

# St. Columba's, Culloden

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### ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

## Mass Readings

31 JANUARY 2021: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B (I); Psalter: Week 4) 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20 Resp. Psalm: Ps 94 (95): 1-2, 6-9 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Cor 7: 32-35 Gospel: Mk 1: 21-28

Date	Details	Live-Streamed Liturgies	Time
Sunday 31 January	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Morning Prayer & Adoration	8.45 am
	(p. 841 – Year B)	Holy Mass	9.30 am
		Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	6.00 pm
Monday 1 February	Monday of Week 4 in Ordinary Time	Morning Prayer & Adoration	8.45 am
	Mass Intention: Maimie Morrison, RIP	Holy Mass	9.30 am
	(Funeral Today)	Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	6.00 pm
Tuesday 2 February	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord	Morning Prayer & Adoration	8.45 am
	Mass Intention: William Stuart and beneficiaries	Holy Mass	9.30 am
		Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	6.00 pm
Wednesday 3 February	St. Blaise, Bishop, Martyr	Morning Prayer & Adoration	8.45 am
	Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Holy Mass	9.30 am
		Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	6.00 pm
Thursday 4 February	Thursday of Week 4 in Ordinary Time	Morning Prayer & Adoration	8.45 am
	Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Holy Mass	9.30 am
		Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	6.00 pm
Friday 5 February	St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr	Morning Prayer & Adoration	8.45 am
	Mass Intention: John Leahy, RIP	Holy Mass	9.30 am
	(Funeral Today)	Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	6.00 pm
Saturday 6 February	St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs	Morning Prayer & Adoration	8.45 am
	Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Holy Mass	9.30 am
		Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	6.00 pm
Sunday 7 February	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Morning Prayer & Adoration	8.45 am
	(p. 845 – Year B)	Holy Mass	9.30 am
		Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	6.00 pm

#### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: The King's Authority

Last week, Jesus announced the kingdom of God is at hand. This week, in mighty words and deeds, He exercises His dominion—asserting royal authority over the ruler of this world, Satan (see John 12:31).

Notice that today's events take place on the sabbath. The sabbath was to be an everlasting sign—both of God's covenant love for His creation (see Exodus 20:8–11; 31:12–17), and His deliverance of His covenant people, Israel, from slavery (see Deuteronomy 6:12–15).

On this sabbath, Jesus signals a new creation—that the Holy One has come to purify His people and deliver the world from evil.

"With an unclean spirit" is biblical language for a man possessed by a demon, Satan being the prince of demons (see Mark 3:22).

The demons' question: "What have you to do with us?" is often used in Old Testament scenes of combat and judgment (see Judges 11:12; 1 Kings 17:18).

And as God by His Word "rebuked" the forces of chaos in creating the world (see Psalms 104:7; Job 26:10–12), and again rebuked the Red Sea so the Israelites could make their exodus (see Psalm 106:9), Mark uses the same word to describe Jesus rebuking the demons (see Mark 4:39; Zechariah 3:2).

Jesus is the prophet foretold by Moses in today's First Reading (see Acts 3:22). Though He has authority over heaven and earth (see Daniel 7:14, 27; Revelation 12:10), He becomes one of our own kinsmen.

He comes to rebuke the forces of evil and chaos—not only in the world, but in our lives. He wants to make us holy in body and spirit, as Paul says in today's Second Reading (see Exodus 31:12).

In this liturgy, we hear His voice and "see" His works, as we sing in today's Psalm. And as Moses tells us today, we should listen to Him.." (Scott Hahn).

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 841)

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**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.

**Schedule of Online Daily Devotions** – Our new daily schedule of parish devotions are as follows. Please feel free to join us, and do spread the word!

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8.45 am:	Morning Prayer

- 9.00 am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 9.30 am: Holy Mass
- 6.00 pm: Angelus, & Evening Prayer
- 6.15pm: Holy Rosary

This year's Lenten Course at St. Columba's – 'Voices of the Passion': a series of reflections delivered online via Zoom, on Wednesdays at 7.00pm throughout the Lenten season, focusing on the major characters of the Passion of Christ.

The draft programme is as follows:

17 February: Peter & Judas

24 February: 3 March: Pilate & Herod

- 3 March: Jesus & Barabbas
- 10 March: Simon of Cyrene and Veronica
- 17 March: Women of Jerusalem & Mary Magdalen

#### 24 March: John and Mary

#### (31 March: Screening of "Passionate Voices")

Everyone is welcome to join us online. Please contact Fr. Domenico to register your interest.

Sr. Barbara Campbell, and the Friends of LSU the Friends of LSU would like to say that the spirit of La Sainte Union (Holy Union) is still alive in the Highlands! We meet regularly - now via What'sApp and Zoom - for reflection, prayer and friendship. We offer an opportunity to both nurture and support one another in exploring and developing our understanding of our place in creation. 'The Gospel challenges us to be open to the needs of the Church and of our times.' (LSU Constitutions. Article 5). "Human life is grounded in three fundamental and closely inter-twined relationships: with God, with our neighbour and with the Earth itself." (Pope Francis, Laudato Sì 66). If you would like to know more about our group, or if you have a memory or a story about Sr Barbara or any of the other LSU sisters who have worked in the Highlands, then I'd love to hear from you! Please contact Janice Morton, the group facilitator, at the following e-mail address: janice.lsufriendscot@gmail.com

**Syrian Refugee Resettlement Project** – In his latest encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis encourages us to show compassion to our brothers and sisters. Specifically, he asks us to welcome, protect, promote and integrate refugees fleeing tragic situations (#129). In response, a group of parishioners from the Highlands are planning to take advantage of the Home Office's Community Resettlement Programme to sponsor one Syrian family to come to the Inverness area. We are currently looking to set up a steering group to take this forward. If you would like to get involved, please contact Jill Kent at: welcomeinhighland@gmail.com

**90 Club: DRAW TODAY!** You too could be a winner: it's only £2 a month, and there are three prizes to be won! Please speak to Fr. Domenico for further information. If you have dues to pay, simply pop your remittance, together with your name and number, in an envelope and place it in the church letter-box, and Fr. Domenico will get it to Don.

### 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, Alex Fruters, Patrick Macpherson, Kathleen Macpherson, June Lee, Marian Ellis, Morag Lloyd, Angela Rogers, Angela Broad, Iain Campbell

**RIP:** + Maimie Morrison + John Leahy + Piedad Matute +

Anniversaries: + Eva Zanrè + Maria Josephine D'Almeida + Amie Greaves + Maureen Campbell + Jo Jo Giubarelli + Christopher Smith + Jean Esselmont + Hugh McGoogan +