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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

4 APRIL 2021:

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION (Year B (I); Psalter: Week 1)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Acts 10:34,37-43
 Resp. Psalm: Ps. 117 (118):1-2,16-17,22-23
 2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
 Gospel: John 20:1-9

Date	Details	Live-Streamed Liturgies	Time
Sunday 4 April	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION (p. 362 – Year B)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Monday 5 April	Easter Monday Mass Intention: Mary McEwan, RIP (Anniversary)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 6 April	Easter Tuesday Mass Intention: Cathie and Charlie Grant (60th Wedding Anniversary yesterday)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Wednesday 7 April	Easter Wednesday Mass Intention: Vera Franco & Family (Health and Intentions)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Thursday 8 April	Easter Thursday Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Friday 9 April	Easter Friday Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Saturday 10 April	Easter Saturday Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 11 April	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (p. 424 – Year B)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection: New Morning

The tomb was empty. In the early morning darkness of that first Easter, there was only confusion for Mary Magdalene and the other disciples. But as the daylight spread, they saw the dawning of a new creation.

At first they didn't understand the Scripture, today's Gospel tells us. We don't know which precise Scripture texts they were supposed to understand. Perhaps it was the sign of Jonah, who rose from the belly of the great fish after three days (see Jonah 1:17). Or maybe Hosea's prophecy of Israel's restoration from exile (see Hosea 6:2). Perhaps it was the psalmist who rejoiced that God had not abandoned him to the netherworld (see Psalm 16:9-10).

Whichever Scripture it was, as the disciples bent down into the tomb, they saw and they believed. What did they see? Burial shrouds in an empty tomb. The stone removed from the tomb. Seven times in nine verses we hear that word — "tomb." What did they believe? That God had done what

Jesus said He would do—raised Him up on the third day (see Mark 9:31; 10:34).

What they saw and believed they bore witness to, as today's First Reading tells us. Peter's speech is a summary of the gospels—from Jesus' baptism in the Jordan to His hanging on a tree (see Deuteronomy 21:22-23), to His rising from the dead.

We are children of the apostles, born into the new world of their witness. Our lives are now "hidden with Christ in God," as today's Second Reading says. Like them, we gather in the morning on the first day of the week—to celebrate the Eucharist, the feast of the empty tomb.

We rejoice that the stones have been rolled away from our tombs, too. Each of us can shout, as we do in today's Psalm: "I shall not die, but live." They saw and believed. And we await the day they promised would come—when we, too, "will appear with Him in glory." (Scott Hahn)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Easter Sunday of the Resurrection (p. 362)

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 362: Readings & Proper Prayers

p. 541: The Creed

p. 559: Preface I of Easter: The Paschal Mystery

p. 591: Eucharistic Prayer I

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 Fabric Account. All benefactors are remembered at our Masses.

Thank you for your consideration and continuing generosity and support – it is greatly appreciated.

"I rejoiced when I heard them say: Let us go to God's House!" (Psalm 121/122) – St. Columba's is now open for public worship. At present, the maximum seating capacity at Mass is FIFTY souls – which should not be a problem for midweek worship. 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, here are the links:

11 April: Second Sunday of Easter, at 9.30am

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-11-04-2021-0930am.eventbrite.co.uk>

11 April: Second Sunday of Easter, at 11.00am

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-11-04-2021-1100am.eventbrite.co.uk>

Please note that seats for both Masses will be available to book online from Easter Sunday, 4 April, at 12 noon. If you have a problem or query, please contact Fr. Domenico.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available every day for those who wish to avail themselves. Confessions are heard in the Parish Meeting Room. Entrance is by the back patio door – opposite the entrance to the House. There is a comfy chair for the penitent, near the door, and Fr. Domenico is seated in the other corner of the room, observing social distancing. If you would like to avail yourself of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, simply contact Fr. Domenico to make an appointment.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross with Pope Francis: on Good Friday evening, 2 April, from **8.00pm UK time**, the Holy Father will preside over the Way of the Cross from the Colosseum in Rome. This will be live-streamed in English, and it can be accessed via Vatican Media Live, at: <https://youtu.be/dCDr9ft0Ym4> It will also be available on EWTN, at: <https://ewtn.co.uk/live-tv/>

Light of the North: LATEST EDITION ONLINE!! – To help you celebrate Easter, the Light of the North has 39 pages of news and features by contributors from all over the Diocese. Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB strikes a positive note on "The Road back from Emmaus" (p.3), and Br Joseph Carron OSB reflects on what we can learn from the dreams of St Joseph (p.12). Also in this issue, Lidia Konar has interviewed some of our Polish parishioners on the "Saving grace of faith during a pandemic" (p.17), Eileen Grant shows how Mary Magdalene's encounter with the Risen Lord takes on a new, immediate significance in this time of Covid (p.20), and on the 700th anniversary of Dante's death, a 'Priest from the Diocese' demonstrates how the poet's *Divine Comedy* continues to prove capable of instilling courage and hope (p.23). To access the magazine, click on the link: <https://bit.ly/3cE3l4g>

90 Club: March Winners! – 1st Prize: Chris Hamilton; 2nd Prize: Mary Grady; 3rd Prize: Chris Hamilton. Spare numbers are available; speak to Father Domenico for details.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Katie Mary Fraser, Norman Wood, Stuart MacLennan, John Macdonald, Alex Fruters, Patrick Macpherson, Kathleen Macpherson, Ricci Hudson-Storey, Marian Ellis, Angela Rogers, Angela Broad, Anne Hewitt, Fr. Simon Lumbela, Hattie Thynne, Shannon Macleod, Ellen Williams, Chris Hamilton, David Munro

RIP: Sam Reilly, Paul Lewis

Anniversaries: Derek Reid, Eleanor Bonger, Steven Gallagher, Velma Batty, Margaret Miller, June Olga Hall, Francis Black