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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

7 JUNE 2020: SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (Year A (II); Psalter: Week 2)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9 Responsorial Psalm: Daniel 3: 52-56 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13 Gospel: John 3: 16-18

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 7 June	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (p. 816 – Year A)	LIVE-STREAMED MASS ON FACEBOOK	9.30 am
Monday 8 June	Monday of Week 10 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Margaret Lamond, RIP (Funeral Today)	LIVE-STREAMED MASS ON FACEBOOK	9.30 am
Tuesday 9 June	Feast of St. Columba Mass Intention: Robert Tarr, RIP (Funeral Today)	LIVE-STREAMED MASS ON FACEBOOK	9.30 am
Wednesday 10 June	Wednesday of Week 10 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Margaret McLennan, RIP (Recently Departed)	LIVE-STREAMED MASS ON FACEBOOK	9.30 am
Thursday 11 June	St. Barnabas, Apostle and Martyr Mass Intention: Fr. Ted Murphy, RIP (Anniversary at this time)	LIVE-STREAMED MASS ON FACEBOOK	9.30 am
Friday 12 June	Friday of Week 10 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	LIVE-STREAMED MASS ON FACEBOOK	9.30 am
Saturday 13 June	St. Anthony of Padua Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	LIVE-STREAMED MASS ON FACEBOOK	9.30 am
Sunday 14 June	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) (p. 821 – Year A)	LIVE-STREAMED MASS ON FACEBOOK	9.30 am

Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity: How God Loves

We often begin Mass with the prayer from today's Second Reading: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you." We praise the God who has revealed Himself as a Trinity, a communion of persons. Communion with the Trinity is the goal of our worship—and the purpose of the salvation history that begins in the Bible and continues in the Eucharist and sacraments of the Church.

We see the beginnings of God's self-revelation in today's First Reading, as He passes before Moses and cries out His holy name. Israel had sinned in worshipping the golden calf (see Exodus 32). But God does not condemn them to perish. Instead, He proclaims His mercy and faithfulness to His covenant. God loved Israel as His firstborn son among the nations (see Exodus 4:22). Through Israel—heirs of His covenant with Abraham—God planned to reveal Himself as the Father of all nations (see Genesis 22:18).

The memory of God's covenant testing of Abraham—and Abraham's faithful obedience—lies behind today's Gospel. In commanding Abraham to offer his only beloved son (see Genesis 22:2, 12, 16), God was preparing us for the fullest possible revelation of His love for the world.

As Abraham was willing to offer Isaac, God did not spare His own Son but handed Him over for us all (see Romans 8:32).

In this, He revealed what was only disclosed partially to Moses—that His kindness continues for a thousand generations, that He forgives our sin, and that He takes us back as His very own people (see Deuteronomy 4:20; 9:29). Jesus humbled himself to die in obedience to God's will. And for this, the Spirit of God raised Him from the dead (see Romans 8:11), and gave Him a name above every name (see Philippians 2:8–10).

This is the name we glorify in today's Responsorial—the name of our Lord, the God who is Love (1 John 4;8,16). (Scott Hahn)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity, Year A (p. 816) p. 521: Introductory Rites p. 816: Readings & Proper Prayers p. 541: Creed p. 819: Preface – The Mystery of The Most Holy Trinity

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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 two of our generous benefactors for the donations of £100 each. God bless you! 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 LIVE-STREAMED MASSES! As we move towards Phase 2 of the Scottish Government's strategy for easing us out of lockdown, Bishop Hugh has given permission to the priests of the diocese for live-streaming of Masses from within their parish church. Fr. Domenico is offering a LIVE streamed Mass on a DAILY basis, beginning TODAY, SUNDAY 7 JUNE at 9.30am, and thereafter each day, seven days a week. Easy to remember! It will be broadcast on our Parish Facebook page at the following: www.facebook.com/stcolumbasculloden/live, or go to our parish website, and click the 'Facebook' icon at the top of the page. Please bear with Fr. Domenico, as this is his first time live-streaming! Any comments would be gratefully received!

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): after recent 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.

Robert Tarr, RIP – The funeral of one of our parishioners, Robert Tarr, takes place this Tuesday, 9 June. A Funeral Service will be held for a small number of family members, as per current government restrictions, in the Chapel of John Fraser and Sons at 12.30pm; thereafter to Kilvean for a graveside interment at 1.30pm. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

'King David: Lessons in Leadership. A Reading of Samuel 1 and 2' – Fr. Domenico is busy putting together a course on the Old Testament Books of Samuel, focusing on the kingship of David. **The course will commence on Wednesday 17 June at 7.00pm.** This will tie in to a later series of talks on the Gospel of St. Matthew. These two series can be followed independently, although there will be clear links made between them. The series will be delivered virtually, via the 'Zoom' video-conferencing package. If you have never used video-conferencing software before, don't worry! Fr. Domenico will send you a link to click on to in an e-mail! Watch this space for further information! In the meantime.. why not prepare by re-reading the Books of Samuel?!

St. Vincent de Paul: "THANK YOU" on behalf of the SVDP for your generous financial support. Your generosity has enabled the local SVDP group to continue to support a number of families in the Culloden area. There is still great need in our community, a need which can only increase during these difficult times. If you would like to help, could you please post an envelope containing your donation marked 'SVDP' through St. Columba's letterbox, or contact: David Atkinson on 07570 993713.

90 Club: May Winners! – First Prize: Willie Rusk; Second Prize: Mary Mackinnon; Third Prize: Donnie MacMillan. Next Draw: Sunday 28 June. Remember – "it could be you" (but only if you have a ticket..!!)

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.

RIP: + Robert Tarr + Eireann Boughy + Margaret Lamond + Margaret MacLennan +

Anniversaries: + Anna MacLean + James McNiffe + Frances Boyle + Fr. Ted Murphy +