



# St. Columba's, Culloden

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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2016**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)**

## Sunday Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 5: 12-16  
Psalm: Ps 117: 2-4, 22-27  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Revelation 1: 9-13, 7-19  
Gospel: John 20:19-31

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 3 April	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – (Second Collection: Holy Places)	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) Mass	9.00am 9.30am
Tuesday 5 April	Tuesday of the Second Week of Eastertide	Mass	7.30pm
Wednesday 6 April	Wednesday of the Second Week of Eastertide	Service of the Word and Holy Communion Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am 11.30am
Thursday 7 April	Thursday of the Second Week of Eastertide	Mass	7.30pm
Friday 8 April	Friday of the Second Week of Eastertide	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am 11.30am
Sunday 10 April	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (Second Collection: Building Fund)	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) Mass	9.00am 9.30am

### Second Sunday of Easter: Divine Mercy Sunday

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognise that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message and devotional practices proposed in the *Diary of Saint Faustina* are completely in accordance with the teachings of Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Saviour. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you. (For further details, see: <http://www.thedivinemercy.org>)

### How to Recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades. The Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the Diary of Saint Faustina and followed by a closing prayer.

#### 1. Make the Sign of the Cross

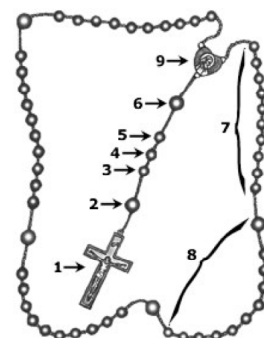
#### 2. Optional Opening Prayers

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You! (Repeat three times)

#### 3. Our Father

#### 4. Hail Mary



## 5. The Apostle's Creed

## 6. The Eternal Father

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

## 7. On the Ten Small Beads of Each Decade

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

## 8. Repeat for the remaining decades

Saying the "Eternal Father" (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

### GENERAL NEWS

#### Fr Tony Nye SJ in Inverness – Divine Mercy week:

Fr Tony Nye SJ, a Jesuit Priest, based in London, is coming to Inverness for a week. He will lead a **Day of Reflection at Stratherrick, on the theme of Divine Mercy, on Wednesday 6 April, from 10.00am onwards, until 5.00pm.** See the posters in the foyer and meeting room, as well as the parish website, for the full programme.

Fr Tony will also be available for discussions, advice, or the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Please contact St Mary's Parish Office (01463 233519).

#### Gabriel Society (continuing adult faith formation)

Tuesday 12 April: "The Social Teaching of the Catholic Church" – St Mary's, Marian Room, 7.30pm.

### PARISH NEWS

**'Faith in Film' Evening: Wednesday 13 April, 7.00pm – 9.00pm.** April's film is entitled *Life is Beautiful* (*La vita è bella*), starring Roberto Benigni and Nicoletta Braschi. Italian actor Roberto Benigni accomplishes the impossible in his World War II epic *Life Is Beautiful*: he shapes a simultaneously hilarious and haunting comedy out of the tragedy of the Holocaust. An international sensation and the most successful foreign language film in US history, the picture also won 3 Academy Awards in 1998 for director-cowriter-star Roberto Benigni: Best Actor, Best Foreign Language Film and Best Film Music. Benigni plays the Jewish country boy Guido, a madcap romantic in Mussolini's Italy who wins the heart of beautiful Dora (Benigni's real-life wife, Nicoletta Braschi), and raises a darling son (Giorgio Cantarini) in the shadow of fascism. When the Nazis ship the men off to a concentration camp in the waning days of the war, Guido is determined to shelter his son from the evils around them. Guido tirelessly maintains an elaborate ruse with comic ingenuity, even as the horrors escalate. Benigni walks a fine line mining comedy from tragedy and his efforts are pure fantasy – he accomplishes feats no man could realistically pull off. Yet for all its wacky humour and inventive gags, *Life Is Beautiful* is a moving and poignant tale of one father's

## 9. Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

## 10. Optional Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

sacrifice to save not just his young son's life but his innocence in the face of evil. Please note that the dialogue is in Italian, with English subtitles. Duration: 111 minutes. Certificate PG.

#### Year of Mercy: Evening of Reflection at St Columba's:

the next of our Year of Mercy Evenings will take place on **Wednesday 20 April, beginning at 7.00 pm.** The format will be as follows: a short talk, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, some quiet time, and concluding with Benediction. This month's Reflection is entitled: **'The Corporal Works of Mercy'**. Come and join us!

#### Reconciliation and Holy Communion classes:

Thurs, 5.30pm - 6.00pm. Meet on 14, 21, 28 April.

#### Confirmation classes:

Thurs, 6.30pm - 7.15pm. Meet on 21 & 28 April.

**Church cleaning:** Wednesday 6th April 12.30pm: Margaret, Marie (Nairn), Mary.

**"90 Club":** March Draw – 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Natalie; 2nd Prize: Chris; 3rd Prize: Anne-Marie. Next Draw on 24th April; if you would like to participate, please ask Don for details.

**Prize Bingo:** NO PRIZE BINGO until 29 April. Thank You to everyone who has donated goods for prizes: without your valuable help, we would not have the success that we do. Any non-perishable items can still be handed in; we will store them until our next Bingo night.

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** + Audrey O'Connell + Anna Black + Amelia Drew + John Drew + Cathy Thomson + Marie Coyle + Mary Innes + Leslie Murray + Ian Angus + Rebecca Angus + David White +

**Anniversaries:** + Eleanor Bonger + Steven Gallagher + Velma Batty + June Olga Hall +