



# St. Columba's, Culloden

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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**8 NOVEMBER 2020:**

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**~ REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY ~**

**(Year A (II); Psalter: Week 4)**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wisdom 6: 12-16

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 62 (63): 2-8

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13

Date	Details	Service	Time
<b>Sunday 8 November</b>	<b>THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY ~ (p. 802 – Year A)</b>	<b>LIVE-STREAMED PUBLIC MASS SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE (live-streamed) PUBLIC MASS</b>	<b>9.30 am 10.30 am 11.00 am</b>
Monday 9 November	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast) Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed Public Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 10 November	St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed Public Mass	9.30 am
Wednesday 11 November	St. Martin of Tours, Bishop Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed Public Mass	9.30 am
Thursday 12 November	St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed Public Mass	9.30 am
Friday 13 November	St. Machar, Bishop Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed Public Mass	9.30 am
Saturday 14 November	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed Public Mass	9.30 am
<b>Sunday 15 November</b>	<b>THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 806 – Year A)</b>	<b>LIVE-STREAMED PUBLIC MASS PUBLIC MASS</b>	<b>9.30 am 11.00 am</b>

## Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year: The Wedding Feast

According to marriage customs of Jesus' day, a bride was first "betrothed" to her husband but continued for a time to live with her family. Then, at the appointed hour, some months later, the groom would come to claim her, leading her family and bridal party to the wedding feast that would celebrate and inaugurate their new life together.

This is the background to the parable of the last judgment we hear in today's Gospel.

In the parable's symbolism, Jesus is the Bridegroom (see Mark 2:19). In this, He fulfils God's ancient promise to join himself forever to His chosen people as a husband cleaves to his bride (see Hosea 2:16–20). The virgins of the bridal party represent us, the members of the Church.

We were "betrothed" to Jesus in Baptism (see 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:25–27) and are called to lives of holiness and devotion until He comes again to lead us to the heavenly wedding feast at the end of time (see Revelation 19:7–9; 21:1–4).

As St. Paul warns in today's Second Reading, Jesus is coming again, though we know not the day nor the hour.

We need to keep vigil throughout the dark night of this time in which our Bridegroom seems long delayed. We need to keep our souls' lamps filled with the oil of perseverance and desire for God – virtues that are extolled in today's First Reading and Psalm.

We are to seek Him in love, meditating upon His kindness, calling upon His name, striving to be ever more worthy of Him, to be found without spot or blemish when He comes.

If we do this, we will be counted as wise and the oil for our lamps will not run dry (see 1 Kings 17:16). We will perceive the Bridegroom, the Wisdom of God (see Proverbs 8:22–31, 35; 9:1–5), hastening toward us, beckoning us to the table He has prepared, the rich banquet which will satisfy our souls. (Scott Hahn)

## PARISH NEWS

**November – Month of the Holy Souls:** November is the month when we remember our dearly departed. If you would like to have any deceased relatives or friends remembered at Mass during November, please place their names in the brown envelopes in the foyer, and hand these in to the Sacristy. All names will be placed in front of the altar, and a selection will be read out at every Mass. **All offerings received will be donated to our Building Fund.**

**Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal):  
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 802)**

- p. 521: Introductory Rites
- p. 802: Readings & Proper Prayers
- p. 543: Apostles' Creed
- p. 569: Preface IV: The History of Salvation
- p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II
- p. 631: Communion Rite

**Today's Retiring Collection:** On this Remembrance Sunday, our Retiring Collection will be donated to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

**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 Building Fund Account. All benefactors are remembered at our Masses.

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

**"I rejoiced when I heard them say: Let us go to God's House!" (Psalm 121/122)** – Have you been back to God's House? St. Columba's is open every day for Mass at 9.30am. Fr. Domenico will continue to offer two Masses each Sunday: at 9.30am (which will also be

live-streamed) and at 11.00am. To book a seat(s) for Mass next Sunday, here are the links:

**15 November 9.30am:**

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-15-11-2020-0930am.eventbrite.co.uk>

**15 November 11.00am:**

<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-15-11-2020-1100am.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Please note that seats for both Masses will be available to book online from Sunday 8 November at 12 noon.** If you have a problem or query, please contact Fr. Domenico.

**Piety Stall:** we have many new items in stock! Are you looking for Christmas cards? – Look no further! Are you in need of a Rosary? – We have all sizes and styles! Advent calendars? – We have plenty! Nativity scenes and baby Jesus statuettes? – They're all here! Plus, we have many other tempting gifts, holy items, and spiritual books. Why not browse the stall, and attend to your Christmas shopping at the same time?

**Fratelli Tutti Reading Group:** due to current demand, more copies of this important new document by Pope Francis have been ordered. They have arrived, and are now residing in the Sacristy. If you would like one, simply speak to Fr. Domenico; they are priced £6.95 each. Our **Fratelli Tutti Reading Group** will begin in mid-November. The dates are as follows:

**18 November: Chapters 1 & 2**

**25 November: Chapters 3 & 4**

**2 December: Chapters 5 & 6**

**9 December: Chapters 7 & 8**

**All meetings begin at 7.00pm, and take place on Zoom.**

If you would like to take part in this reading group, contact Fr. Domenico, for the Zoom link details.

**90 Club: Next Draw on Sunday 29 November!** Good luck to all who have a number. Anyone wishing to catch up with their payments can contact Don directly, at: donalddora79@aol.com, or telephone 01463 791332, to find out how much is owed; they can then put the money in an envelope through the church letterbox if they wish.

## 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, Louise Flett, Alex Fruters, Morag Lloyd, Patrick Macpherson, Kathleen Macpherson, Ricci Hudson-Storey, Lily Finlay, Marian Ellis, James Mochan.

**Anniversaries:** + Willie & Annie Hay + Anna Campbell + Alex MacDonald +