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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

26 APRIL 2020:
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
(Year A (II); Psalter: Week 3)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Acts 2: 14, 22-33
Psalm: Ps 15 (16): 1-2, 5, 7-11
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1: 17-21
Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 26 April	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (p. 372 – Year A)	Private Sunday Mass offered for the parishioners of St. Columba's	9.30 am
Monday 27 April	Monday of Week 3 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Private Mass; followed by Holy Hour	10.30 am
Tuesday 28 April	Tuesday of Week 3 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Private Mass; followed by Holy Hour	10.30 am
Wednesday 29 April	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor (Feast) Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Private Mass; followed by Holy Hour	10.30 am
Thursday 30 April	Thursday of Week 3 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Private Mass; followed by Holy Hour	10.30 am
Friday 1 May	Friday of Week 3 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Private Mass; followed by Holy Hour	10.30 am
Saturday 2 May	St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Private Mass; followed by Holy Hour	10.30 am
Sunday 3 May	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (p. 377 – Year A)	Private Sunday Mass offered for the parishioners of St. Columba's	9.30 am

Third Sunday of Easter: Emmaus and Us

We should put ourselves in the shoes of the disciples in today's Gospel. Downcast and confused, they're making their way down the road, unable to understand all the things that have occurred.

They know what they've seen—a prophet mighty in word and deed. They know what they were hoping for—that He would be the redeemer of Israel. But they don't know what to make of His violent death at the hands of their rulers.

They can't even recognise Jesus as He draws near to walk with them. He seems like just another foreigner visiting Jerusalem for the Passover.

Note that Jesus doesn't disclose His identity until they describe how they found His tomb empty but "Him they did not see." That's how it is with us, too. Unless He revealed himself we would see only an empty tomb and a meaningless death.

How does Jesus make himself known at Emmaus? First, He interprets "all the Scriptures" as referring to Him. In today's First and Second Readings, Peter also opens the

Scriptures to proclaim the meaning of Christ's death according to the Father's "set plan"—foreknown before the foundation of the world.

Jesus is described as a new Moses and a new Passover lamb. He is the One of whom David sang in today's Psalm—whose soul was not abandoned to corruption but was shown the path of life.

After opening the Scriptures, Jesus at table took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples—exactly what He did at the Last Supper (see Luke 22:14–20).

In every Eucharist, we re-enact that Easter Sunday at Emmaus. Jesus reveals himself to us in our journey. He speaks to our hearts in the Scriptures. Then at the table of the altar, in the person of the priest, He breaks the bread.

The disciples begged him, "Stay with us." So He does. Though He has vanished from our sight, in the Eucharist—as at Emmaus—we know Him in the breaking of the bread.

(Scott Hahn)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Second Sunday of Easter, Year A (p. 372) –

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 372: Readings & Proper Prayers

p. 541: Creed

p. 561: Preface II of Easter: New Life in Christ

p. 611: Eucharistic Prayer III

p. 631: Communion Rite

Light of the North magazine – the new edition is now available online! You can read the latest issue here, at: <https://www.lightofthenorth.org/>

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 – we are indeed fortunate to have such magnificent supporters in our parish. **Thank you to the very kind benefactor who donated £ 500 to the parish. Because this sum has been Gift Aided, we are able to claim 25% back, which equates to a total sum of £ 625!!** Not only is this an extremely generous sum, but it also underlines the importance of using Gift Aid. It costs you nothing extra, but helps the parish even more. God bless your generosity and commitment to our wonderful 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.

Mass intentions – if you would like a private Mass celebrated for any sick family and friends, or any deceased loved ones, simply e-mail Fr. Domenico.

Feast of St. Catherine of Siena – to celebrate the feast of this great fourteenth-century lay woman, *Word on Fire* is making available – until Wednesday 29 April – a FREE screening of Bishop Robert Barron's film on 'St. Catherine of Siena: The Mystic'. To view this film, go to the following website, scroll down, and click on the link: <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>

Via Lucis: Stations of the Resurrection – are you familiar with these meditations? Like the Via Crucis (the Way of the Cross), this 'Way of Light' involves 14 meditations, beginning with Matthew's account of the empty tomb on the Sunday morning, and ending with the day of Pentecost. You can find out more about the various stations of the Via Lucis by Googling it, or by going to the following website for details: <https://aleteia.org/2020/04/14/stations-of-the-resurrection-meditations-on-jesus-appearances/> Alternatively, if you have Microsoft Powerpoint on your computer, there is a presentation available on the RC Diocese of Aberdeen website, here: <https://www.rcda.scot/via-lucis/#more-16036>

FREE Online Study Programme from Scott Hahn – The St. Paul Centre is offering, for a limited time, completely free access to its online study programme entitled 'The Eucharist in Scripture'. It is only one of a number of resources on 'The Quarantined Catholic Hub' (<https://stpaulcenter.com/hub/>).

90 Club: APRIL WINNERS! – First Prize: Don Williams; Second Prize: Friends of LSU; Third Prize: Anna Black. Congratulations to all our winners. Next Draw: 31 May. If you pay monthly, don't worry – your number will be in each draw, and we can catch up with payments when we meet again.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: + Anna Black + Angus Johnson + Michael Good + Laura Johnstone + Norman Wood + Katie Mary Fraser + Margaret and Stuart MacLennan + Jeanette Catto + John Macdonald + Evelyn MacGregor + Mary Ritchie + Denise Maclean + Rena Herbison + Louise Flett + Clive Dytor MC + Yvonne Muir + Alistair Macleod +

Recently Departed: + David Kirk + Janice Hardacre + Canon Benedict Seed + Fr. Michael Clarke +

Anniversaries: + John Prendergast + Craig Reid + Charles Connachie +