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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

3 MAY 2020:
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
(Year A (II); Psalter: Week 4)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Acts 2: 14, 36-41
Psalm: Ps 22 (23)
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2: 20-25
Gospel: John 10: 1-10

| Date | Details | Service | Time |
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| Sunday 3 May | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (p. 377 – Year A) | Private Sunday Mass offered for the parishioners of St. Columba's | 9.30 am |
| Monday 4 May | Monday of Week 4 of Eastertide Mass Intention: James Brady, RIP | Private Mass; followed by Holy Hour | 10.30 am |
| Tuesday 5 May | Tuesday of Week 4 of Eastertide Mass Intention: James Brady, RIP (Funeral Today at Glen Nevis) | Private Mass; followed by Holy Hour | 10.30 am |
| Wednesday 6 May | Wednesday of Week 4 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Mary Ritchie, RIP (Funeral Today at Morar) | Private Mass; followed by Holy Hour | 10.30 am |
| Thursday 7 May | Thursday of Week 4 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Private Intention | Private Mass; followed by Holy Hour | 10.30 am |
| Friday 8 May | Friday of Week 4 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Pat and Andrew Green (50 th Wedding Anniversary) | Private Mass; followed by Holy Hour | 10.30 am |
| Saturday 9 May | Saturday of Week 4 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Private Intention | Private Mass; followed by Holy Hour | 10.30 am |
| Sunday 10 May | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (p. 381 – Year A) | Private Sunday Mass offered for the parishioners of St. Columba's | 9.30 am |

Fourth Sunday of Easter: The Good Shepherd

Jesus, *Good Shepherd* and *door* of the sheep, is a leader whose authority is expressed in service, a leader who, in order to command, gives his life and does not ask others to sacrifice theirs. One can trust in a leader like this, as the sheep who heed their shepherd's voice because they know that with him one goes to good and abundant pastures. A signal, a call suffices, and they follow; they obey; they begin to walk, guided by the voice of the One whom they feel as a friendly presence, strong and mild at once, who calls, protects, consoles and soothes.

This is how Christ is for us. There is a dimension of the Christian experience, that perhaps we leave somewhat in the shadows: the spiritual and affective dimension. Feeling connected to the Lord by a special bond, as sheep to their shepherd. At times we rationalize faith too much and we run the risk of losing the perception of the timbre of that

voice, of the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd, which motivates and fascinates. This is what happened to the two disciples of Emmaus, whose hearts burned as the Risen One spoke along the way. It is the wondrous experience of feeling loved by Jesus. Ask yourselves the question: "Do I feel loved by Jesus? Do I feel loved by Jesus?". To him we are never strangers, but friends and brothers. Yet it is not always easy to discern the Good Shepherd's voice. Be careful. There is always the risk of being distracted by the din of so many other voices. Today we are invited not to let ourselves be distracted by the false wisdom of this world, but to follow Jesus, the Risen One, as the one sure guide who gives meaning to our life.

(Pope Francis, St. Peter's Square, 7 May 2017)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A (p. 377) –

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 377: Readings & Proper Prayers

p. 541: Creed

p. 563: Preface IV of Easter

p. 611: Eucharistic Prayer III

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 – Thank you to the very kind benefactor who donated £100 to St. Columba's! 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.

Mass intentions – if you would like a private Mass celebrated for any sick family and friends, or any deceased loved ones, simply e-mail Fr. Domenico.

Congratulations to Pat and Andrew Green, who celebrate their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on Friday 8 May. Many you continue to grow in your love and devotion for each another!

The Marian Month of May – “The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family.” (Pope Francis, 25 April 2020). The Holy Father reminds us of the traditional Marian devotion associated with this month of the year, and in his recent letter, he provides us with two prayers to recite at the end of the Rosary, which he will be using, in order to unite himself spiritually with each one of us. The letter of Pope

Francis, together with the two prayers, can be found at this website (please click below): http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2020/documents/papa-francesco_20200425_lettera-mesedimaggio.html

Theology of the Body Virtual Conference, 8-10 May – this FREE online Conference takes place next weekend, from Friday at 5.00pm UK time, until Monday at 5.00am (!) UK time. Hosted by the Theology of the Body Institute, this Conference will feature literally dozens of prominent academics, evangelists, and speakers, as well as a number of artists and musicians. To participate in this free online event, register at the following website by clicking here: https://www.tobvirtualconference.com/?r_done=1.

Mary's Meals: Presentation and Activity Packs – the website of this important charity contains a number of new resources for us all during this time of Covid-19, including a special presentation (click here) for parishes from the founder, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, together with an activity pack for children. Why not visit the website to find out more? – <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk>

Via Lucis: Stations of the Resurrection – are you familiar with these meditations? Like the Via Crucis (the Way of the Cross), this 'Way of Light' involves 14 meditations, beginning with Matthew's account of the empty tomb on the Sunday morning, and ending with the day of Pentecost. You can find out more about the various stations of the Via Lucis by Googling it, or by going to the following website: <https://aleteia.org/2020/04/14/stations-of-the-resurrection-meditations-on-jesus-appearances/> Alternatively, if you have Microsoft Powerpoint on your computer, there is a presentation available on the RC Diocese of Aberdeen website; simply click here: <https://www.rcda.scot/via-lucis/#more-16036>

FREE Online Study Programme from Scott Hahn – The St. Paul Centre is offering, for a limited time, completely free access to its online study programme entitled 'The Eucharist in Scripture'. It is only one of a number of resources on 'The Quarantined Catholic Hub' (<https://stpaulcenter.com/hub/>).

90 Club – NEXT DRAW: 31 MAY. Good luck to all who have a number. If you pay monthly, and haven't submitted your dues, don't worry – your number will be in each draw, and we can catch up with payments when we meet again.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Michael Good, Laura Johnstone, Katie Mary Fraser, Norman Wood, Margaret and Stuart MacLennan, Jeanette Catto, John Macdonald, Evelyn MacGregor, Denise Maclean, Rena Herbison, Louise Flett, Yvonne Muir, Alistair Macleod

Recently Departed: + Mary Ritchie + James Brady +

Anniversaries: + Anne Lowe + Lillian Stewart + Chris Green +