



# St. Columba's, Culloden

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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016**  
**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY**  
**OF THE YEAR, C**

## Sunday Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Kings 5: 14-17  
Psalm: Ps 97: 1-4  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Timothy 2: 8-13  
Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 9 October	<b>TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> (Second Collection: Building Fund)	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b>
Tuesday 11 October	Optional Memorial of St John XXIII	<u><b>NO MASS</b></u>	
Wednesday 12 October	Wednesday in the Twenty-Eighth Week of the Year	<u><b>NO MASS</b></u>	
Thursday 13 October	Thursday in the Twenty-Eighth Week of the Year	<u><b>NO MASS</b></u>	
Sunday 16 October	<b>TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> (Second Collection: Building Fund)	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b>

## 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C: Inner Healing

This Sunday's Gospel presents Jesus healing 10 lepers, of whom only one, a Samaritan and therefore a foreigner, returned to thank him (cf. *Lk* 17: 11-19). The Lord said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well" (*Lk* 17: 19). This Gospel passage invites us to a twofold reflection. It first evokes two levels of healing: one, more superficial, concerns the body. The other deeper level touches the innermost depths of the person, what the Bible calls "the heart", and from there spreads to the whole of a person's life. Complete and radical healing is "salvation". By making a distinction between "health" and "salvation", even ordinary language helps us to understand that salvation is far more than health: indeed, it is new, full and definitive life. Furthermore, Jesus here, as in other circumstances, says the words: "Your faith has made you whole". It is faith that saves human beings, re-establishing them in their profound relationship with God, themselves and others; and faith is expressed in gratitude. Those who, like the healed Samaritan, know how to say "thank you", show that they do not consider everything as their due but as a gift that comes ultimately from God, even when it arrives through men and women or through nature. Faith thus entails the opening of the person to the Lord's grace; it means recognising that everything is a gift, everything is grace. What a treasure is hidden in two small words: "thank you"!

Jesus healed 10 people sick with leprosy, a disease in those times considered a "contagious impurity" that required ritual cleansing (cf. *Lv* 14: 1-37). Indeed, the

"leprosy" that truly disfigures the human being and society is sin; it is pride and selfishness that spawn indifference, hatred and violence in the human soul. No one, save God who is Love, can heal this leprosy of the spirit which scars the face of humanity. By opening his heart to God, the person who converts is inwardly healed from evil.

"Repent, and believe in the Gospel" (*Mk* 1: 15). Jesus began his public life with this invitation that continues to resonate in the Church to the point that in her apparitions, the Virgin Most Holy has renewed this appeal, especially in recent times

... Let us ask Our Lady for the gift of true conversion for all Christians, so that they may proclaim and witness consistently and faithfully to the perennial message of the Gospel, which points out to humanity the path of authentic peace.

(Pope Benedict XVI, *Angelus*, 14 October 2007)

### Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

I urge you to serve Jesus crucified in every person who is emarginated, for whatever reason; to see the Lord in every excluded person who is hungry, thirsty, naked; to see the Lord present even in those who have lost their faith, or turned away from the practice of their faith, or say that they are atheists; to see the Lord who is imprisoned, sick, unemployed, persecuted; to see the Lord in the leper – whether in body or soul – who encounters discrimination! We will not find the Lord unless we truly accept the marginalised!

## GENERAL NEWS

**The Gabriel Society: Meeting on Friday 21 October**, at 7.30pm, in the Marian Room. **Fr James Crampsey SJ**, former Provincial of the British Province of the Jesuits, and current Superior of the Jesuit community at Lauriston in Edinburgh (for further details, see the following site: <http://www.jesuit.org.uk/profile/james-crampsey-sj>). He will talk on the following: **“The Documents of Pope Francis: An Ignatian Perspective”**.

**Inter-Denominational Day of Praise and Testimonies**, for the feast day of St John Paul II – **Saturday 22 October**, at **St Mary’s, Beauly**. 10.30 am: Mass; 11.15 am–1.00 pm: praise, worship, and testimonies. For all ages! See the posters.

**Do you like singing? The NEW Deanery Choir needs you!** Rehearsals on **Thursdays, from 7.00pm–8.30pm, in the Marian Room** (St Mary’s), at 32 Huntly Street. Rehearsals **begin on 6 October**. No musical experience necessary! For more details, contact James Campbell on 07827 642837, or e-mail: [music.campbell@outlook.com](mailto:music.campbell@outlook.com).

