



# St. Columba's, Culloden

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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**8 DECEMBER 2019:**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT,**  
**YEAR A**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10  
 Psalm: Ps 71 (72): 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 15: 4-9  
 Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

Date	Details	Service	Time
<b>Sunday 8 December</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <b>Second Collection: Building Fund</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>9.30 am</b>
Tuesday 10 December	Tuesday of Week 2 in Advent Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evening Prayer Mass	<b>5.30 pm</b> <b>6.00 pm</b> <b>6.30 pm</b>
Wednesday 11 December	St. Damasus I, Pope Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	10.30 am 11.00 am
Thursday 12 December	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass	7.00 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 13 December	St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am 12 noon
Saturday 14 December	St. John of the Cross, Priest Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Sacrament of Reconciliation ** Rosary ** Mass	10.15 am 10.40 am 11.00 am
<b>Sunday 15 December</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <b>Second Collection: Building Fund</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>9.30 am</b>

## Mass Times During the Christmas Period

Tuesday 24 December, at 11.00pm: Carols; 11.30pm: Christmas Vigil Mass

**Wednesday 25 December, at 10.30am: Christmas Day Mass**

Thursday 26 December, at 7.30pm: St. Stephen, the First Martyr

Friday 27 December, at 11.00am: St. John the Evangelist

Saturday 28 December, at 11.00am: The Holy Innocents

Sunday 29 December, at 9.30am: The Holy Family

Tuesday 31 December, at 7.30pm: Pope St. Silvester

**Wednesday 1 January, at 10.30am: Mary, Mother of God**



## PARISH NEWS

**BACON BUTTY MORNING FOR MARY'S MEALS:** Many thanks to Caroline and to all who helped make last Sunday's Bacon Butty morning such a great success on behalf of Mary's Meals. The magnificent sum of **£219.10 was raised**, which at a cost of £13.90 per child per YEAR will go towards **feeding and educating 15 very deserving children!** Thanks also to AI Butchers, Harry Gow, and Scotmid for their food donations.

**"Love and Mercy: Faustina" – at the VUE cinema!**  
– **On Tuesday 10 December at 8.00pm**, there will be a special screening of a new movie on the life of St. Faustina Kowalska, the Polish nun who had a series of visions in the 1930s of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who instructed her to promote the message of Divine Mercy. "Love and Mercy: Faustina" shows how the Divine Mercy movement was born and how it spread. The film reveals the details of the process of painting the famous Divine Mercy image that was made at Jesus' request. **A number of us are intending to go and watch the film together.. why not join us at the Vue cinema on Tuesday?** To see the official trailer of the movie, go to the following site: <http://loveandmercyfilm.co.uk/>  
**Please note that Mass on Tuesday will be an hour earlier, at 6.30pm.**

**"Joy to the World": Marian Reflections for Advent – 11, 14 December.** Meditations on God's plan for salvation, seen through the eyes of Mary of Nazareth. The remaining programme is as follows:

**Wed 11 December at 7.00pm: The Visitation**

**Sat 14 December, 12 noon-4.00pm: The Nativity**

The programme for Saturday 14 December is as follows:

11.00am-11.35am: Mass

11.45am-12.00pm: Welcome; Introduction and Format

12.00pm-1.00pm: Presentation 1; Discussion

1.00pm-1.30pm: Lunch (bring something to share!)

1.40pm-2.45pm: Presentation 2; Discussion

2.45pm-3.45pm: Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction. Sacrament of Confession available.

**Christmas Flowers** – we are blessed with the generosity and talents of parishioners, who always provide us with such beautiful flowers for Christmas. Would you consider helping us with a donation, which will go towards making our church even more beautiful, and fitting for celebrating the birth of Our Saviour?

**ST. COLUMBA'S CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE – Thursday 19 December, 7.00pm – 8.00pm.** Back by popular demand – a date for your diaries! As per last year, we will be hosting a service of your favourite Christmas carols, with community singing, together with seasonal Scripture readings, with festive food and drink provided (non-alcoholic mulled wine, mince pies, and other goodies). We will have the children of St. Joseph's RC School joining us, together with a special appearance by The Three (Highland) Priests! Donations at the door – suggested offerings are:

£5 for adults; kids go free! All proceeds go towards our Building Fund. Why not invite some friends and come along?!! Spread a little festive cheer!

**CONFIRMATIONS 2020:** We have now completed the first block of classes for Confirmation 2020. The dates for the next block are as follows: **9, 16 and 23 January**. As before, these are on Thursdays, and we will meet at 6.30pm for 30 minutes. If you have any difficulty with the dates just let Ewen or Helen know.

**Highland Foodbank: November to January** – Your donations help to provide emergency food and support to local people in crisis. As part of their Winter Appeal, the Highland Foodbank would be grateful for donations of the following items: \* **Cartons of Long Life Fruit Juice** \* **Small Washing Powder/Gel** \* **Tins of Corned Beef** \* **Tins of Ham** \* **Jam**. Please leave these items in the box at the front door of the church. Thank you!

**BABY AND TODDLERS' GROUP:** the group is meeting **tomorrow (Monday 9 December)**, at Brewer's Fayre (Inshes), at the Soft Play Area, at 10.00am. We are always looking for new members to join in the fun!

**CLEANING TEAM** – Monday 9th December at 4pm: Shona, Jijy, and Don. Would you like to help out too? Any help would be greatly appreciated!

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE** – Raffle drawn after Mass on Christmas Day. Get your tickets now! Prizes and raffle books are on the table in the entrance foyer. Only £1 for a strip of five tickets. Please write your name and phone number on the back of each ticket. There are FIVE great prizes to be won! GOOD LUCK!!

**90 CLUB: NOVEMBER WINNERS!** – no. 80 (Theo); no. 11 (Ellen); no. 64 (Ian). **Next draw: Sunday 29 December.** Why not try your luck, and help the parish? Ask Don for details.

**FUNDRAISER BINGO 2020** – This will continue on the last Friday of every month, beginning on **Friday 31 January 2020, at 7.00pm**. Your generosity with the items we give as prizes has made this fundraiser so successful and popular! Thank you!

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** + Anna Black + Angus Johnson + Michael Good + Laura Johnstone + Fr. George Hutcheon + Norman Wood + John Macdonald + Alec Mackintosh + Katie Mary Fraser + Fr. Richard Reese + John Smith + Stuart MacLennan +

**R.I.P.:** + Alec MacLennan +

**Anniversaries:** + Archie Thomson + Margaret Donnelly + Michael Giubarelli + Des Harrington +