



# St. Columba's, Culloden

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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**2 MAY 2021:**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**(Year B (I); Psalter: Week 1)**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 9: 26-31  
 Resp. Psalm: Ps. 21 (22): 26-28, 30-32  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 3: 18-24  
 Gospel: John 15: 1-8

Date	Details	Live-Streamed Liturgies	Time
<b>Sunday 2 May</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> (p. 437 – Year 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 3 May	Sts. Philip and James, Apostles Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Tuesday 4 May	Tuesday of Week 5 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Wednesday 5 May	Wednesday of Week 5 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Thursday 6 May	Thursday of Week 5 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Rebecca O'Hara (Health and Intentions)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Friday 7 May	Friday of Week 5 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Saturday 8 May	Saturday of Week 5 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
<b>Sunday 9 May</b>	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> (p. 441 – Year 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>

## Fifth Sunday of Easter: On the Vine

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that He is the true vine that God intended Israel to be—the source of divine life and wisdom for the nations (see Sirach 24:17-24).

In Baptism, each of us was joined to Him by the Holy Spirit. As a branch grows from a tree, our souls are to draw life from Him, nourished by His word and the Eucharist.

Paul in today's First Reading seeks to be grafted onto the visible expression of Christ the true vine—His Church. Once the chief persecutor of the Church, Paul encounters initial resistance and suspicion. But he is known by his fruits, by his powerful witness to the Lord working in his life (see Matthew 7:16-20).

We too are commanded today to bear good fruits as His disciples so that our lives give glory to God. Like Paul's life, our lives must bear witness to His goodness.

Jesus cautions us, however, that if we're bearing fruit, we can expect that God will "prune" us—as a gardener

trims and cuts back a plant so that it will grow stronger and bear even more fruit. He is teaching us today how to look at our sufferings and trials with the eyes of faith. We need to see our struggles as pruning, by which we are being disciplined and trained so that we can grow in holiness and bear fruits of righteousness (see Hebrews 12:4-11).

We need to always remain rooted in Him, as today's Second Reading tells us. We remain in Him by keeping His commandment of love, by pondering His words, letting them dwell richly in us (see Colossians 3:16), and by always seeking to do what pleases Him. In everything we must be guided by humility, remembering that apart from Him we can do nothing. As we sing in today's Psalm, we must fulfil our vows, turning to the Lord in worship, proclaiming his praises, until all families come to know His justice in their lives (Scott Hahn)

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### Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Fifth Sunday of Easter (p. 437)

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 437: Readings & Proper Prayers

p. 541: The Creed

p. 563: Preface V of Easter: Christ, Priest and Victim

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)** – St. Columba's is now open for public worship. At present, 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, here are the links:

#### 9 May: Sixth Sunday of Easter, at 9.30am

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-09-05-2021-0930am.eventbrite.co.uk>

#### 9 May: Sixth Sunday of Easter, at 11.00am

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-09-05-2021-1100am.eventbrite.co.uk>

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

**25-27 May 2021: Annual Pluscarden Lectures** – the invited Speaker is Fr. Thomas White OP, of the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. Fr. Thomas is

the Director of the Thomistic Institute, and Professor of Systematic Theology. He will be speaking on the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus (see the attached documentation). It is likely that the talks will be live-streamed.

**May Rosary Mission 2021** – All of the dioceses throughout the UK are being invited to participate in praying the Rosary for the following special intentions:

1. Protecting our families and the family of nations, especially in this Year of St. Joseph;
2. A deepening of faith, hope and love and the protection of life;
3. Peace in the world;
4. Deliverance from Coronavirus; for those working for a cure; for those who have died; for those who are suffering and those who care for them.

During the Marian month of May, there will be three designated National Days of Prayer:

1. **Monday May 24th – Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church** – a Rosary Day of Prayer for our young people and for the Mission of our Schools, Youth Associations, our Young People and for Families.

2. **Sunday May 30th – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity** – a National Rosary Relay Rally throughout the UK Dioceses. **The designated Rosary Hour for the Diocese of Aberdeen is from 2pm to 3pm**

3. **Monday May 31st – Feast of the Visitation** – Bishop John Keenan, of the Diocese of Paisley, will host a Crowning Rosary online at 8.00pm, in thanksgiving for the graces received from the Lord Jesus through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary during the May 2021 Rosary Mission.

**Mary's Meals: Pray in May** – This May, the month traditionally dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in our prayer campaign for the work of Mary's Meals, which is reaching more than 1.8 million children with a nutritious meal in 19 countries every school day. We pray in thanksgiving for each little act of love that makes this work possible and we also pray for God's continued blessing on our beautiful mission, that through His providence it will always flourish enabling us to reach more hungry children. Prayer resources and further information can be found on the charity's website: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay>

**90 Club: APRIL WINNERS!** – First Prize: Ewen Macdonald; Second Prize: Donnie MacMillan; Third Prize: Anne & Theo Antoine. Next Draw: 30 May. You too could be a winner: spare numbers are available; only £2 monthly, with three prizes to be won! Speak to Father Domenico for details.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Katie Mary Fraser, Norman Wood, Stewart MacLennan, John Macdonald, Patrick Macpherson, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Angela Rogers, Angela Broad, Fr. Simon Lumbela, Ellen Williams, Chris Hamilton, David Munro, Catherine Hudson-Storey, Rebecca O'Hara, Agnes Murphy, Hattie Thynne, Shannon MacLeod, Mary MacLean

**Anniversaries:** Anne Lowe, Lillian Stewart, Chris Green