



# St. Columba's, Culloden

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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**28 JUNE 2020:**  
**SOLEMNITY OF STS. PETER AND PAUL**  
**(Year A (II); Psalter: Week 1)**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 12: 1-11  
Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 33 (34): 2-9  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18  
Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-19

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 28 June	SOLEMNITY OF STS. PETER AND PAUL (p. 1159 – Year A)	LIVE-STREAMED MASS ON FACEBOOK	9.30 am
Monday 29 June	Monday of Week 13 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Bunny Mitchell, RIP (20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Yesterday)	LIVE-STREAMED MASS ON FACEBOOK	9.30 am
Tuesday 30 June	Tuesday of Week 13 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Margaret MacLennan, RIP (Recently Departed)	LIVE-STREAMED MASS ON FACEBOOK	9.30 am
Wednesday 1 July	Wednesday of Week 13 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	LIVE-STREAMED MASS ON FACEBOOK	9.30 am
Thursday 2 July	Thursday of Week 13 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Susannah Townsley, RIP (Anniversary Today)	LIVE-STREAMED MASS ON FACEBOOK	9.30 am
Friday 3 July	FEAST OF ST. THOMAS Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	LIVE-STREAMED MASS ON FACEBOOK	9.30 am
Saturday 4 July	Saturday of Week 13 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	LIVE-STREAMED MASS ON FACEBOOK	9.30 am
Sunday 5 July	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (p. 736 – Year A)	LIVE-STREAMED MASS ON FACEBOOK	9.30 am

## Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul: The Indispensable Men of the Church

Today, 29 June, is the Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul, and more especially the Feast of the Church of Rome, founded on the martyrdom of these two Apostles. However, it is also an important feast for the universal Church because the entire People of God is indebted to them for the gift of the faith. Peter was the first to profess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Paul spread this proclamation throughout the Greek and Roman world. And Providence ordained that they should both come to Rome and pour out their blood for the faith here. For this reason the Church of Rome immediately, spontaneously, became the reference point for all the Churches scattered across the world. It was not because of the power of the Empire but rather through the mightiness of martyrdom, of the witness borne to Christ! At the core it is always and only the love of Christ that generates faith and carries the Church ahead.

Let us think of Peter. When he professed his faith in Jesus, he did not do so because of his human abilities but rather because he had been won over by the grace that Jesus emanated, by

the love he sensed in Jesus' words and saw in his actions: Jesus was God's love personified!

And the same thing happened to Paul, but in a different way. As a young man Paul had been hostile to Christians, and when, on the road to Damascus, the Risen Christ called him, his life was transformed. He understood that Jesus was not dead but living, and even loved him, his former enemy! This is the experience of mercy, of God's forgiveness in Jesus: this is the Good News, the Gospel that Peter and Paul experienced first hand and for which they laid down their lives. Mercy! Forgiveness! The Lord always forgives us, the Lord has mercy, he is merciful, he has a merciful heart and always waits for us.

Dear brothers and sisters, what a joy to believe in a God who is all love, all grace! This is the faith that Peter and Paul received from Christ and passed on to the Church. Let us praise the Lord for these two glorious witnesses, and like them let us allow ourselves to be won over by Christ, by the mercy of Christ. (Pope Francis, *Angelus*, 29 June 2013)

## PARISH NEWS

### **Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul (p. 1159) –**

- p. 521: Introductory Rites
- p. 1159: Readings & Proper Prayers
- p. 541: Creed
- pp. 1162-3: Preface: The Twofold Mission
- p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer III
- 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.

**ST. COLUMBA'S DAILY LIVE-STREAMED MASSES!** Have you experienced our Live-Streamed Masses yet? You can find a LIVE Mass, every day at 9.30am, here: [www.facebook.com/stcolumbasculloden/live](https://www.facebook.com/stcolumbasculloden/live), or go to our parish website, and click the 'Facebook' icon at the top of the page.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):** after recent discussion with the Bishop, the

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available for those who wish to avail themselves. Confessions will be heard in the Parish Meeting Room. Entrance is by the back patio door – opposite the entrance to the House. There will be a comfy chair for the penitent, near the door, and Fr. Domenico will be seated in the other corner of the room, observing social distancing. If you would like to avail yourself of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, simply e-mail Fr. Domenico, or phone the Parish House (794993), to make an appointment.

**'King David: Lessons in Leadership. A Reading of Samuel 1 and 2' – Wednesday 1 July at 7.00pm.** Thank you to all those who attended our second Zoom study evening. In the coming week, we'll look at Samuel's anointing of David (1 Sam 16), and David's subsequent victory against Goliath (1 Sam 17). If you would like to take part, it's not too late! Simply e-mail Fr. Domenico at the parish e-mail address overleaf, and he will send you the Zoom invitation to participate in this study course. See you on Wednesday!

**90 Club: TODAY!** Good luck to all who have a number. We will soon catch up with payments when are back together again.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Michael Good, Laura Johnstone, Katie Mary Fraser, Norman Wood, Stuart MacLennan, Jeanette Catto, John Macdonald, Evelyn MacGregor, Denise Maclean, Rena Herbison, Louise Flett, Alistair Macleod, Alex Fruters, Pat McDaid, Morag Lloyd, Don Williams, Amy Morrison, Steve Knight.

**RIP:** + Charles Lucas + Angus MacMillan +

**Anniversaries:** + Bunny Mitchell + Susannah Townsley + Angela Prendergast + Julie Anne Edwards +