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27 MARCH 2022:
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
(Year C (II); Psalter: Week 4)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Joshua 5: 9-12
 Resp. Psalm: 33: 2-7
 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21
 Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 27 March	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (<i>LAETARE</i> SUNDAY) (p. 221 – Year C)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 28 March	Monday of Week 4 in Lent	NO LITURGIES	---
Tuesday 29 March	Tuesday of Week 4 in Lent Mass Intention: George Alexander MacLennan, RIP (50 th Anniversary Today)	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 30 March	Wednesday of Week 4 in Lent Mass Intention: Sam Reilly, RIP (1 st Anniversary Today)	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Thursday 31 March	Thursday of Week 4 in Lent	Stations of the Cross Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 1 April	Friday of Week 4 in Lent	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
	Station Mass at St. Vincent's, Tain	Station Mass	7.00 pm
Saturday 2 April	Saturday of Week 4 in Lent	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 3 April	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (p. 226 – Year C)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am

Fourth Sunday of Lent: Found Alive Again

In today's First Reading, God forgives "the reproach" of the generations who grumbled against Him after the Exodus. On the threshold of the promised land, Israel can with a clean heart celebrate the Passover, the feast of God's firstborn son (see Joshua 5:6-7; Exodus 4:22; 12:12-13).

Reconciliation is also at the heart of the story Jesus tells in today's Gospel. The story of the Prodigal Son is the story of Israel and of the human race. But it is also the story of every believer.

In Baptism, we're given a divine birth-right, made "a new creation," as Paul puts it in today's Second Reading. But when we sin, we're like the Prodigal Son, quitting our Father's house, squandering our inheritance in trying to live without Him.

Lost in sin, we cut ourselves off from the grace of sonship lavished upon us in Baptism. It is still possible for us to come to our senses, make our way back to the Father, as the prodigal does.

But only He can remove the reproach and restore the divine sonship we have spurned. Only He can free us from the slavery to sin that causes us—like the Prodigal Son—to see God not as our Father but as our master, One we serve as slaves.

God wants not slaves but children. Like the father in today's Gospel, He longs to call each of us "My son," to share His life with us, to tell us: "Everything I have is yours."

The Father's words of longing and compassion still come to His prodigal children in the Sacrament of Penance. This is part of what Paul today calls "the ministry of reconciliation" entrusted by Jesus to the Apostles and the Church.

Reconciled like Israel, we take our place at the table of the Eucharist, the homecoming banquet the Father calls for His lost sons, the new Passover we celebrate this side of heaven. We taste the goodness of the Lord, as we sing in today's Psalm, rejoicing that we who were dead are found alive again. (Scott Hahn)

NEWS

TODAY'S LITURGY (CTS New Sunday Missal): Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year C (p. 221)

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 221: Readings & Proper Prayers

p. 541: The Creed

p. 557: Preface II of Lent

p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II

p. 631: Communion Rite

TODAY – MOTHER'S DAY! – Congratulations and prayers to all our Mothers, for their daily commitment, sacrifices, and love. We have a great selection of gifts at our Piety Stall to celebrate Mother's Day. Why not have a look at our selection, and purchase a gift for the wonderful Mother in your life?!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION): available after every weekday Mass, and by appointment.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: each Thursday evening from 6.45pm during Lent.

SCIAF WEE BOX APPEAL – Every Lent, thousands of Catholics in Scotland save money in their SCIAF WEE BOX to help give a hand up to people living in poverty overseas. By collecting your loose change, you can make a lasting difference to families in some of the world's poorest countries. **WEE BOX PACKS are available in the entrance foyer – please take one home.**

WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES: Our **numbered** pink weekly offering envelopes are available on the table in the entrance foyer. If anyone needs their envelopes to be delivered or posted to them, could you let Fr. Domenico know asap? Thank you.

ST. JOSEPH ICON – BACK IN STOCK!! Our popular replica icons are back, and available in the Sacristy. First come first served! Our 'original' icon, in the Sanctuary, is being given a final coat of varnish to seal in its gold leaf and vivid colours. St. Joseph will return to us as soon as possible!

'LENT WITH LUKE' STUDY COURSE – this is a Scripture-based course, delivered in St. Columba's, organised over four evenings during the Lenten season. We will then examine the Gospel readings from St. Luke that feature throughout Lent and into Holy Week. The talks will take place on the following Wednesdays at 7.00pm. For the Zoom link, contact Fr. Domenico

30 March 'Profligates and Adulteresses' (4th and 5th Sundays in Lent)

6 April 'Donkeys, Lambs, and Empty Tombs' (Holy Week)

STATION MASSES: the dates and locations of the remaining Station Masses are listed below. Masses are on **Fridays at 7.00pm:**

01 April – St. Vincent's, Tain;

08 April – St. Lawrence's, Dingwall

90 CLUB: DRAW TODAY! If you would like to take part in this parish fundraiser, please speak to Fr. Domenico. It only costs £2 a month. You too could be a winner!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Ian Macdonald, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Anne Hamill, Winnie Ferrari, Colin MacMillan, Angus Cumming

Anniversaries: George Alexander MacLennan, Sam Reilly, Anacleto Pagliari, Edward Lafferty, Derek Reid