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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

23 MAY 2021: SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST (Year B (I); Psalter: Week 4)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Acts 2: 1-11

Resp. Psalm: Ps. 103 (104): 1, 24, 29-31, 34

2nd Reading: Gal. 5: 16–25

Gospel: John 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15

Date	Details	Live-Streamed Liturgies	Time
Sunday 23 May	SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
	Retiring Collection: Mary's Meals	Holy Mass	11.00 am
	(p. 460 – Year B)	Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	6.00 pm
Monday 24 May	Mary, Mother of God	Morning Prayer & Adoration	8.45 am
	Mass Intention: Agnes MacIntyre	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
		Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	6.00 pm
Tuesday 25 May	St. Bede the Venerable	Morning Prayer & Adoration	8.45 am
	Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
		Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	6.00 pm
Wednesday 26 May	St. Philip Neri	Morning Prayer & Adoration	8.45 am
	Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
		Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	6.00 pm
Thursday 27 May	St. Augustine of Canterbury	Morning Prayer & Adoration	8.45 am
	Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
		Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	6.00 pm
Friday 28 May	Friday of Week 8 in Ordinary Time	Morning Prayer & Adoration	8.45 am
	Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Holy Mass	9.30 am
		Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	6.00 pm
Saturday 29 May	St. Paul VI	Morning Prayer & Adoration	8.45 am
	Mass Intention: Robert Tarr, RIP	Holy Mass	9.30 am
	(First Anniversary)	Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	6.00 pm
Sunday 30 May	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
	Retiring Collection: Social Communications	Holy Mass	11.00 am
	(p. 956 – Year B)	Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	6.00 pm

Solemnity of Pentecost: A New Wind

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history. The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai (see Leviticus 23:15–21; Deuteronomy 16:9–11). In today's First Reading, the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles (see Acts 1:14). The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised (see Jeremiah 31:31-34; 2 Corinthians 3:2–8; Romans 8:2). The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm. In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth (see Genesis 1:2).

And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth. As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit (see Genesis 2:7), in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles (see 1 Corinthians 15:45, 47). Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Second Reading (see also John 7:37-39). We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism (see 2 Corinthians 5: 17, Galatians 6:15). Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist (see 1 Corinthians 10:4), we are the first fruits of a new humanity—fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit. (Scott Hahn)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Solemnity of Pentecost (p. 460)

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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 Fabric Account. All benefactors are remembered at our Masses.

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

"I rejoiced when I heard them say: Let us go to God's House!" (Psalm 121/122) – St. Columba's is now open for public worship. At present, the maximum seating capacity at Mass is FIFTY souls – which should not be a problem for midweek worship. 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, here are the links:

30 May: Trinity Sunday, at 9.30am

https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-30-05-2021-0930am.eventbrite.co.uk

30 May: Trinity Sunday, at 11.00am

https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-30-05-2021-1100am.eventbrite.co.uk

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

Piety Stall: First Holy Communion celebration? Confirmation? We have many new items in stock to mark these special sacramental life-events. Are you in need of a Rosary in this Marian month of May? — We have all sizes and styles! Looking for a children's prayer book? Look no further! Plus, we have many other tempting gifts and holy items. Why not browse our well-stocked stall?

THIS WEEK – 25-27 May 2021: Annual Pluscarden Lectures – the invited Speaker is Fr. Thomas White OP, of the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. Fr. Thomas is the Director of the Thomistic Institute, and Professor of Systematic Theology. He will be speaking on the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus (see the attached documentation). It is likely that the talks will be live-streamed. Please check the Pluscarden website for further information.

TODAY'S RETIRING COLLECTION: MARY'S

MEALS: This May, the month traditionally dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in our prayer campaign for the work of Mary's Meals, which is reaching more than 1.8 million children with a nutritious meal in 19 countries every school day. We pray in thanksgiving for each little act of love that makes this work possible and we also pray for God's continued blessing on our beautiful mission, that through His providence it will always flourish enabling us to reach more hungry children. Prayer resources and further information can be found on the following page: https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay

Today, we will have a Special Retiring Collection for Mary's Meals.

90 Club: NEXT SUNDAY, 30 May! You too could be a winner: spare numbers are available; only £2 monthly, with three prizes to be won! Speak to Father Domenico for details.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Katie Mary Fraser, Norman Wood, John Macdonald, Patrick Macpherson, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Angela Rogers, Angela Broad, Fr. Simon Lumbela, Ellen Williams, Chris Hamilton, David Munro, Agnes Murphy, Mary MacLean

RIP: Agnes MacIntyre

Anniversaries: Canon Duncan Stone, Jimmy Cascarino, Noel Hadnett, Bob Tarr