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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

23 AUGUST 2020:
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year A (II); Psalter: Week 1)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 22: 19-23
Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 137 (138): 1-3, 6, 8
2nd Reading: Romans 11: 33-36
Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 23 August	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 762 – Year A)	LIVE-STREAMED PUBLIC MASS PUBLIC MASS	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 24 August	FEAST OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW Mass Intention: Alistair MacLeod, RIP (Recently Departed)	Live-Streamed Mass on Facebook	9.30 am
Tuesday 25 August	Tuesday of Week 21 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Katy Mary Fraser (Health and Intentions)	Live-Streamed Mass on Facebook	9.30 am
Wednesday 26 August	Wednesday of Week 21 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Mary Vincent, RIP (Recently Departed)	Live-Streamed Mass on Facebook	9.30 am
Thursday 27 August	Memorial of St. Monica Mass Intention: Private Intention	Live-Streamed Mass on Facebook	9.30 am
Friday 28 August	Memorial of St. Augustine Mass Intention: Frank Timmons, RIP (Second Anniversary)	Live-Streamed Mass on Facebook	9.30 am
Saturday 29 August	Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed Mass on Facebook	9.30 am
Sunday 30 August	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ Laudato Si Mass ~ (p. 765 – Year A)	LIVE-STREAMED PUBLIC MASS PUBLIC MASS	9.30 am 11.00 am

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time: “How rich are the depths of God!”

“How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge”, Paul exclaims in today’s Second Reading. Today’s Psalm, too, takes up the triumphant note of joy and thanksgiving. Why? Because in the Gospel, the heavenly Father reveals the mystery of His kingdom to Peter.

With Peter, we rejoice that Jesus is the anointed Son promised to David, the one prophesied to build God’s temple and reign over an everlasting kingdom (see 2 Samuel 7).

What Jesus calls “my Church” is the kingdom promised to David’s son (see Isaiah 9:1–7). As we hear in today’s First Reading, Isaiah foretold that the keys to David’s kingdom would be given to a new master, who would rule as father to God’s people.

Jesus, the root and offspring of David, alone holds the kingdom’s keys (see Revelation 1:18; 3:7; 22:16). In giving those keys to Peter, Jesus fulfils that prophecy, establishing Peter—and all who succeed him—as holy father of His Church.

His Church, too, is the new house of God—the spiritual temple founded on the “rock” of Peter, and built up out of the living stones of individual believers (see 1 Peter 2:5).

Abraham was called “the rock” from which the children of Israel were hewn (see Isaiah 51:1–2). And Peter becomes the rock from which God raises up new children of God (see Matthew 3:9).

The word Jesus uses—“church” (*ekklesia* in Greek)—was used in the Greek translation of the Old Testament for the “assembly” of God’s children after the Exodus (see Deuteronomy 18:16; 31:30).

His Church is the “assembly of the firstborn” (see Hebrews 12:23; Exodus 4:23–24), established by Jesus’ exodus (see Luke 9:31). Like the Israelites, we are baptized in water, led by the Rock, and fed with spiritual food (see 1 Corinthians 10:1–5).

Gathered at His altar, in the presence of angels, we sing His praise and give thanks to His holy name. (Scott Hahn)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 762) –

- p. 521: Introductory Rites
- p. 762: Readings & Proper Prayers
- p. 543: Apostles' Creed
- p. 571: Preface VI: The Pledge of the Eternal Passover
- 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.

ST. COLUMBA'S IS REOPENING FOR DAILY MASS! From Tuesday 1 September, St. Columba's will be open **EVERY DAY for Mass at 9.30am!** In the meantime, 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 next Sunday, here are the links:

30 August 9.30am:

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-30-08-2020-0930am.eventbrite.co.uk>

30 August 11.00am:

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-30-08-2020-1100am.eventbrite.co.uk>

Please note that seats for both Masses will be available to book online from Sunday 23 August at 12 noon. If you have a problem or query, please contact Fr. Domenico.

'THANK YOU!' to DJ MacMillan and Peter Harkins for their kindness and generosity in taking care of our external woodwork in the front of the church; DJ has meticulously replaced the wood coverings, and Peter will attend to

painting them. Thank you both for enhancing the beauty of our parish!

NEW DAWN IN SCOTLAND CONFERENCE – the 11th Annual New Dawn Conference takes place online **from Friday 28 August to Sunday 30 August.** There is something for everyone: a Saturday morning slot for children, an early afternoon session on both days for teenagers and young people, and – **for everyone – 5 talks that follow the 5 themes of the conference.** There is a strong presence from our Diocese this year, with talks by Fr. Keith Herrera and Sr. Anna Christi OP, and Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Gabor Czako and Deacon Doug Duncan. Details on how to participate in this FREE conference are on the New Dawn in Scotland website: www.newdawninscotland.com. See you there!

SEASON OF CREATION: 1 September-4 October: to mark five years since the publication of Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'*, on the care of our common home, a 'Season of Creation' has been organised, to run from 1 September (World Day of Prayer for Creation) to 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi). Next week's Mass, on Sunday 30 August, will usher in this Season of Creation, by focusing in a particular way on the themes of *Laudato Si'*, and our role and responsibility as Catholics in caring for our 'common home'.

'LIGHT OF THE NORTH': available online! – There's lots for everyone in this issue, not least Bishop Hugh Gilbert's letter in which he considers how, as humans, we are so adaptable to changed circumstances and how versatile a faith we have. Then there's Deacon John Wire's Lockdown Diary and, for our Polish readers, Lidia Konar marks the 15th anniversary this year of the death of St John Paul II. We also have plenty of pictures from the ordination to the diaconate of Malachy Eze and Christopher Doig and, in our series about the churches of the Diocese, we look at the Church of Saint Margaret, Huntly. To access the LOTN online, click on the following link: <https://bit.ly/-LOTN-Summer2020-Issue44>

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Confessions will be heard in the Parish Meeting Room. If you would like to avail yourself of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, simply e-mail Fr. Domenico, or phone the Parish House (794993), to make an appointment.

90 Club: DRAW NEXT WEEK!! – Good luck to all who have a number. If you would like to take part in this parish fundraiser, it's only £2 monthly, with three prizes to be won. please see Fr. Domenico.

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, Louise Flett, Alex Fruters, Morag Lloyd, Patrick Macpherson, Kathleen Macpherson, Steve Knight, Ricci Hudson-Storey

RIP: + Mary Vincent + Betty Cosker +

Anniversaries: + Frank Timmons + Mary Bell + John Tracy + Jock Park + Milly Drew +