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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

30 AUGUST 2020:
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
~ *Laudato Si* Mass ~
(Year A (II); Psalter: Week 2)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20: 7-9
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 62 (63): 2-6, 8-9
 2nd Reading: Romans 12: 1-2
 Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 30 August	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ <i>Laudato Si</i> Mass ~ (p. 765 – Year A)	LIVE-STREAMED PUBLIC MASS PUBLIC MASS	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 31 August	Monday of Week 22 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Sandy Calder, RIP (Recently Departed)	Live-Streamed PUBLIC Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 1 September	Tuesday of Week 22 in Ordinary Time <i>World Day of Prayer for Creation</i> Mass Intention: Jeanette Macdougall (Recently Departed)	Live-Streamed PUBLIC Mass	9.30 am
Wednesday 2 September	Wednesday of Week 22 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed PUBLIC Mass	9.30 am
Thursday 3 September	Memorial of St. Gregory the Great Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed PUBLIC Mass	9.30 am
Friday 4 September	Friday of Week 22 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed PUBLIC Mass	9.30 am
Saturday 5 September	Saturday of Week 22 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed PUBLIC Mass	9.30 am
Sunday 6 September	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 769 – Year A)	LIVE-STREAMED PUBLIC MASS PUBLIC MASS	9.30 am 11.00 am

Five Years On, *Laudato Si*'s call is as urgent as ever (Brother Alois, Prior of the Taizé Community)

Five years ago, Pope Francis published his encyclical *Laudato Si*, in which he expressed “an urgent invitation to a new dialogue about how we build the future of the planet.” He added: “We need a conversion that unites all of us, because the environmental challenge we are experiencing, with its human roots, concerns and touches us all.” Today this call is more urgent than ever. And the crisis provoked by the Covid-19 pandemic has abruptly highlighted how vulnerable our common home is. At the same time, the sudden confinement of half of the human population and the drastic health decisions taken in many countries have also shown that a political, social and economic response really was possible in view of how serious the issues at stake were. Many voices are calling for the life of our societies not just to return to its usual course, but to take advantage of this moment to ask ourselves some in-depth questions.

All of us who have faith are turning to God in prayer and supplication. But I have the inner conviction that in this moment of trial God is also turning in supplication to us, saying: “Wake up!”..

– While the frantic pace of our societies has suddenly almost stopped, what threatens us now is the risk of social chaos. And it is first and foremost the poorest who will be affected – the poorest countries and the poorest people. Together with them, will we be able to build new solidarities by rediscovering the value of helping each other?

In the aftermath of the pandemic crisis, what we should be afraid of is that inequalities may increase further and that economic recovery may take place without taking sufficient account of the climate emergency. But we also have a huge opportunity to ask ourselves what kind of future we want. Will we be able to seize this moment? (Excerpts from *The Tablet*, 28 May 2020)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 765) –

- p. 521: Introductory Rites
- p. 765: Readings & Proper Prayers
- p. 543: Apostles' Creed
- p. 571: Preface V: Creation
- 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 IS REOPENING FOR DAILY MASS! From Tuesday 1 September, St. Columba's will be open **EVERY DAY for Mass at 9.30am!** In the meantime, 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:

6 September 9.30am:

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-06-09-2020-0930am.eventbrite.co.uk>

6 September 11.00am:

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-06-09-2020-1100am.eventbrite.co.uk>

Please note that seats for both Masses will be available to book online from Sunday 30 August at 12 noon. If you have a problem or query, please contact Fr. Domenico.

SEASON OF CREATION: 1 September-4 October: to mark five years since the publication of Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'*, on the care of our common home, a 'Season of Creation' has been organised, to run from 1 September (World Day of Prayer for Creation) to

4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi). Today's Mass in this Season of Creation focuses in a particular way on the themes of *Laudato Si'*, and on our role and responsibility as Catholics in caring for our 'common home'.

THE HIGHLAND GATHERING: MEN'S VIRTUAL CONFERENCE: Saturday 19 September – What does a Catholic man in Scotland in 2020 look like? How does or should our faith effect our lives? Does it look different to what the world tells us it is? If you are looking for help to find these answers, then this virtual conference is for you. The conference is FREE, and available here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrnp0AkM97GesZiQNKEhD3g/>

Conference speakers include: Bishop Hugh Gilbert; Bishop John Keenan; Fr. Domenico Zanrè; Fr. Damien Martell; Fr. Max Nwosu; Fr. Balaraj Chencetty; Fr. Neil Ritchie (Chaplain to Liverpool Universities); Fr. Nicholas Blackwell (aka 'The Frank Friar'); Sam Baker (Catholic Man UK); David Edwards (Highland Catholic Men); Ged Farrell; Maciej Kaminski; Klaudiusz Mozolewsky; Leves Pereria; Rory Mackinnon (Craig Lodge). Go to the Conference YouTube page for all of the talks. See you there!

'LIGHT OF THE NORTH': available online! – There's lots for everyone in this issue, not least Bishop Hugh Gilbert's letter in which he considers how, as humans, we are so adaptable to changed circumstances and how versatile a faith we have. Then there's Deacon John Wire's Lockdown Diary and, for our Polish readers, Lidia Konar marks the 15th anniversary this year of the death of St John Paul II. We also have plenty of pictures from the ordination to the diaconate of Malachy Eze and Christopher Doig and, in our series about the churches of the Diocese, we look at the Church of Saint Margaret, Huntly. To access the LOTN online, click on the following link: <https://bit.ly/-LOTN-Summer2020-Issue44>

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Confessions will be heard in the Parish Meeting Room. 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: DRAW TODAY!! – Good luck to all who have a number. If you would like to take part in this parish fundraiser, it's only £2 monthly, with three prizes to be won. please see Fr. Domenico.

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, Steve Knight, Ricci Hudson-Storey

RIP: + Sandy Calder + Jeanette Macdougall +

Anniversaries: + Hector MacLean + Walter Grant + Mary Cassey +