**\*\* Priestly Ordination of Deacon Andrzej Niski \*\***  
**A Date for Your Diaries!** Deacon Andrzej will be ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop Hugh in **St Mary’s, Inverness, on Friday 6 January, at 3.00pm**. This will be the first Priestly Ordination in the Highland Deanery in twelve years, and is sure to be a very memorable event!  
More details to follow!

## PARISH NEWS

**NO MIDWEEK MASSES:** please note that there will be no midweek Masses (Tuesday-Thursday) at St Columba’s.

**Items for Blythwood Trust shoeboxes:** Ainsley is collecting items for shoeboxes for the Blythwood Trust. She would be grateful for any of the following items: hat, scarf, gloves (for children), small toys, shampoo, face cloths, deodorant, moisturiser, comb, hairbrush, razors, shaving foam, socks/tights, make up, sewing equipment, candles, tools (screwdriver, pens, pencils, other stationery). In order to make up the shoeboxes, we would be grateful if **all items could be handed in to St Columba’s by Sunday 16th October**. Many thanks.

**Faith in Film returns! - Wednesday 19 October, from 7.00pm: *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas***. This is a timeless story of innocence lost and humanity found, set amidst the horrors of the Holocaust in World War II. Based on the best-selling novel by John Boyne, *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* is a remarkable and inspiring story about the power of the human spirit that will capture your heart and engage your mind. Certificate: 12 (c. 90 minutes).

**“Mary’s Meals” fund-raising Coffee Morning at St Columba’s, Saturday 29 October, 10.00am to 12 noon**. Home baking, raffle, bottle stall, and more. Entry by donation. **We need volunteers to help make this a really successful event:** providing home bakes, setting up; helping to serve teas, coffees, etc., on the day; kitchen team; clearing up. **Please do consider helping, and sign up on the list in the foyer.**

**New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** we need to commission new Extraordinary Ministers. Fr Domenico has already approached several people about this; if asked, please do consider offering yourself for this important ministry. Full training will be given!

**Morning of Renewal for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – Saturday 19 November, 10.00am – 1.00pm**. This is an opportunity for ALL Readers and Extraordinary Ministers – **from St Columba’s and further afield** – to come together for a morning of reflection and renewal. There will be several short presentations, time for prayer, and Question-and-Answer Sessions. Please spread the word.

**Gardeners required:** are you a budding Alan Titchmarsh or a Charlie Dimmock? If you’d like to help maintain the beautiful appearance of the church grounds, please speak to Don – we need your help!

**Church cleaning** – Tuesday morning 11th October: Mary and Marie. New volunteers always welcomed – please consider offering your time to help clean our beautiful church!

**“90 Club”:** The next draw will take place on **Sunday 30 October**. There are a few tickets still available; £2.00 monthly. Please ask Don.

**PRIZE BINGO** – The next Fundraiser Bingo will be on **FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER!!** ‘Eyes down’ at 7.00pm. Items to give out as prizes are always needed (ten single-line prizes; ten ‘full house’ prizes; plus Raffle prizes). Many thanks to all who donated such marvellous gifts. Your help is crucial in making this fundraiser such a success for the parish!

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** + Anna Black + Audrey O’Connell + Amelia Drew + Leslie Murray + Rhona MacGregor +

**Anniversaries:** + John Campbell + Frankie Bills +

## GROUPS AND DEVOTIONS

**The Secular Franciscan Order** meets at 2.00pm on the Second Saturday of each month at St Columba’s, Culloden. Contact Helen MacGilp (01463 792149). Visit [www.ofs.gb.org.uk](http://www.ofs.gb.org.uk).

**Prayer and Praise Group** every Thursday in the Lady Chapel at St Columba’s, after the 7.30pm Mass.

**Inverness Catenian Circle** meet on the Second Monday of every month, at 7.30pm (**next meeting: 10 October**). The meeting is followed by dinner at the Craigmonie Hotel, Annfield Road, Inverness. Contact Donald (07780 603045). Visit [www.catenians.co.uk](http://www.catenians.co.uk).

**The Knights of St Columba** meets on the first Monday of every month in the Marian Room at St. Mary’s, at 7.30 pm (**next meeting: 7 November**): contact Neil Munro (01463 232095). Visit [www.ksc.org.uk](http://www.ksc.org.uk).

**St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)** meets every fortnight, on Sundays, in the Marian Room at St Mary’s, at 10.00 am (**next meeting: 16 October**). Visit [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk).