



# St. Columba's, Culloden

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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**30 JUNE 2019:**

### SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 12: 1-11

Psalm: Ps 33 (34): 2-9

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18

Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-19

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 30 June	<b>SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL</b> Second Collection: Peter's Pence	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>9.30 am</b>
Tuesday 2 July	Tuesday of Week 13 in Ordinary Time	<b>NO MASS</b>	---
Wednesday 3 July	<b>Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	---
Thursday 4 July	Thursday of Week 13 in Ordinary Time	<b>NO MASS</b>	---
Friday 5 July	Friday of Week 13 in Ordinary Time	<b>NO MASS</b>	---
Saturday 6 July	Saturday of Week 13 in Ordinary Time	<b>NO MASS</b>	---
Sunday 7 July	<b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> Second Collection: Building Fund	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>9.30 am</b>

### Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul: "The New Brotherliness"

The figures of the two Apostles Peter and Paul stand at the approach to Saint Peter's Basilica. The two are also associated with each other on the main portal of Saint Paul Outside the Walls, where scenes of their lives and sufferings are depicted. From the beginning on, the Christian tradition has considered Peter and Paul inseparable from one another. Together they represent the whole gospel. In Rome, the association of the two brothers in the faith has acquired another quite specific meaning. Christians of Rome saw them as alternatives to the mythical pair of brothers who, according to legend, founded the city of Rome: Romulus and Remus. These two men stand in remarkable correspondence to the first pair of brothers of the biblical narrative, Cain and Abel. One becomes the murderer of the other.

Humanly speaking, the word brotherliness leaves a bitter taste. How it can be seen among men is depicted across all religions in such pairs of brothers. Peter and Paul, who were in human terms so different from one other and, truthfully, not without conflicts, appear as the founders of a new city, as the embodiment of the new and true way of brotherliness that has become possible through the gospel of Jesus Christ. The world is saved, not by the sword of the conquerors, but by the sword of those who suffer. Only following Christ leads to the new brotherliness, to the new city. This is what the pair of brothers says to us through the two great basilicas of Rome.

(Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, *Images of Hope*)

## GENERAL NEWS

**TODAY – Sunday 30 June: Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Pluscarden Abbey – Mass at 3.00pm (be seated by 2.30pm).** This year, the Mass celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, the first proclaimers of our faith. We hope that St. Columba's will be well represented at this event, and we especially ask that all families and communities should make an effort to attend this special Mass.

At this Mass the importance of Catechists will be recognised, and it would be good to have some of our own Parish groups in attendance, who are indebted to the work of our Catechists, such as those who have recently made their First Holy Communion, Confirmation and our Children's Liturgy Group.

The programme for the day is as follows:

**1.00pm-2.30pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

(Lady Chapel), and **Sacrament of Confessions**

(St. Benedict's Retreat)

**3.00pm: Pilgrimage Mass and Procession**

(Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul).

There will be testimonies from catechists and pupils before the Mass, and the Diocesan children's schola will be singing, under the direction of John Horton.

**Monday 1 July: Mass of Thanksgiving for Joyce Webster** – Joyce has worked for the Diocese of Aberdeen for over twenty years, under three different bishops. To mark her retirement, at the beginning of July, and to thank her for her many years of faithful service, we are organising a Mass and buffet reception for her, with a number of special guests in attendance. **The Mass will take place in St. Mary's Cathedral, in Huntly Street, Aberdeen, on Monday 1 July at 6.00pm.** All welcome.

**Saturday 6 July: Men's Breakfast Club** – the next meeting of the Men's Breakfast Club is on Saturday 6 July, from 10.00am in Dingwall. We have men from Inverness, Dingwall, and Drum attending. So far, there are 11 men who attend regularly, and we all keep in touch throughout the month via WhatsApp. The group is a mix of individuals, all hungry for God. We socialise, eat with one another, and share about ourselves as Catholic men, husbands, fathers, and we talk about God and His Church, and prayer. St Joseph is our Patron. Please encourage any men you know that might be interested. Thank you all for your support. If you would like further information, please contact Eric Hanna at: [erichanna@googlemail.com](mailto:erichanna@googlemail.com)

**2-5 August 2019: Monastic Experience Weekend at Pluscarden Abbey** – The monks of Pluscarden Abbey are offering a special opportunity to experience at first hand what monastic life is about, during the weekend of Friday 2 August to Monday 5 August 2019. There will be no charge for the weekend. The invitation is extended to single young men, Catholics who practise their faith, aged 18 to 35. Anyone who is interested in attending should get in

touch with Fr. Benedict Hardy OSB at: [novicemaster@pluscardenabbey.org](mailto:novicemaster@pluscardenabbey.org)

## PARISH NEWS

**Welcome, Fr. Bala!** – Today, we welcome Fr. Balaraj as our Celebrant at Mass. Fr. Bala, as he is known, is from the Diocese of Nellore, in Andhra Pradesh State, on the southeastern coast of India. He is an experienced Parish Priest, who has been involved in the fields of Catechetics and Catholic education, and he was latterly the Rector of the Maria Rani Shrine in Yerragunta. He is currently on the staff at St. Mary's in Huntly Street.

**Today's Second Collection: "Peter's Pence"** – In the first year of his Pontificate, Pope Benedict XVI stressed the proper meaning of this offering: "Peter's Pence is the most characteristic expression of the participation of all the faithful in the Bishop of Rome's charitable initiatives in favour of the universal Church. The gesture has not only a practical value, but also a strong symbolic one, as a sign of communion with the Pope and attention to the needs of one's brothers and sisters".

**Confirmations 2020** - preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin in the autumn. **If you are starting S1 this year, or if you are already in Secondary School**, please register initial interest with Fr. Domenico. A meeting will be advertised for early October.

**Highland Foodbank – June and July:** Your donations help to provide emergency food and support to local people in crisis. During these months, we would be grateful for the following items: **\* Tins of Potatoes \* Tins of Tomatoes \* Tins of Fruit \* Tins of Ham.** Please leave these items in the plastic box at the front door of the church. Thank you!

**BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP:** the group meets on Mondays, from 9.30am to 11.30am. Why not come along and join in the fun?!

**CLEANING TEAM** – Monday 1 July at 12 noon: Eilidh, Esther, and Don. If anyone would like to join in and help on any of the days, please speak to Don. It's only once a month, and it helps to keep our church fresh and clean!

**"90 Club" – DRAW TODAY!!!** Good luck to all who have a number. There is still time to join in! Please speak to Don.

**PARISH BINGO** – Our fabulous monthly Fundraiser Bingo will return in the Autumn. Your continuing support is greatly appreciated!

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** + Anna Black + Morag MacIntyre + Angus Johnson + Vinnie Walton + Michael Good + Laura Johnstone + Fr. George Hutcheon + Norman Wood +

**Anniversaries:** + Angela Prendergast + John Sloan + Julie Anne Edwards +