

# St. Columba's, Culloden

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# ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

## 6 FEBRUARY 2022: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C (II); Psalter: Week 1)

# Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 6: 1-2, 3-8 Resp. Psalm: Psalm 137 (138): 1-5, 7-8 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11

Date Sunday 6 February	Details FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 983 – Year C)	Liturgies Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	Time 9.30 am 11.00 am
Tuesday 8 February	Tuesday of Week 5 in Ordinary Time	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 9 February	Wednesday of Week 5 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: in honour of St. Joseph	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Thursday 10 February	St. Scholastica, Virgin	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 11 February	Our Lady of Lourdes	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Saturday 12 February	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: in honour of Our Lady	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 13 February	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 987 – Year C)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am

#### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Into the Deep

Simon Peter, the fisherman, is the first to be called personally by Jesus in Luke's Gospel. His calling resembles Isaiah's commissioning in the First Reading: confronted with the holiness of the Lord, both Peter and Isaiah are overwhelmed by a sense of their own sinfulness and inadequacy. Yet each experiences the Lord's forgiveness and is sent to preach the good news of His mercy to the world.

No one is "fit to be called an apostle," Paul recognises in today's Second Reading. But by "the grace of God," even a persecutor of the Church—as Paul once was—can be lifted up for the Lord's service.

In the Old Testament, humanity was unfit for the divine—no man could stand in God's presence and live (see Exodus 33:20). But in Jesus, we're made able to speak with Him face-to-face, to taste His Word on our tongue. Today's scene from Isaiah is recalled in every Mass. Before reading the Gospel, the priest silently asks God to cleanse his lips that he might worthily proclaim His Word.

God's Word comes to us as it came to Peter, Paul, Isaiah, and today's Psalmist—as a personal call to leave everything and follow Him, to surrender our weaknesses in order to be filled with His strength.

Simon put out into deep waters even though, as a professional fisherman, he knew it would be foolhardy to expect to catch anything. In humbling himself before the Lord's command, he was exalted—his nets filled to overflowing; later, as Paul tells us, he will become the first to see the risen Lord.

Jesus has made us worthy to receive Him in the company of angels in God's holy Temple. On our knees like Peter, with the humility of David in today's Psalm, we thank Him with all our hearts and join in the unending hymn that Isaiah heard around God's altar: "Holy, holy, holy..." (see also Revelation 4:8). (Scott Hahn)

#### **PARISH NEWS**

### Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 983)

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**ST. JOSEPH ICON:** the St. Andrew Community, currently based in Dingwall, are happy to produce smaller reproductions of our new parish icon of St. Joseph, for anyone who would like one. These home icons measure approximately 5 inches (13 cms) by 8 inches (19 cms). The Community have suggested a donation of  $\pounds 10$  per icon. If anyone would like a reproduction of our new icon for their own home, please speak to Fr. Domenico.

**WANTED – Readers for the 11.00am Mass:** do you attend the 11.00 Sunday Mass? Have you ever considered offering your services as a Reader? If you would like to help, please speak to Fr. Domenico or to Pat Grant.

**INTRODUCTORY MEETING – First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion:** We are holding an introductory meeting on <u>Thursday 10th February at 5.30pm in the church at St Columba's, Culloden.</u> Hopefully you and your child are able to join us then. Any additional family members are welcome too. We will have some of the teaching resources on display and we will be available for any questions. We look forward to meeting the children and guiding them towards the joyful celebration of their first Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

**Tuesday 8 February: Presentation on the Legion of Mary and Frank Duff** – the recently-arrived priest at St. Mary's Inverness, Fr. Laurence Gambella, will be giving a talk in the Marian Room from 6.30pm-8.30pm. Everyone is welcome. This year marks the Centenary of the Legion of Mary, and is thus an ideal opportunity to learn about or discover for the first time the saintly "Irishman of the century" and the incredible organisation he founded.

**Friday 11 February 2022: Day of Prayer, Recollection, and Healing** at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stratherrick. From 10.45am until 3.30pm. Includes: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Rosary; Confession; Angelus; Mass with laying on of hands and anointing of the sick; lunch; Chaplet of Divine Mercy; Benediction. Please contact St. Mary's Inverness for further details (01463 233519).

**Diocesan Synodal Process:** St. Columba's is one of the many parishes that has been invited to host a Synodal Meeting. The precise date is to be confirmed, but certainly before June. Every parishioner will be invited to attend, and everyone's voice will be heard. We will be looking for volunteers on the day to help with: stewarding; moving furniture; providing tea/coffee facilities. If you are interested in volunteering, or in attending this open event, please speak to Fr. Domenico.

**Catenian Association: pl**ease note that the monthly Catenian meetings, which are held in the Craigmonie hotel, now take place on the **second Thursday of each month**, at 6.45pm. for 7.00pm. New members are always very welcome.

**90 Club: JANUARY WINNERS!** – First Prize: Sr. Bettina, LSU; Second Prize: Jean Hay; Third Prize: Heather Taylor. Next Draw: Sunday 27 February.. plenty of time to get a number, and be part of this parish fundraiser! There are three prizes to be won. Would you like to join in? Only £2 a month! Speak to Fr. Domenico for details.

#### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Ian Macdonald, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Anne Hamill, Winnie Ferrari

RIP: Katie Mary Fraser, Flora Macdonald, Charlie Grant, Geraldine Black, Jesusa Royeca

Anniversaries: Kath & Howard Nicolls, Mary Sharkey, Chris Waters, Colin Buckley, Darren Burgess, Garry Tindell, Tommy McNaughton, Chris Smyth, Magda Utton, Anne-Marie Grout, Roberta Adair, Jemma McRae