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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**23 DECEMBER 2018: 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT –
6 JANUARY 2019: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Micah 5: 1-4

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79 (80): 2-3, 15-16, 18-19

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10: 5-10

Gospel: Luke 1: 39-44

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 23 December	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (No Second Collection)	Sacrament of Confession Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Monday 24 December	CHRISTMAS VIGIL	Sacrament of Reconciliation Christmas Carols Christmas Vigil Mass	10.30pm 11.00pm 11.30pm
Tuesday 26 December	SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS	Sacrament of Reconciliation ** Mass – NOTE TIME **	<u>10.00 am</u> <u>10.30 am</u>
Wednesday 26 December	FEAST OF ST STEPHEN	<u>NO MASS</u>	-
Thursday 27 December	FEAST OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST	<u>NO MASS</u>	-
Friday 28 December	FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS	<u>NO MASS</u>	-
Sunday 30 December	THE HOLY FAMILY	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 1 January 2018	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	Sacrament of Reconciliation ** Mass – NOTE TIME **	<u>10.00 am</u> <u>10.30 am</u>
Wednesday 2 January	Memorial of St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors	Sacrament of Reconciliation ** Evening Prayer ** Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 3 January	The Most Holy Name of Jesus	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Sunday 6 January	SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am



**Wishing you and your families
much peace and joy in this holy season!
With prayers and blessings,**

Fr Domenico.

PARISH NEWS

THANK YOU! - Thank you most sincerely for your cards, gifts, and kind regards; your generosity is very gratefully appreciated. I would also like to express my thanks to all of you for the many ways in which you support St Columba's throughout the year. Everyone plays their part in this Parish, in various different ways, and I am grateful to you all for your practical help, spiritual support, and encouragement. I take this opportunity to wish you a joyous and peaceful Christmas, with good health and prosperity in the coming year. With prayers and blessings for you and your families - Fr. Domenico.

Parish House 'Wedding List': a sincere 'Thank You' to everyone who contributed to the Parish House 'Wedding List', and to those of you who offered their congratulations and good wishes to Fr. Domenico.

Parish House: 'Through The Keyhole' TODAY!! After our 9.30am Mass, you will all have the opportunity to step inside the new Parish House! This project has been a real 'labour of love', and has not been without its fair share of stress, anxiety, and exasperation! However, it has all been worth it. Why not pop in after Mass and judge for yourselves?

This year's Crib Appeal: The Bethlehem Crèche - Since 1885, the Sisters of Charity, otherwise known as the Sisters of Saint Vincent de Paul, settled in different locations in the Holy Land to tend to the destitute, in homes and under tents. The Crèche of Bethlehem was created some years later with the mission of tending to abandoned children. Today, three Religious Sisters, together with various volunteers, care for approximately 100 poor and orphaned children, of which 40 are live-in, and 70 are in day-care. During our recent Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, we visited the Crèche, and were moved by the marvellous work of the Sisters, who offer these children a future. Please do give generously to this wonderful charity, by contributing to our crib, or handing in donations to the Sacristy, in an envelope clearly marked 'Bethlehem Crèche'. Thank you.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available at St Columba's before EVERY Mass in this Advent Season. Just come along to the Lady Chapel, or ask/contact Fr. Domenico at any time. Remember the words of Pope Francis: "The true door of mercy, which is the heart of Christ, always remains open wide for us". Deo gratias!

Preparation for First Holy Communion in 2018: if your child is of approximately P3 age at Primary School, and you would like to discuss the possibility of him/her being prepared to receive the

Sacraments of Reconciliation and of Holy Communion in Summer 2018, please see Fr. Domenico.

Highland Foodbank - December and January: Your donations help to provide emergency food and support to local people in crisis. During these winter months, we would be grateful for the following items: * Jars of Coffee * Packets of Oatcakes * Tins of Corned Beef * Cartons of Long Life Fruit Juice * Tins of Ham. Please leave them in the plastic box at the front door of the church. During the recent Highland Foodbank Harvest Appeal, St. Columba's Culloden donated 71kgs of food. Thank you for your generosity!

BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP - The group will resume its weekly meetings after the Christmas holidays.

Cleaning Team: on a break over the Christmas holidays. Would you like to help us in 2019? Helping just one hour a month would lighten the load of others who do assist to keep the church nice and clean. See Don for details.

Car Park: Now that we are beginning to experience a drop in temperature, and with the onset of winter, this is a gentle reminder to those who have offered to keep the car park area safe for driving and walking before Mass begins on Sunday mornings. New helpers are always welcome to assist!

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE - Tickets now on sale! Only £1 per strip (please write your name, address, contact number on the back of the tickets). The draw will be held on Christmas morning, after Mass. Good luck! **A share of the proceeds goes to Mary's Meals.**

Next 90 Club Draw - Sunday 30 December: Are you paid up to date? There are still some numbers available. Only £2 a month! Please speak to Don.

PRIZE BINGO: FRIDAY 25 JANUARY 2019 (thereafter the last Friday of the month until June) - 'EYES DOWN' AT 7.00PM! - Why not join us for our fun-filled Bingo evening?! A sincere 'thank you' for all of the items that have been handed in; these are very important to us, and are much appreciated. Your support is instrumental in making the Bingo such a success for the parish!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Audrey O'Connell + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Johnny Gallagher + Ellen Williams + Eva Zandre + Vinnie Walton + Laura Johnstone +

Anniversaries: + Joe George Smith + Kerry Green + George Innes + Patricia O'Riordan + Allan Jamieson + Jim Murray + Anne Lafferty + Father Gerald Fitzgibbon + Father Ronnie Walls +