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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

9 MAY 2021:
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
(Year B (I); Psalter: Week 2)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48
 Resp. Psalm: Ps. 97 (98): 1-4
 2nd Reading: 1 John 4: 7-10
 Gospel: John 15: 9-17

Date	Details	Live-Streamed Liturgies	Time
Sunday 9 May	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (p. 441 – Year B)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm
Monday 10 May	Monday of Week 6 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Tuesday 11 May	Tuesday of Week 6 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Wednesday 12 May	Wednesday of Week 6 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Thursday 13 May	SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Mass Intention (9.30am): Connor Kensley (Health and Intentions)	Morning Prayer & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary Adoration Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm 7.00pm 7.30pm
Friday 14 May	ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE - FEAST Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Saturday 15 May	Saturday of Week 6 of Eastertide Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.00 pm
Sunday 16 May	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (p. 455 – Year B)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass Angelus, Evening Prayer, & Rosary	9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm

Sixth Sunday of Easter: Begotten By Love

God is love, and He revealed that love in sending His only Son to be a sacrificial offering for our sins. In these words from today's Second Reading, we should hear an echo of the story of Abraham's offering of Isaac at the dawn of salvation history. Because Abraham obeyed God's command and did not withhold his only beloved son, God promised that Abraham's descendants, the children of Israel, would be the source of blessing for all nations (see Genesis 22:16-18).

We see that promise coming to fulfilment in today's First Reading. God pours out His Spirit upon the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, as they listen to the word of Peter's preaching. Notice they receive the same gifts received by the devout Jews who heard Peter's preaching at Pentecost—the Spirit comes to rest upon them and they speak in tongues, glorifying God (see Acts 2:5-11).

In His love today, God reveals that His salvation embraces the house of Israel and peoples of all nations. Not by

circumcision or blood relation to Abraham but by faith in the Word of Christ, sealed in the Sacrament of Baptism, people are to be made children of Abraham, heirs to God's covenants of promise (see Galatians 3:7-9; Ephesians 2:12).

This is the wondrous work of God that we sing of in today's Psalm. It is the work of the Church, the good fruit that Jesus chooses and appoints His Apostles for in today's Gospel. As Peter raises up Cornelius today, the Church continues to lift all eyes to Christ, the only one in whose name they can find salvation.

In the Church, each of us has been begotten by the love of God. But the Scriptures today reveal that this divine gift brings with it a command and a duty. We are to love one another as we have been loved. We are to lay down our lives in giving ourselves to others—that they too might find friendship with Christ and new life through Him.

(Scott Hahn)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Sixth Sunday of Easter (p. 441)

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 441: Readings & Proper Prayers

p. 541: The Creed

p. 559: Preface I of Easter: The Paschal Mystery

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.

"I rejoiced when I heard them say: Let us go to God's House!" (Psalm 121/122) – St. Columba's is now open for public worship. At present, the maximum seating capacity at Mass is FIFTY souls – which should not be a problem for midweek worship. 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, here are the links:

16 May: Seventh Sunday of Easter, at 9.30am
<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-16-05-2021-0930am.eventbrite.co.uk>

16 May: Seventh Sunday of Easter, at 11.00am
<https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-16-05-2021-1100am.eventbrite.co.uk>

Please note that seats for both Masses will be available to book online from Sunday 9 May, at 12 noon. If you have a problem or query, please contact Fr. Domenico.

25-27 May 2021: Annual Pluscarden Lectures – the invited Speaker is Fr. Thomas White OP, of the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. Fr. Thomas is

the Director of the Thomistic Institute, and Professor of Systematic Theology. He will be speaking on the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus (see the attached documentation). It is likely that the talks will be live-streamed.

May Rosary Mission 2021 – All of the dioceses throughout the UK are being invited to participate in praying the Rosary for the following special intentions:

1. Protecting our families and the family of nations, especially in this Year of St. Joseph;
2. A deepening of faith, hope and love and the protection of life;
3. Peace in the world;
4. Deliverance from Coronavirus; for those working for a cure; for those who have died; for those who are suffering and those who care for them.

During the Marian month of May, there will be three designated National Days of Prayer:

1. **Monday May 24th – Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church** – a Rosary Day of Prayer for our young people and for the Mission of our Schools, Youth Associations, our Young People and for Families.
2. **Sunday May 30th – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity** – a National Rosary Relay Rally throughout the UK Dioceses. **The designated Rosary Hour for the Diocese of Aberdeen is from 2pm to 3pm**
3. **Monday May 31st – Feast of the Visitation** – Bishop John Keenan, of the Diocese of Paisley, will host a Crowning Rosary online at 8.00pm, in thanksgiving for the graces received from the Lord Jesus through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary during the May 2021 Rosary Mission.

Mary's Meals: Pray in May – This May, the month traditionally dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in our prayer campaign for the work of Mary's Meals, which is reaching more than 1.8 million children with a nutritious meal in 19 countries every school day. We pray in thanksgiving for each little act of love that makes this work possible and we also pray for God's continued blessing on our beautiful mission, that through His providence it will always flourish enabling us to reach more hungry children. Prayer resources and further information can be found on the following webpage: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay>

90 Club: the NEXT DRAW will be on Sunday 31 May! You too could be a winner: spare numbers are available; only £2 monthly, with three prizes to be won! Speak to Father Domenico for details.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Katie Mary Fraser, Norman Wood, John Macdonald, Patrick Macpherson, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Angela Rogers, Angela Broad, Fr. Simon Lumbela, Ellen Williams, Chris Hamilton, David Munro, Agnes Murphy, Mary MacLean

RIP: Andrew Horne, Ruby Davidson, Stewart MacLennan

Anniversaries: Alastair McNeill, Mary & Ernie MacMillan