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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

5 JULY 2020:
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
(Year A (II); Psalter: Week 2)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Zechariah 9: 9-10
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 144 (145)
 2nd Reading: Romans 8: 9, 11-13
 Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 5 July	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (p. 736 – Year A)	LIVE-STREAMED MASS ON FACEBOOK	9.30 am
Monday 6 July	St. Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr Mass Intention: Jenner Martin (Health and Intentions)	LIVE-STREAMED MASS ON FACEBOOK	9.30 am
Tuesday 7 July	Tuesday of Week 14 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	LIVE-STREAMED MASS ON FACEBOOK	9.30 am
Wednesday 8 July	Wednesday of Week 14 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	LIVE-STREAMED MASS ON FACEBOOK	9.30 am
Thursday 9 July	FEAST OF OUR LADY OF ABERDEEN Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	LIVE-STREAMED MASS ON FACEBOOK	9.30 am
Friday 10 July	Friday of Week 14 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	LIVE-STREAMED MASS ON FACEBOOK	9.30 am
Saturday 11 July	FEAST OF ST. BENEDICT, ABBOT Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	LIVE-STREAMED MASS ON FACEBOOK	9.30 am
Sunday 12 July	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (p. 739 – Year A)	LIVE-STREAMED MASS ON FACEBOOK	9.30 am

Fourteenth Sunday of the Year: A Yoke for the Childlike

Jesus is portrayed in today's Gospel as a new and greater Moses.

Moses, the meekest man on earth (see Numbers 12:3), was God's friend (see Exodus 34:12, 17). Only he knew God "face to face" (see Deuteronomy 34:10). And Moses gave Israel the yoke of the Law, through which God first revealed Himself and how we are to live (see Jeremiah 2:20; 5:5).

Jesus too is meek and humble. But He is more than God's friend. He is the Son who alone knows the Father. He is more also than a law-giver, presenting Himself today as the yoke of a new Law, and as the revealed Wisdom of God.

As Wisdom, Jesus was present before creation as the firstborn of God, the Father and Lord of heaven and earth (see Proverbs 8:22; Wisdom 9:9). And He gives knowledge of the holy things of the kingdom of God (see Wisdom 10:10).

In the gracious will of the Father, Jesus reveals these things only to the "childlike"—those who humble themselves before

Him as little children (see Sirach 2:17). These alone can recognize and receive Jesus as the just saviour and meek king promised to daughter Zion, Israel, in today's First Reading.

We too are called to childlike faith in the Father's goodness, as sons and daughters of the new kingdom, the Church.

We are to live by the Spirit we received in Baptism (see Galatians 5:16), putting to death our old ways of thinking and acting, as Paul exhorts in today's Second Reading. Our "yoke" is to be His new law of love (see John 13:34), by which we enter into the "rest" of His kingdom.

As we sing in today's Psalm, we joyously await the day when we will praise His name forever in the kingdom that lasts for all ages. This is the sabbath rest promised by Jesus—first anticipated by Moses (see Exodus 20:8–11), but which still awaits the people of God (see Hebrews 4:9). (Scott Hahn)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Fourteenth Sunday of the Year (p. 736) –

- p. 521: Introductory Rites
- p. 736: Readings & Proper Prayers
- p. 541: Creed
- p. 569: Preface IV: The History of Salvation
- p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II
- 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 Building Fund Account. All benefactors are remembered at our Masses.

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

ST. COLUMBA'S DAILY LIVE-STREAMED MASSES! Have you experienced our Live-Streamed Masses yet? You can find a LIVE Mass, every day at 9.30am, on our Parish Facebook page: www.facebook.com/stcolumbasculloden/live, or go to our parish website, and click the 'Facebook' icon at the top of the page.

PARISH SURVEY – Fr. Domenico has put together an online survey, to assist us in planning as we prepare to return to the celebration of public worship at St. Columba's. If you have not already done so, would you be so kind as to take a look at the survey, and fill it in, please? It will only take a few minutes to complete, and the data will be immensely useful. All results submitted will be treated in the strictest

confidence. The survey is available via our parish website and Facebook page, and it can also be found here: <https://forms.gle/S1sAZdLbJQTQwYkv7>

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): after discussion with the Bishop, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available for those who wish to avail themselves. Confessions will be heard in the Parish Meeting Room. Entrance is by the back patio door – opposite the entrance to the House. There will be a comfy chair for the penitent, near the door, and Fr. Domenico will be seated in the other corner of the room, observing social distancing. If you would like to avail yourself of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, simply e-mail Fr. Domenico, or phone the Parish House (794993), to make an appointment.

'King David: Lessons in Leadership. A Reading of Samuel 1 and 2' – Wednesday 8 July at 7.00pm.

Thank you to all those who attended our third Zoom study evening. In the coming week, we'll look at David's Anointing (2 Sam 2, 5); Jerusalem as the capital of the kingdom (2 Sam 5, 6); and God's Covenant with David (2 Sam 7). If you would like to take part, it's not too late! Simply e-mail Fr. Domenico at the parish e-mail address overleaf, and he will send you the Zoom invitation to participate in this study course. See you on Wednesday!

'Genesis to Jesus' Virtual Bible Study Course – this seven-week course, beginning Wednesday 21 July, is being offered by the Ogilvie Centre. For further details, please contact the Dominican Sisters in Elgin at: ogilvie@rcda.scot.

90 Club: June Winners! First Prize: (no. 59) Chris Hamilton; Second Prize: (no. 65) Linda Gallagher; Third Prize: (no. 13) Sheila Allan. NEXT DRAW: 26th July. Well done to all our winners!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Michael Good, Laura Johnstone, Katie Mary Fraser, Norman Wood, Stuart MacLennan, Jeanette Catto, John Macdonald, Evelyn MacGregor, Denise Maclean, Rena Herbison, Louise Flett, Alistair Macleod, Alex Fruters, Pat McDaid, Morag Lloyd, Ellen Williams, Amy Morrison, Steve Knight, Patrick Macpherson, Kathleen Macpherson

RIP: + Lawrence Byrne +

Anniversaries: + Sister Margaret Flannery L.S.U. + Brian Campbell + Margaret, Tom, & Ilene O'Connor