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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**28 FEBRUARY 2021:**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**(Year B (I); Psalter: Week 2)**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18  
 Resp. Psalm: Ps 115 (116):10, 15-19  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8:31-34  
 Gospel: Mk 9:2-10

Date	Details	Live-Streamed Liturgies	Time
<b>Sunday 28 February</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b> (p. 186 – Year B)	<b>Morning Prayer &amp; Adoration</b> <b>Holy Mass</b> <b>Angelus, Evening Prayer, &amp; Rosary</b>	<b>8.45 am</b> <b>9.30 am</b> <b>6.00 pm</b>
Monday 1 March	Monday of Week 2 in Lent Mass Intention: Eva Zanrè, RIP (Birthday)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Tuesday 2 March	Tuesday of Week 2 in Lent Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Wednesday 3 March	Wednesday of Week 2 in Lent Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Thursday 4 March	Thursday of Week 2 in Lent Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Friday 5 March	Friday of Week 2 in Lent Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Saturday 6 March	Saturday of Week 2 in Lent Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
<b>Sunday 7 March</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b> (p. 191 – Year B)	<b>Morning Prayer &amp; Adoration</b> <b>Holy Mass</b> <b>Angelus, Evening Prayer, &amp; Rosary</b>	<b>8.45 am</b> <b>9.30 am</b> <b>6.00 pm</b>

## Second Sunday of Lent: Bonds Loosed

The Lenten season continues with another story of testing. Last Sunday, we heard the trial of Jesus in the desert. In this week's First Reading, we hear of how Abraham was put to the test.

The Church has always read this story as a sign of God's love for the world in giving His only-begotten son.

In today's Second Reading, Paul uses exact words drawn from this story to describe how God, like Abraham, did not withhold His only Son, but handed Him over for us on the Cross (see Romans 8:32; Genesis 22:12,16).

In the Gospel today, too, we hear another echo. Jesus is called God's "beloved Son"—as Isaac is described as Abraham's beloved son.

These readings are given to us in Lent to reveal Christ's identity and to strengthen us in the face of our afflictions.

Jesus is shown to be the true son that Abraham rejoiced to see (see Matthew 1:1; John 8:56). In His transfiguration, He is revealed to be the "prophet like Moses" foretold by God—

raised from among their own kinsmen, speaking with God's own authority (see Deuteronomy 18:15, 19).

Like Moses, He climbs the mountain with three named friends and beholds God's glory in a cloud (see Exodus 24:1, 9, 15). He is the one prophesied to come after Elijah's return (see Sirach 48:9-10; Malachi 3:1, 23-24).

And, as He discloses to the Apostles, He is the Son of Man sent to suffer and die for our sins (see Isaiah 53:3).

As we sing in today's Psalm, Jesus believed in the face of His afflictions, and God loosed Him from the bonds of death (see Psalm 116:3).

His rising should give us the courage to face our trials, to offer ourselves totally to the Father—as He did, as Abraham and Isaac did.

Freed from death by His death, we come to this Mass to offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and to renew our vows—as His servants and faithful ones. (Scott Hahn).

## PARISH NEWS

### Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Second Sunday of Lent (p. 186)

- p. 521: Introductory Rites
- p. 186: Readings & Proper Prayers
- p. 541: The Creed
- p. 555: Preface I of Lent
- p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II
- p. 631: Communion Rite

**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 Building Fund Account. All benefactors are remembered at our Masses.

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

**Schedule of Online Daily Devotions** – Our new daily schedule of parish devotions are as follows. Please feel free to join us, and please do spread the word!

- 8.45 am: Morning Prayer
- 9.00 am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 9.30 am: Holy Mass
- 6.00 pm: Angelus, & Evening Prayer
- 6.15pm: Holy Rosary

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):** the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available every day for those who wish to avail themselves. Confessions are heard in the Parish Meeting Room. Entrance is by the back patio door – opposite the entrance to the House. There is a comfy chair for the penitent, near the door, and

Fr. Domenico is seated in the other corner of the room, observing social distancing. If you would like to avail yourself of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, simply contact Fr. Domenico to make an appointment.

**This year's Lenten Course at St. Columba's – 'Voices of the Passion':** a series of reflections delivered online via Zoom, on **Wednesdays at 7.00pm** throughout the Lenten season, focusing on the major characters of the Passion of Christ. Please contact Fr. Domenico for further information. The programme is as follows:

**3 March: Jesus & Barabbas**

**10 March: Simon of Cyrene and Veronica**

**17 March: Women of Jerusalem & Mary Magdalen**

**24 March: John and Mary**

### **Stations of the Cross from around the world!**

Each Thursday evening at 7.00pm during Lent, we will pray the Stations of the Cross via Zoom. We will travel around the Catholic world, visiting different locations such as Jerusalem, Częstochowa, Lourdes, as we reflect on various visual images portraying the Passion of Jesus. For the Zoom link, please contact Fr. Domenico.

**Friday Station Masses:** for obvious reasons, there are no Station Masses in our Highland Deanery this year; however, we have organised 'virtual' online Masses from around the Diocese instead. Each Mass begins at 7.00pm; the remaining Masses are as follows:

05 March – St Margaret's Huntly

12 March – St Mary's Beaulieu

19 March – St Joseph's, Aberdeen

26 March – St. Peter's, Aberdeen

To access the Masses online, go to the RCDA website:

<https://www.rcda.scot/station-masses/>

**90 Club: DRAW TODAY!!** Good luck to all with a number. Spare numbers are available; speak to Father Domenico for details.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Michael Good, Laura Johnstone, Katie Mary Fraser, Norman Wood, Stuart MacLennan, John Macdonald, Evelyn MacGregor, Rena Herbison, Alex Fruters, Patrick Macpherson, Kathleen Macpherson, Ricci Hudson-Storey, June Lee, Marian Ellis, Morag Lloyd, Angela Rogers, Angela Broad, Maree MacGillivray, Baby Hope

**RIP:** + Iain Campbell + Boniface Nwosu + Donnie Mackintosh +

**Anniversaries:** + Jean Bewley +