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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**29 NOVEMBER 2020:**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**(Year B (I); Psalter: Week 1)**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64: 1, 3-8  
Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 79 (80): 2-3,15-16,18-19  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9  
Gospel: Mark 13: 33-37

Date	Details	Service	Time
<b>Sunday 29 November</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> (p. 44 – Year B) <b>Retiring Collection: Building Fund</b>	<b>LIVE-STREAMED PUBLIC MASS</b> <b>PUBLIC MASS</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>11.00 am</b>
<b>Monday 30 November</b>	<b>Solemnity of St. Andrew, Apostle</b> <b>Mass Intention: Deacon John McEwan</b> <b>(In Thanksgiving – Birthday Today)</b>	<b>Live-Streamed Public Mass</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
Tuesday 1 December	Tuesday of Week 1 of Advent Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed Public Mass	9.30 am
Wednesday 2 December	Wednesday of Week 1 of Advent Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed Public Mass	9.30 am
Thursday 3 December	St. Francis Xavier, Priest Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed Public Mass	9.30 am
Friday 4 December	St. John Damascene, Priest, Doctor Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed Public Mass	9.30 am
Saturday 5 December	Saturday of Week 1 of Advent Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed Public Mass	9.30 am
<b>Sunday 6 December</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> (p. 48 – Year B) <b>Retiring Collection: Building Fund</b>	<b>LIVE-STREAMED PUBLIC MASS</b> <b>PUBLIC MASS</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>11.00 am</b>

## First Sunday of Advent: Watch For Him

The new Church year begins with a plea for God's visitation. "Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down," the prophet Isaiah cries in today's First Reading.

In today's Psalm, too, we hear the anguished voice of Israel, imploring God to look down from His heavenly throne — to save and shepherd His people.

Today's readings are relatively brief. Their language and "message" are deceptively simple. But we should take note of the serious mood and penitential aspect of the Liturgy today—as the people of Israel recognize their sinfulness, their failures to keep God's covenant, their inability to save themselves.

And in this Advent season, we should see our own lives in the experience of Israel. As we examine our consciences, can't we, too, find that we often harden our hearts, refuse His rule, wander from His ways, withhold our love from Him?

God is faithful, Paul reminds us in today's Second Reading. He is our Father. He has hearkened to the cry of His children,

coming down from heaven for Israel's sake and for ours to redeem us from our exile from God, to restore us to His love. In Jesus, we have seen the Father (see John 14: 8-9). The Father has let His face shine upon us. He is the good shepherd (see John 10: 11-15) come to guide us to the heavenly kingdom. No matter how far we have strayed, He will give us new life if we turn to Him, if we call upon His holy name, if we pledge anew never again to withdraw from Him.

As Paul says today, He has given us every spiritual gift — especially the Eucharist and penance — to strengthen us as we await Christ's final coming. He will keep us firm to the end — if we let Him.

So, in this season of repentance, we should heed the warning — repeated three times by our Lord in today's Gospel — to be watchful, for we know not the hour when the Lord of the house will return. (Scott Hahn)

## PARISH NEWS

### Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): First Sunday of Advent, Yr. A (p. 44)

p. 521: Introductory Rites  
p. 44: Readings & Proper Prayers  
p. 543: Apostles' Creed  
p. 549: Preface I of Advent  
p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II  
p. 631: Communion Rite

**"I rejoiced when I heard them say: Let us go to God's House!" (Psalm 121/122)** – St. Columba's is open every day for Mass at 9.30am. 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 next Sunday, here are the links:

#### **06 December 9.30am:**

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-06-12-2020-0930am.eventbrite.co.uk>

#### **06 December 11.00am:**

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-06-12-2020-1100am.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Please note that seats for both Masses will be available to book online from Sunday 29 November at 12 noon.** If you have a problem or query, please contact Fr. Domenico; he will happily book a seat for you!

### **CHRISTMAS MASSES 2020:**

VIGIL MASS: Thursday 24 December at 7.30pm:

\* THIS MASS IS NOW **FULLY BOOKED** \*

CHRISTMAS DAY Masses (Friday 25 December):

**10.30am and 12 noon: Some seats still available \*\***

You **MUST** book in advance.

Please e-mail or phone Fr. Domenico to reserve a seat.

**CONTACTLESS DONATIONS:** thanks to the kindness and generosity of parishioners, we now offer the possibility of contactless donations for the parish. We have a dedicated iPad and Card Reader in the Entrance Foyer each Sunday, allowing for quick and easy donations. Why not check it out?!

**A HUGE 'THANK YOU'** to Nigel, Amanda, and Ruairaidh, who recently handed over to Fr. Domenico a cheque for the sum of **£1,000**. This money is a bequest, given to St. Columba's, for our flower fund. It is donated according to the express wishes of **LINDA ROBSON**, may she rest in peace. Many of you will fondly remember the magnificent floral creations produced by Linda's talented hands for parish solemnities, such as Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost. You can see some of the fine examples of her artwork on our parish website. The bequest is a fitting and lasting memorial to the faith and generosity of Linda, and to her love for beautifying the church. Because this generous bequest was gift-aided, the parish is able to

claim back from HMRC an additional £250. What a wonderful gift to St. Columba's!

### **MARY'S MEALS: 'BIG FAMILY CHRISTMAS!'**

This year, the cost of a typical Christmas dinner could be up to £20 per person. But by setting a place at Mary's Meals virtual table, **for just £15.90 you can help feed a child** at a place of education in some of the world's poorest communities **for an entire school year**. And it gets even better! **Give until 31 January 2021 and your donation will be doubled by the UK government**, up to £2 million – meaning that Mary's Meals can reach even more hungry children in Liberia with life-changing school meals. Thanks to 'Double The Love', your donation will now feed two children for a whole school year with Mary's Meals for the sum of just £15.90! We will be organising a Christmas collection for Mary's Meals in due course.

### **VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT!**

Given the current restrictions and the need to ensure proper control of potential virus transmission, there will be no Christmas Carol Concert at St. Columba's.. **HOWEVER**, we will have a **VIRTUAL CONCERT**, via Zoom!! This will take place on **Monday 21 December at 7.00pm**. Everyone is invited to join us for a virtual concert of Christmas Scripture Readings, Carols, Guest Appearances (!), and more! Feel free to enjoy mince pies and mulled wine, from the comfort of your own homes! **For details of the Zoom link, please get in touch with Fr. Domenico.**

**Our *Fratelli Tutti* Reading Group** continues this week, focusing on chapters 5 & 6. If you would like to take part in this reading group, please contact Fr. Domenico, for the Zoom link details. The dates of our evenings are as follows:

**2 December: Chapters 5 & 6**

**9 December: Chapters 7 & 8**

**90 Club: DRAW TODAY!** Good luck to all who have a number. Anyone wishing to catch up with their payments can contact Don directly, at: [donalddora79@aol.com](mailto:donalddora79@aol.com), or telephone 01463 791332, to find out how much is owed.

## 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, Louise Flett, Alex Fruters, Morag Lloyd, Patrick Macpherson, Kathleen Macpherson, Ricci Hudson-Storey, Lily Finlay, Marian Ellis, James Mochan

**Anniversaries:** + Rita Harkins + Angela Deans + Alice Keeler + Lorna MacDonald + Cath MacLeod + Anna Kitty Mathew + Martin Regan +