



# St. Columba's, Culloden

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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**28 MARCH 2021:**  
**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION**  
**(Year B (I); Psalter: Week 2)**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7  
 Resp. Psalm: Ps. 21 (22): 8-9, 17-20, 23-24  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11  
 Gospel: Mark 14:1 – 15:47

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
<b>Sunday 28 March</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION</b> (p. 232 – Year B) <b>Retiring Collection: SCIAF</b>	<b>Live-Streamed Public Holy Mass</b> <b>Public Holy Mass</b> <b>Angelus, Evening Prayer, &amp; Rosary</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>11.00 am</b> <b>6.00 pm</b>
Monday 29 March	Monday of Holy Week Mass Intention: Karl Storey, RIP (Passed away recently)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Public Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Tuesday 30 March	Tuesday of Holy Week Mass Intention: George Alexander MacLennan (Anniversary yesterday)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Public Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Wednesday 31 March	Wednesday of Holy Week Mass Intention: Mr. Wilson and Staff (In Thanksgiving)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Public Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
<b>Thursday 1 April</b>	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> <b>MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (p. 275)</b>	<b>Live-Streamed Public Mass</b> <b>(FULLY BOOKED)</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>
<b>Friday 2 April</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION (p. 286)</b>	<b>Live-Streamed Public Liturgy</b> <b>(FULLY BOOKED)</b>	<b>3.00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday 3 April</b>	<b>HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL</b> (p. 317)	<b>Live-Streamed Public Mass</b> <b>(LAST FEW SEATS AVAILABLE)</b>	<b>8.30 pm</b>
<b>Sunday 4 April</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION</b> (p. 362 – Year B)	<b>Live-Streamed Public Holy Mass</b> <b>Public Holy Mass</b> <b>(LAST FEW SEATS AVAILABLE)</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>11.00 am</b>

## Palm Sunday of the Passion: Darkness at Noon

Crowned with thorns, our Lord is lifted up on the Cross, where He dies as “King of the Jews.” Notice how many times He is called “king” in today’s Gospel—mostly in scorn and mockery. As we hear the long accounts of His Passion, at every turn we must remind ourselves—He suffered this cruel and unusual violence for us. He is the Suffering Servant foretold by Isaiah in today’s First Reading. He re-enacts the agony described in today’s Psalm, and even dies with the first words of that Psalm on His lips (see Psalm 22:1).

Listen carefully for the echoes of this Psalm throughout today’s Gospel—as Jesus is beaten, His hands and feet are pierced; as His enemies gamble for His clothes, wagging their heads, mocking His faith in God’s love, His faith that God will deliver Him. Are we that much different from our Lord’s tormentors? Often, don’t we deny that He is King, refusing to obey His only

commands that we love Him and one another? Don’t we render Him mock tribute, pay Him lip service with our half-hearted devotions? In the dark noon of Calvary, the veil in Jerusalem’s temple was torn. It was a sign that by His death Jesus destroyed forever the barrier separating us from the presence of God.

He was God and yet humbled Himself to come among us, we’re reminded in today’s Second Reading. And despite our repeated failures, our frailty, Jesus still humbles Himself to come to us, offering us His body and blood in the Eucharist. His enemies never understood: His kingship isn’t of this world (see John 18:36). He wants to write His law, His rule of life on our hearts and minds. As we enter Holy Week, let us once more resolve to give Him dominion in our lives. Let us take up the cross He gives to us—and confess with all our hearts, minds, and strength that truly this is the Son of God. (Scott Hahn)

## PARISH NEWS

### Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Palm Sunday of the Passion (p. 232)

- p. 521: Introductory Rites
- p. 232: Readings & Proper Prayers
- p. 541: The Creed
- p. 266: The Passion of the Lord
- 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 Fabric Account. All benefactors are remembered at our Masses.

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

**"I rejoiced when I heard them say: Let us go to God's House!" (Psalm 121/122) – AGAIN!** St. Columba's is reopening for public worship on Friday 26 March. The maximum seating capacity at Mass is FIFTY souls – which should not be a problem for midweek worship. Fr. Domenico will continue to offer two Masses each Sunday: at 9.30am (which will also be live-streamed) and at 11.00am. To book a seat(s) for **Mass on the Second Sunday of Easter**, here are the links:

**11 April: Second Sunday of Easter, at 9.30am**  
<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-11-04-2021-0930am.eventbrite.co.uk>

**11 April: Second Sunday of Easter, at 11.00am**  
<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-11-04-2021-1100am.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Please note that seats for both Masses will be available to book online from Easter Sunday, 4 April, at 12 noon.** If you have a problem or query, please contact Fr. Domenico.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):** the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is **available MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY this week** 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.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY RESOURCES:** Ewen has provided more wonderful resources for our children during Holy Week: there is a beautiful wheel for each day of the Triduum, to colour in, and to use. Many thanks, Ewen! Please feel free to take one of these packs for your children or grandchildren.

**TODAY'S RETIRING COLLECTION: SCIAF (Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund)** – Today's Retiring Collection will be taken up for the work of SCIAF. This year's Lent appeal focuses on South Sudan where a generation of children with disabilities are locked out of an education and trapped in a cycle of poverty. When a crisis comes, be it conflict, famine or even the coronavirus, it is vulnerable children who suffer most. They may not be able to go to school or, later on, to work and earn a living. They often face stigma and exclusion. Please give to SCIAF this Lent and help to change lives. You can either donate to SCIAF via your parish Special Collection, or by using the Wee Boxes provided in your churches. Please remember that if you are a UK taxpayer, you can gift aid your donation; simply fill out your details on the box. **The UK government will match all donations made, up until 11 May.** Baskets will be provided for a Retiring Collection to SCIAF. Thank you for your generosity.

**Weekly Offertory Envelopes** – our new envelopes for the financial year 2021-2022 are now available for collection, from **the table in the Entrance Foyer**. They will be on display over the next few weeks. If anyone would like their envelopes to be posted out to them, could they contact Ewen directly, at: [ewen1.macdonald@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ewen1.macdonald@hotmail.co.uk)

**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,, Laura Johnstone, Katie Mary Fraser, Norman Wood, Stuart MacLennan, John Macdonald, Patrick Macpherson, Kathleen Macpherson, Ricci Hudson-Storey, Marian Ellis, Angela Rogers, Angela Broad, Steven Shippen, Chris Hamilton, Ellen Williams

**RIP:** + Karl Storey + Canon Ray Coyle + James Mochan + Paul Lewis +

**Anniversaries:** + Ruby Bell + George Alexander MacLennan + Edward Lafferty + Anacleto Pagliari +