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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

21 FEBRUARY 2021:
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
(Year B (I); Psalter: Week 1)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-15
 Resp. Psalm: Ps 24 (25):4-6, 7b-9
 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22
 Gospel: Mk 1:12-15

| Date | Details | Live-Streamed Liturgies | Time |
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| Sunday 21 February | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (p. 182 – Year B) | Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary | 8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm |
| Monday 22 February | Feast of the Chair of St. Peter Mass Intention: Mgr. Thomas Wynne, RIP (Anniversary) | Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary | 8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm |
| Tuesday 23 February | Tuesday of Week 1 in Lent Mass Intention: Donor's Intention | Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary | 8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm |
| Wednesday 24 February | Wednesday of Week 1 in Lent Mass Intention: Donor's Intention | Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary | 8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm |
| Thursday 25 February | Thursday of Week 1 in Lent Mass Intention: John Leahy, RIP (Month's Mind) | Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary | 8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm |
| Friday 26 February | Friday of Week 1 in Lent Mass Intention: Donor's Intention | Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary | 8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm |
| Saturday 27 February | Saturday of Week 1 in Lent Mass Intention: Donor's Intention | Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary | 8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm |
| Sunday 28 February | SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (p. 186 – Year B) | Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary | 8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm |

First Sunday of Lent: The New Creation

Lent bids us to return to the innocence of our baptism. As Noah and his family were saved through the waters of the deluge, we were saved through the waters of Baptism, Peter reminds us in today's Second Reading.

And God's covenant with Noah in today's First Reading marked the start of a new world. But it also prefigured a new and greater covenant between God and His creation (see Hosea 2:20; Isaiah 11:1-9).

We see that new covenant and that new creation begin in today's Gospel. Jesus is portrayed as the new Adam—the beloved son of God (see Mark 1:11; Luke 3:38), living in harmony with the wild beasts (see Genesis 2:19-20), being served by angels (see Ezekiel 28:12-14). Like Adam, He too is tempted by the devil. But while Adam fell, giving reign to sin and death (see Romans 5:12-14, 17-20), Jesus is victorious.

This is the good news, the "gospel of God" that He proclaims. Through His death, resurrection, and

enthronement at the right hand of the Father, the world is once again made God's kingdom.

In the waters of Baptism, each of us entered the kingdom of His beloved Son (see Colossians 1:13-14). We were made children of God, new creations (see 2 Corinthians 5:7; Galatians 4:3-7). But like Jesus, and Israel before Him, we have passed through the baptismal waters only to be driven into the wilderness—a world filled with afflictions and tests of our faithfulness (see 1 Corinthians 10:1-4, 9,13; Deuteronomy 8:2, 16).

We are led on this journey by Jesus. He is the Saviour—the way and the truth we sing of in today's Psalm (see John 14:6). He feeds us with the bread of angels (see Psalm 78:25; Wisdom 16:20), and cleanses our consciences in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

As we begin this holy season, let us renew our baptismal vows—to repent and believe the gospel. (Scott Hahn).

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): First Sunday of Lent (p. 182)

- p. 521: Introductory Rites
- p. 182: Readings & Proper Prayers
- p. 541: The Creed
- p. 555: Preface I of Lent
- p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II
- p. 631: Communion Rite

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 Building Fund Account. All benefactors are remembered at our Masses.

Thank you for your consideration and continuing generosity and support – it is greatly appreciated.

Schedule of Online Daily Devotions – Our new daily schedule of parish devotions are as follows. Please feel free to join us, and do spread the word!

- 8.45 am: Morning Prayer
- 9.00 am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 9.30 am: Holy Mass
- 6.00 pm: Angelus, & Evening Prayer
- 6.15pm: Holy Rosary

This year's Lenten Course at St. Columba's – 'Voices of the Passion': a series of reflections delivered online via Zoom, on **Wednesdays at 7.00pm** throughout the Lenten season, focusing on the major characters of the Passion of Christ. Please contact Fr. Domenico for further information. The programme is as follows:

24 February: Pilate & Herod

3 March: Jesus & Barabbas

10 March: Simon of Cyrene and Veronica

17 March: Women of Jerusalem & Mary Magdalen

24 March: John and Mary

Stations of the Cross from around the world!

Each Thursday evening at 7.00pm during Lent, we will pray the Stations of the Cross via Zoom. We will travel around the Catholic world, visiting different locations such as Jerusalem, Częstochowa, Lourdes, as we reflect on various visual images portraying the Passion of Jesus. For the Zoom link, please contact Fr. Domenico.

Friday Station Masses: for obvious reasons, there are no Station Masses in our Highland Deanery this year; however, we have organised 'virtual' online Masses from around the Diocese instead. Each Mass begins at 7.00pm; the remaining Masses are as follows:

26 February – Our Lady & St. John the Baptist, Ellon

05 March – St Margaret's Huntly

12 March – St Mary's Beaulieu

19 March – St Joseph's, Aberdeen

26 March – St. Peter's, Aberdeen

To access the Masses online, go to the RCDA website:

<https://www.rcda.scot/station-masses/>

Mary's Meals Tigray Appeal: Dear friends, in recent weeks you may have heard something of the grave news from Tigray in northern Ethiopia. An armed conflict between the federal and regional governments has escalated into a shocking humanitarian crisis. We are hearing harrowing reports of tens of thousands of families displaced from their homes and that as many as 4.5 million people are without access to basic food, medical and sanitary supplies across the region! We have been working in Tigray for many years where our trusted partners the Daughters of Charity normally serve over 24,000 children Mary's Meals. We are now working with the Daughters of Charity to respond to this crisis and provide support to children and families affected by this crisis. As people of faith, we are asking you to partner with us by holding the people of Tigray and the emergency work we are doing there in your prayers. To find out more, please visit the website: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk>. Thank you.

90 Club: Draw Next Week, on Sunday 28 February!

Good luck all with a number. Spare numbers are available; speak to Father Domenico for details.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Michael Good, Laura Johnstone, Katie Mary Fraser, Norman Wood, Stuart MacLennan, John Macdonald, Evelyn MacGregor, Rena Herbison, Alex Fruters, Patrick Macpherson, Kathleen Macpherson, Ricci Hudson-Storey, June Lee, Marian Ellis, Morag Lloyd, Angela Rogers, Angela Broad, Maree MacGillivray

RIP: + Iain Campbell + Boniface Nwosu +

Anniversaries: John Smith + Mgr. Thomas Canon Wynne + Moira McGoogan + John Armstrong + Margaret and William Donnelly + Donald John MacMillan +