



# St. Columba's, Culloden

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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**2 AUGUST 2020:**  
**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**  
**(Year A (II); Psalter: Week 2)**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3  
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 144 (145)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8: 35.37-39  
 Gospel: Matthew 14: 13-21

Date	Details	Service	Time
<b>Sunday 2 August</b>	<b>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> (p. 752 – Year A)	<b>LIVE-STREAMED PUBLIC MASS</b> <b>PUBLIC MASS</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>11.00 am</b>
Monday 3 August	Monday of Week 18 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Ronald MacCormick, RIP (Anniversary)	Live-Streamed Mass on Facebook	9.30 am
Tuesday 4 August	Memorial of St. John Vianney Mass Intention: Penny Morrison, RIP (Recently Departed)	Live-Streamed Mass on Facebook Private Reception of Linda Robson RIP	9.30 am 5.00 pm
Wednesday 5 August	Wednesday of Week 18 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Linda Robson, RIP (Funeral Today)  <b>Funeral Liturgy for Linda Robson RIP</b>	Live-Streamed Mass on Facebook  Service for Family and Invited Guests	9.30 am  10.45 am
Thursday 6 August	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord Mass Intention: Ann Lauderdale, RIP (Recently Departed)	Live-Streamed Mass on Facebook	9.30 am
Friday 7 August	Friday of Week 18 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed Mass on Facebook	9.30 am
Saturday 8 August	Memorial of St. Dominic Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed Mass on Facebook	9.30 am
<b>Sunday 9 August</b>	<b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> (p. 755 – Year A)	<b>LIVE-STREAMED PUBLIC MASS</b> <b>PUBLIC MASS</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>11.00 am</b>

## Eighteenth Sunday of the Year: Food in Due Season

In Jesus and the Church, Isaiah's promises in today's First Reading are fulfilled. All who are thirsty come to the living waters of Baptism (see John 4:14). The hungry delight in rich fare—given bread to eat and wine to drink at the Eucharistic table.

This is the point, too, of today's Gospel. The story of Jesus' feeding of the 5,000 brims with allusions to the Old Testament. Jesus is portrayed as a David-like shepherd who leads His flock to lie down on green grass as He spreads the table of the Messiah's banquet before them (see Psalm 23).

Jesus is shown as a new Moses, who likewise feeds vast crowds in a deserted place. Finally, Jesus is shown doing what the prophet Elisha did—satisfying the hunger of the crowd with a few loaves and having some left over (see 2 Kings 4:42–44).

Matthew also wants us to see the feeding of the 5,000 as a sign of the Eucharist. Notice that Jesus performs the same

actions in the same sequence as at the Last Supper—He takes bread, says a blessing, breaks it, and gives it (see Matthew 26:26).

Jesus instructed His Apostles to celebrate the Eucharist in memory of Him. And the ministry of the Twelve is subtly stressed in today's account. Before He performs the miracle, Jesus instructs the Twelve to give the crowd "some food yourselves." Indeed, the Apostles themselves distribute the bread blessed by Jesus (see Matthew 15:36).

And the leftovers are enough to fill precisely 12 baskets—corresponding to each of the Apostles, the pillars of the Church (see Galatians 2:9; Revelation 21:14).

In the Church, as we sing in today's Psalm, God gives us food in due season, opens His hands and satisfies the desires of every living thing. Now, as Paul reminds us in today's Second Reading, nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus (Scott Hahn)

## PARISH NEWS

### Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Eighteenth Sunday of the Year (p. 752) –

- p. 521: Introductory Rites
- p. 752: Readings & Proper Prayers
- p. 543: Apostles' Creed
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- 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.

**ST. COLUMBA'S REOPENS FOR SUNDAY MASS!** During this present stage of the easing of lockdown, Fr. Domenico will be offering 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:

#### 9 August 9.30am:

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-09-08-2020-0930am.eventbrite.co.uk>

#### 9 August 11.00am:

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-09-08-2020-1100am.eventbrite.co.uk>

Please note that seats for both Masses will be available to book online from **Sunday 2 August at 12 noon**. If you have a problem or query, please contact Fr. Domenico.

**Funeral of Linda Robson: 5 August 2020** – Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Linda Robson. Linda and her husband Nigel attended Mass here at St. Columba's Culloden, together with their daughter Amanda MacNeil and her husband Ruaraidh and the boys. Linda was known for her prodigious talents at flower arranging, and she produced many beautiful floral creations for our Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost liturgies. Linda will be received into the church on Tuesday 4 August; **this is a private liturgy, for family only**; her Funeral Service will take place on Wednesday 5 August at 10.45am, **for the family and invited guests**. Please keep the family in your prayers at this difficult time.

**Any unwanted old iPads at home?** If you have an old and unwanted iPad at home, ideally with a 10.2-inch screen, that is no longer of use to you, and would consider donating it to the parish, please speak to Fr. Domenico.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):** 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.

**90 Club: JULY DRAW RESULTS!** First Prize: Karen Boyd; Second Prize: Helen MacGilp; Third Prize: Heather Taylor. Our next draw will take place on 30th August. WELL DONE TO ALL OUR WINNERS.

## 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, Rena Herbison, Louise Flett, Alistair Macleod, Alex Fruters, Morag Lloyd, Patrick Macpherson, Kathleen Macpherson, Steve Knight, Ricci Hudson-Storey.

**RIP:** + Linda Robson + Denise Maclean + Ann Lauderdale + Penny Morrison +

**Anniversaries:** + Edwin Waters + Ronald MacCormick + Bill Esselmont + Virla MacLennan +