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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**24 DECEMBER 2017: 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT -
7 JANUARY 2018: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

4th Sunday of Advent: Mass Readings

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 88 (89): 2-5, 27, 29

2nd Reading: Romans 16: 25-27

Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 24 December	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT CHRISTMAS VIGIL	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Sacrament of Reconciliation Christmas Carols Christmas Midnight Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am 10.30pm 11.00pm 11.30pm
Monday 26 December	SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS	Sacrament of Reconciliation <u>** Mass – NOTE TIME **</u>	<u>10.00 am</u> <u>10.30 am</u>
Tuesday 26 December	FEAST OF ST STEPHEN	<u>NO MASS</u>	-
Wednesday 27 December	FEAST OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST	<u>NO MASS</u>	-
Thursday 28 December	FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS	<u>NO MASS</u>	-
Sunday 31 December	THE HOLY FAMILY	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am
Monday 1 January 2018	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	Sacrament of Reconciliation <u>** Mass – NOTE TIME **</u>	<u>10.00 am</u> <u>10.30 am</u>
Tuesday 2 January	Weekday in the Christmas Season	Sacrament of Reconciliation <u>** Evening Prayer **</u> Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 3 January	Weekday in the Christmas Season	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 4 January	Weekday in the Christmas Season	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Sunday 7 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, Fr Domenico.

ST COLUMBA'S HOGMANAY DANCE, from 9.00pm until 12.30am. Come along to St Columba's on Hogmanay and bring in the New Year with us in style! Tickets are priced **just £5.00, in aid of the Church Building Fund.** Music is provided by John Gordon. Please feel free to bring your own refreshments! Tickets are now on sale – why not treat yourself and your family this Hogmanay?!!

Easyfundraising update: we have received **£398.82** as a donations payment, through the Easyfundraising scheme. At the moment, we have **22 supporters** signed up on the site. Imagine how much extra we would receive in donations for the parish if we had 50 or more supporters using Easyfundraising?! **It costs absolutely nothing to you, and is so simple:** whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be collecting free donations for St Columba's Church, Culloden! There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Sainsbury's, etc. – It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Go to the following internet address: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stcolumbasculloden/> and join for free.

2. Every time you shop online, go to *easyfundraising* first to find the site you want and start shopping.

3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever! There are no catches or hidden charges and St Columba's Church, Culloden will be really grateful for your donations. Please do support us!

House Blessings in Christmastide – if you would like to have your house blessed in January/February, at the start of the new year, please speak to Fr Domenico.

Hospital Admissions: if you, or any member of your family, is to be admitted to hospital, and would like a visit from Fr Domenico, please do inform him. Please note that it is neither the duty, nor, indeed, the policy, of hospitals to inform priests and ministers when congregation members are

admitted – the responsibility is placed solely on family and friends.

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 Sacrament of Holy Communion in Summer 2018, please see Fr Domenico.

Confirmation Classes in 2018: the dates for our next block of meetings are as follows: **11 and 18 January; 1 February.** As before, these will take place on Thursdays, and we will meet from 5.00pm–5.30pm. If you have any difficulty with the dates, please let Helen or Ewen know in advance. Many thanks.

Christmas Flowers: Would you like to help prepare the church for Christmas? Please speak to Helen or Mary in the sacristy if you would like to provide an arrangement or to contribute holly, etc. from your garden.

Cleaning Team: Wednesday 27th December at 1.30pm. Can you help? Come along and give us a hand! We are always looking for volunteers – only one hour a month! See Don for details.

Next "90 Club" Draw: Sunday 31 December. Would you like to be a winner? There are still a few numbers left; only £2 monthly. Ask Don for details.

Prize Bingo: our first fun-filled fundraiser evening of the new year will take place on **Friday 26 January 2018 at 7.00pm.** All welcome! Please note that our Bingo moves to the last Friday of the month. Items to give as prizes are always needed (we are particularly short of chocolates, and of wines and spirits; we'd also appreciate scented candles, toiletries, gift vouchers, tins of sweets/biscuits...). Thank you for your support of this important fund-raiser.

Annual Christmas Hamper Draw: TICKETS ON SALE – only £1 for a strip of five tickets! Please include your name and phone number on the back of the tickets. The Draw will take place after Mass on Christmas morning.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Audrey O'Connell + Ewen Macdonald Senior + Rose Corbett + Amelia & John Drew + Murray Mackay + Peter Simpson + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Johnny Gallagher +

R.I.P: Archie Thomson + Colin-Archie Johnson + Joan Kilmurray +

Anniversaries: + Michelle Campbell + Tommy Cameron + Patricia O'Riordan + Allan Jamieson + Jim Murray + Anne Lafferty + Father Gerald Fitzgibbon + Father Ronnie Walls +