

St. Columba's, Culloden

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5th JULY 2015 Fourteenth Sunday of the Year B

Sunday Mass Readings

1st Reading: Ezechiel 2: 2-5

Psalm: 122: 1-5

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10

Gospel: Mark 6: 1-6

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 5 July	Fourteenth Sunday of the Year B (Second Collection: Building Fund)	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) Mass	09.00 09.30
Wednesday 8 July	Wednesday of Week 14 in Ordinary Time	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00 11.30
Thursday 9 July	Feast of Our Lady of Aberdeen	Mass	19.30
Sunday 12 July	Fifteenth Sunday of the Year B (Second Collection: Building Fund)	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lady Chapel) Mass	09.00 09.30

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available every Sunday before Mass, and at any other time upon request.

KEY QUOTATIONS FROM LAUDATO SI' - PART 1

On 18 June, Pope Francis released his second Encyclical Letter, *Laudato Si'* ("Praised Be To You"). The title of this teaching document is taken from a phrase used by St Francis of Assisi in his 13th-century *Canticle of the Sun* (also called the *Canticle of the Creatures*), a poem and prayer in which God is praised for the creation of the different creatures and aspects of the Earth. Over the next few weeks, we'll feature some of the most important quotations from the document.

On waste

"The Earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth"

On the extinction of species

"Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right."

On God's love

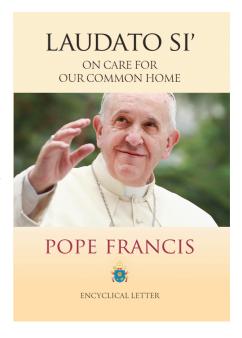
"The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God."

On climate change

"A very solid scientific consensus indicates that we are presently witnessing a disturbing warming of the climatic system. In recent decades this warming has been accompanied by a constant rise in the sea level and, it would appear, by an increase of extreme weather events, even if a scientifically determinable cause cannot be assigned to each particular phenomenon. Humanity is called to recognise the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption, in order to combat this warming or at least the human causes which produce or aggravate it."

On the need for action

"Doomsday predictions can no longer be met with irony or disdain. We may well be leaving to coming generations debris, desolation and filth. The pace of consumption, waste and environmental change has so stretched the planet's capacity that our contemporary lifestyle, unsustainable as it is, can only precipitate catastrophes, such as those which even now periodically occur in different areas of the world. The effects of the present imbalance can only be reduced by our decisive action, here and now."



GENERAL NEWS

"The Martyrdom of St John Ogilvie" – Saturday 18 July
This much-celebrated play, performed by members of the
AGAP Theatre Company, has enjoyed huge success in the
Glasgow area. The theatre company is travelling up to Keith
for a special one-off performance on Saturday 18 July at
7.30pm, in St Thomas' Church Hall, Chapel Street,
Keith (AB55 5AL). The Highland Deanery has been
allocated 50 tickets for the performance. There is a poster in
the porch, and a sign-up sheet for those wishing to attend.
Tickets will be allocated on a 'first come-first served' basis.
Transport will be organised to take parishioners from
Inverness to Keith.

Members of Society of St. Vincent De Paul are organising an outing for Senior Citizens on Thursday 16 July to Ullapool leaving King Street at 11.00am. Those who are interested are invited to put their names on the sheet available at the back of St Mary's.

Cologne Philharmonic Chamber Orchestra will offer an concert of classical music in St Mary's, Inverness, on Wednesday 29 July at 7.30pm. The programme includes music by Vivaldi, Mozart, and Tchaikovsky. Tickets available from Inverness Tourist Information Centre (Tel. 01463 252401). Ticket prices: £15 Adults; £13 Seniors; £11 Student/Child. Tickets are also available at the door.

Highland Deanery Pilgrimage, Saturday 22 August. The St Duthac Collegiate Church, Tain: Mass 1200 noon with Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB - further details to follow.

Special Clachan Comar Mass of St Bean, Sat 29 August. A special Mass will be celebrated for those who are interred at Clachan Comar, nr Tomich, Marydale/Cannich, at 3.00 pm, on Sat 29 August - please put this in your diary!

PARISH NEWS

Our New Website: Now Up and Running!

I have put together a website for the Parish. Please do take a moment to visit it! I would appreciate your comments and ideas for future improvement. If you would like to help maintain this site, please do see me! The more assistance we receive, the better our website will become! You can visit the website at: www.stcolumbasculloden.org.

Altar Servers: Calling all young people – your Parish needs you! Would you like to contribute to our Sunday Mass? As long as you have made your First Holy Communion, you can serve! Full training provided. Please see Fr Domenico.

'90' Club Winners: 1st: no.15 (Amanda); 2nd: no 61 (Donnie); and 3rd: no.10 (John). Congratulations! Would you like to join our fundraiser? £2.00 monthly three nice prices to be won. Ask Don about how to get involved.

St Columba's Prize Bingo is having a 'rest', but non-perishable items to be given as prizes will be gratefully accepted. Thank you!

Cleaning Team: Tuesday 4.30pm Rhona, Anne-Marie, and Don.

Calling all Green Fingers: our garden shrubberies are in desperate need of TLC! Don will be at the church grounds on Tuesday evening at 7pm with his fork and trowel for just an hour. Will you come and help get some weeds out?

Teas and Coffees are served after the Sunday 9.30 Mass, in the meeting room at the end of the corridor. A warm welcome awaits visitors and 'locals' alike. Please come along and enjoy a friendly chat.

FINANCES

St Columba's no. 1 £ 374.71 St Columba's building fund: £ 185.12

- Thank you for your generosity and support -

St Columba's Accounts

General Running Account:
Sort Code: 80-91-26
Account No: 00809358

Building Account:
Sort Code: 80-91-26
Account No. 00809390

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick : Bob and Anna Black + Peggy Horne + Leslie Murray + Mary Gribben

Anniversaries: + Julie-Anne Edwards +

GROUPS AND DEVOTIONS

The Secular Franciscan Order meets at 2.00 pm on the second Saturday of each month at St Columba's, Culloden. Contact Helen MacGilp (01463 792149). Visit **www.ofsgb.org.uk**.

Prayer and Praise Group every Thursday at St Columba's after 7.30pm Mass in the Lady Chapel. Call Brian (01463 790255) for details.

Inverness Catenian Circle meet on the Second Monday of the month at 7.30 pm. Meeting followed by dinner in the Craigmonie Hotel, Annfield Road, Inverness. Contact Donald (07780 603045.) Visit **www.thecatenians.co.uk**.

The Knights of St Columba meets on the first Monday of every month in the Marian Room at St. Mary's, at 7.30 pm: contact Neil Munro (01463 232095). Dedicated to the principles of charity, unity & fraternity in the local parishes. Visit www.ksc.org.uk.

The Parents & Toddlers Group meets on Wednesdays from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm in the Marian Room beside St Mary's.

The Cenacolo Prayer Group meets every Monday after the 6:00 pm Mass in St. Mary's. Join us for informal buffet meal in chapel house. All welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) meets every fortnight, on Sundays, in the Marian Room at St Mary's, at 10.00 am. Requests for assistance and support can be made by contacting any SVP member or by dropping a note in a SVP collection box. Visit www.svp.org.uk.