



# St. Columba's, Culloden

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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**28 JULY 2019:**  
**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,**  
**YEAR C**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 18: 20-32  
 Psalm: Ps 137 (138): 1-3, 6-8  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 2: 12-14  
 Gospel: Luke 11: 1-13

Date	Details	Service	Time
<b>Sunday 28 July</b>	<b>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>Second Collection: Building Fund</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>9.30 am</b>
Tuesday 30 July	St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor Mass Intention: Donor's Intentions	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	6.30 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 31 July	St. Ignatius Loyola, Priest Mass Intention: Charmian Horne (Health)	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am
Thursday 1 August	St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor Mass Intention: Donor's Intentions	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 2 August	Friday of Week 17 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intentions	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am 12 noon
Saturday 3 August	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: Donor's Intentions	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	10.30 am 11.00 am
<b>Sunday 4 August</b>	<b>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>Second Collection: Building Fund</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>9.30 am</b>

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Asked and Answered

Though we be “but dust and ashes,” we can presume to draw near and speak boldly to our Lord, as Abraham dares in this week’s First Reading.

But even Abraham—the friend of God (see Isaiah 41:8), our father in the faith (see Romans 4:12)—did not know the intimacy that we know as children of Abraham, heirs of the blessings promised to his descendants (see Galatians 3:7, 29).

The mystery of prayer, as Jesus reveals to His disciples in this week’s Gospel, is the living relationship of beloved sons and daughters with their heavenly Father. Our prayer is pure gift, made possible by the “good gift” of the Father—the Holy Spirit of His Son. It is the fruit of the New Covenant by which we are made children of God in Christ Jesus (see Galatians 4:6–7; Romans 8:15–16).

Through the Spirit given to us in Baptism, we can cry to Him as our Father—knowing that when we call He will answer.

Jesus teaches His disciples to persist in their prayer, as Abraham persisted in begging God’s mercy for the innocent of Sodom and Gomorrah.

For the sake of the one just Man, Jesus, God spared the city of man from destruction (see Jeremiah 5:1; Isaiah 53), “obliterating the bond against us,” as Paul says in this week’s Epistle.

On the Cross, Jesus bore the guilt of us all, cancelled the debt we owed to God, the death we deserved to die for our transgressions. We pray as ones who have been spared, visited in our affliction, saved from our enemies.

We pray always a prayer of thanksgiving, which is the literal meaning of Eucharist. We have realized the promise of this week’s Psalm: We worship in His holy temple, in the presence of angels, hallowing His name.

In confidence we ask, knowing that we will receive, that He will bring to completion what He has done for us—raising us from the dead, bringing us to everlasting life along with Him. (Scott Hahn)

## GENERAL NEWS

**2-5 August: Monastic Experience Weekend at Pluscarden Abbey** – The monks of Pluscarden Abbey are offering a special opportunity to experience at first hand what monastic life is about, during the weekend of Friday 2 August to Monday 5 August 2019. There will be no charge for the weekend. The invitation is extended to single young men, Catholics who practise their faith, aged 18 to 35. Anyone who is interested in participating in this weekend should get in touch with Fr. Benedict at: [novicemaster@pluscardenabbey.org](mailto:novicemaster@pluscardenabbey.org)

**Saturday 17 August: Day of Recollection and Healing at Stratherrick, for the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady** – A series of reflections and music on the theme of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The programme is as follows:

10:00a.m. Register.

10:30a.m.–4:30 p.m. Marian Hymns, Reflections, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Angelus, Confessions, Mass, Rosary Walk, Exposition, Litany & Benediction. All welcome!

**The Relics of St. Thérèse: coming to our Diocese!**

– In an extraordinary spiritual gift to all of us, the relics of the Little Flower, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, will be coming to our Diocese, 9-11 September 2019.

The dates are as follows:

- Monday 9th September at 7.00pm:  
Arrival at St. Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen.
- Tuesday 10th September:  
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- Wednesday 11th September at 11.00am:  
Arrival at Pluscarden Abbey.
- **Wednesday 11th September**
- **5.00pm: Arrival at St. Mary's, Inverness**
- **7.00pm: Mass with the Relics**
- **Overnight Vigil with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, and other devotions.**
- **Thursday 12th September: 10.00am**  
**Mass with the school children**
- **12 noon: Angelus and departure of the relics**

**18-25 September: Pilgrimage to Medugorje with Fr. Andrew Niski.** A place of prayer, reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration, inspired by the profound experience of the presence of our Heavenly Mother, the Queen of Peace. **Flying out of Inverness with BA, cost £600 – B&B, flight and transfers included.** First-time pilgrims warmly welcomed – please contact Fr. Andrew for more details and to book a place: [niski.a@gmail.com](mailto:niski.a@gmail.com); 07749732781.

## PARISH NEWS

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2020!** – See the Gospel come to life by following the footsteps of

Jesus in the Holy Land. From Galilee to Jerusalem, you will find yourself immersed in spirituality and culture. The full itinerary promises to bring the faithful pilgrim an unforgettable experience, including a non-stop return flight from London Luton to Tel Aviv airport (there is also a departure option from Manchester), a touring coach and professional local guide throughout, as well as en-suite accommodation at the 4\* Rimoni Hotel in Nazareth and 3\* Star Hotel in Bethlehem. **Dates: 23rd – 30th April 2020 (8 Days / 7 nights).** Depart: London Luton (there is also an option to depart from Manchester). **Cost: from £1,094** per person, *Half Board*. To book your place, please phone 01793 608844. **To secure your place at this special price of £1,094, book by 31st July 2019. Speak to Fr. Domenico for further details.**

**Confirmations 2020** – preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin in the Autumn. **If you are starting S1 this year, or if you are already in Secondary School**, please register initial interest with Fr. Domenico. A meeting will be held in early October.

**Highland Foodbank – June and July:** Your donations help to provide emergency food and support to local people in crisis. During these months, we would be grateful for the following items: \* **Tins of Potatoes** \* **Tins of Tomatoes** \* **Tins of Fruit** \* **Tins of Ham**. Please leave these items in the plastic box at the front door of the church. Thank you!

**BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP:** the group is on holiday just now, and will return after the Summer break.

**CLEANING TEAM – Monday 29th July at 12 noon: Ester, Eilidh, and Don.** If anyone would like to join in and help on any of the days, please speak to Don. It's only once a month, and it helps to keep our church fresh and clean!

**"90 Club"** – DRAW TODAY, after Mass! Good luck to all of you who have a number. Would you like to join in? Ask Don for details.

**PARISH BINGO** – Our fabulous monthly Fundraiser Bingo will return in the Autumn. Non-perishable items can still be handed in for storing. Your continuing support is greatly appreciated!

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** + Anna Black + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Vinnie Walton + Michael Good + Fr. George Hutcheon + Norman Wood + Helen Macdonald + John Macdonald +

**R.I.P:** + Thomas MacDonald +

**Anniversaries:** + Edwin Wales + Howard Nicolls + Charlie Keeler + Canon Charles Stanley +