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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

7 MARCH 2021:
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
(Year B (I); Psalter: Week 3)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Genesis 20:1-17
 Resp. Psalm: Ps 18:8-11
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25
 Gospel: John 2:13-25

Date	Details	Live-Streamed Liturgies	Time
Sunday 7 March	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (p. 191 – Year B)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Monday 8 March	Monday of Week 3 in Lent Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Tuesday 9 March	Tuesday of Week 3 in Lent Mass Intention: Jim McGonigal, RIP (Funeral Today at St. Columba's; Celebrant: Fr. John Allen)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Live-streamed Funeral Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 12 noon 6.00 pm
Wednesday 10 March	Wednesday of Week 3 in Lent Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Thursday 11 March	Thursday of Week 3 in Lent Mass Intention: Maureen Sherwen, RIP (Funeral Today)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Friday 12 March	Friday of Week 3 in Lent Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Saturday 13 March	Saturday of Week 3 in Lent Mass Intention: Charles Falconer, RIP (Anniversary Tomorrow)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Sunday 14 March	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ <i>Laetare Sunday</i> ~ (p. 197 – Year B)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm

Third Sunday of Lent: Spiritual Sacrifice

Jesus does not come to destroy the temple, but to fulfil it (see Matthew 5:17)—to reveal its true purpose in God's saving plan. He is the Lord the prophets said would come—to purify the temple, banish the merchants, and make it a house of prayer for all peoples (see Zechariah 14:21; Malachi 3:1-5; Isaiah 56:7).

The God who made the heavens and the earth, who brought Israel out of slavery, does not dwell in sanctuaries made by human hands (see Acts 7:48; 2 Samuel 7:5). Nor does He need offerings of oxen, sheep, or doves (see Psalm 50:7-13). Notice in today's First Reading that God did not originally command animal sacrifices—only that Israel heed His commandments (see Jeremiah 7:21-23; Amos 5:25).

His law was a gift of divine wisdom, as we sing in today's Psalm. It was a law of love (see Matthew 22:36-40), perfectly expressed in Christ's self-offering on the Cross (see John 15:13).

This is the "sign" Jesus offers in the Gospel today—the sign that caused Jewish leaders to stumble, as Paul tells us in our Second Reading.

Jesus' body—destroyed on the Cross and raised up three days later—is the new and true sanctuary. From the temple of His body, rivers of living water flow, the Spirit of grace that makes each of us a temple (see 1 Corinthians 3:16) and together builds us into a dwelling place of God (see Ephesians 2:22).

In the Eucharist we participate in His offering of His body and blood. This is the worship in Spirit and in truth that the Father desires (see John 4:23-24).

We are to offer praise as our sacrifice (see Psalm 50:14, 23). This means imitating Christ—offering our bodies—all our intentions and actions in every circumstance, for the love of God and the love of others (see Hebrews 10:5-7; Romans 12:1; 1 Peter 2:5). (Scott Hahn)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Third Sunday of Lent (p. 191)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 191: Readings & Proper Prayers
p. 541: The Creed
p. 555: Preface I of Lent
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 Fabric Account. All benefactors are remembered at our Masses.

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

Schedule of Online Daily Devotions – Our new daily schedule of parish devotions are as follows. Please feel free to join us, and please do spread the word!

8.45 am: Morning Prayer
9.00 am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30 am: Holy Mass
6.00 pm: Angelus, & Evening Prayer
6.15pm: Holy Rosary

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.

This year's Lenten Course at St. Columba's – 'Voices of the Passion': a series of reflections delivered online via Zoom, on **Wednesdays at 7.00pm** throughout the Lenten season, focusing on the major characters of the Passion of Christ. Please contact Fr. Domenico for further information. The programme is as follows:

10 March: Simon of Cyrene and Veronica

17 March: Women of Jerusalem & Mary Magdalen

24 March: John and Mary

Stations of the Cross from around the world!

Each Thursday evening at 7.00pm during Lent, we will pray the Stations of the Cross via Zoom. We will travel around the Catholic world, visiting different locations such as Jerusalem, Rome, Częstochowa, and Lourdes, as we reflect on various visual images portraying the Passion of Jesus. For the Zoom link, please contact Fr. Domenico.

Friday Station Masses: for obvious reasons, there are no Station Masses in our Highland Deanery this year; however, we have organised 'virtual' online Masses from around the Diocese instead. Each Mass begins at 7.00pm; the remaining Masses are as follows:

12 March – St Mary's Beaulieu

19 March – St Joseph's, Aberdeen

26 March – St. Peter's, Aberdeen

To access the Masses online, go to the RCDA website:
<https://www.rcda.scot/station-masses/>

90 Club: FEBRUARY WINNERS!! First Prize: Anne and Theo Antoine; Second Prize: Theresa Hamilton; Third Prize: David Munro. Next Draw: Sunday 28 March 2021. Good luck to all with a number. Spare numbers are available; speak to Father Domenico for details.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Michael Good, Laura Johnstone, Katie Mary Fraser, Norman Wood, Stuart MacLennan, John Macdonald, Evelyn MacGregor, Rena Herbison, Alex Fruters, Patrick Macpherson, Kathleen Macpherson, Ricci Hudson-Storey, June Lee, Marian Ellis, Morag Lloyd, Angela Rogers, Angela Broad, Baby Hope

RIP: + Alexander Anderson + Maureen Sherwen + Jim McGonigal + Maree MacGillivray +

Anniversaries: + Theresa Ramsden + John MacGregor + Donald Maclean + Douglas Taylor + Charles Falconer +