Gospel tells us that Peter and John "saw and believed."

What did they see? Burial shrouds lying on the floor of an empty tomb. Maybe that convinced them that He hadn't been carted off by grave robbers, who usually stole the expensive burial linens and left the corpses behind.

But notice the repetition of the word "tomb"—seven times in nine verses. They saw the empty tomb and they believed what He had promised: that God would raise Him on the third day.

Chosen to be His "witnesses," today's First Reading tells us, the Apostles were "commissioned . . . to preach . . . and testify" to all that they had seen—from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb.

More than their own experience, they were instructed in the mysteries of the divine economy, God's saving plan—to know how "all the prophets bear witness" to Him (see Luke 24:27, 44).

Now they could "understand the Scripture," could teach us what He had told them—that He was "the Stone which the builders rejected," that today's Psalm prophesies His Resurrection and exaltation (see Luke 20:17; Matthew 21:42; Acts 4:11).

We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb, give thanks for "Christ our life," as today's Epistle calls Him.

Baptized into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above.

We live in memory of the Apostles' witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar. And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come—the day when we too "will appear with Him in glory." (Scott Hahn)

GENERAL NEWS

Divine Mercy Sunday 2019 at St. Mary's, 30 Huntly Street, Inverness, from **2.45pm-4.30pm, on Sunday 28 April**. The special liturgy for Divine Mercy Sunday is as follows:

- ❖ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Adoration
- ❖ Sacrament of Confession
- ❖ Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- ❖ Holy Rosary
- ❖ Veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy

All welcome.

3-5 May: 'Faith in the North: Reviving Cultures' – A Symposium on the connections between Scottish culture – **to be held at Pluscarden Abbey**. The weekend will combine talks, faith, music, and food. Mgr. James MacNeil from Oban will celebrate a **Gaelic Mass on Saturday 4 May at 11.30am**. See the poster on the noticeboards for more details.

Saturday 4 May: Men's Breakfast Club – The next meeting will take place in Dingwall from **10.00am to 12 noon, on Saturday 4 May**. The meeting will begin with Mass, followed by breakfast, fellowship, and discussion. All welcome. For more information, please contact Eric Hanna at: erichanna@gmail.com, or on 07960 340334

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.

PARISH NEWS

A sincere 'thank you' for your support and encouragement during the Lenten Period and the Triduum. We had great numbers at our weekly evening meetings on the 'Seven Last Words', as well as at our excellent Station Mass. Long may it continue! I am indebted to a large number of people who helped to make this liturgical season so prayerful. Thank you! May you and your families be filled with every grace and blessing. A Happy and Holy Easter to you all! Fr. Domenico.

Light of the North magazine – the new Spring edition is now available! Be sure to collect your copy! There is even a feature on St. Columba's! Please consider making a donation towards the cost of each copy. All donations go to the Parish!

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. **WEE BOX PACKS are available in the entrance foyer – please take one home.**

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: NO MEETING on Monday (Easter break).

Cleaning Team – this week: Margaret, Isobel, and Don. Would you like to help us? Helping just one hour a month would lighten the load of others who keep the church nice and clean. See Don for details.

'EASTER RAFFLE' DRAW TODAY! – Draw after Mass! If you are quick, you can still get some tickets!! £1 for a strip of five, name/phone number on the back, please.

"90 Club" – Next draw on **28 April** – There are still some numbers available; only £2 monthly. Please ask Don.

Prize Bingo returns on FRIDAY 27 APRIL! – 'eyes down' at 7.00pm. Family fun for all! A warm welcome awaits you. Items to give as prizes are always needed. Thank you for your support!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

Anniversaries: + Flora Morrison + Donald MacFarlane + Ohna Van Reenan + Des Coleman + Neil McDaid +