



# St. Columba's, Culloden

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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**11 SEPTEMBER 2022:**  
**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**(Year C (II); Psalter: Week 4)**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14  
Resp. Psalm: Ps 50 (51): 3-4, 12-13, 17, 19  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Timothy 1: 12-17  
Gospel: Luke 15: 1-32

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
<b>Sunday 11 September</b>	<b>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>(p. 1056 – Year C)</b>	<b>Live-Streamed Holy Mass</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
Tuesday 13 September	St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor Mass Intention: In Honour of the Holy Angels	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 15 September	Our Lady of Sorrows Mass Intention: Tay Siew Khim, RIP (Second Anniversary on 9 September)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 17 September	St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin, Doctor Mass Intention: Bernadette McComish (Birthday Recently)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
<b>Sunday 18 September</b>	<b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>(p. 1061 – Year C)</b> <b>SPECIAL COLLECTION: SICK / RETIRED PRIESTS</b>	<b>Live-Streamed Holy Mass</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Seeking The Lost

The episode in today's First Reading has been called "Israel's original sin." Freed from bondage, born as a people of God in the covenant at Sinai, Israel turned aside from His ways and fell to worshipping a golden calf.

Moses implores God's mercy, just as Jesus will later intercede for the whole human race. Just as He still pleads for sinners at God's right hand and through the ministry of the Church.

Israel's sin is the sin of the world. It is your sin and mine. Ransomed from death and made His children in Baptism, we fall prey to the idols of this world. We remain a "stiff-necked people," resisting His will for us like an ox refuses the ploughman's yoke (see Jeremiah 7:26).

Like Israel, in our sin we push God away and reject our divine sonship. Once He called us "my people" (see Exodus 3:10; 6:7). But our sin makes us "no people," people He should, in justice, disown (see Deuteronomy 32:21; 1 Peter 2:10).

Yet in His mercy, He is faithful to the covenant He swore by His own self in Jesus. In Jesus, God comes to Israel and to each of us—as a shepherd to seek the lost (see Ezekiel 34:11–16), to carry us back to the heavenly feast, the perpetual heritage promised long ago to Abraham's children.

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners," Paul cries in today's second reading. These are the happiest words the world has ever known. Because of Jesus, as Paul himself can testify, even the blasphemer and persecutor can seek His mercy.

As the sinners do in today's Gospel, we draw near to listen to Him. In this Eucharist, we bring Him the acceptable sacrifice we sing of in today's Psalm—our hearts, humbled and contrite.

In the company of His angels and saints, we rejoice that He has wiped out our offense. We celebrate with Him that we have turned from the evil way that we might live (see Ezekiel 18:23). (Scott Hahn)

## GENERAL NEWS

### The St. Andrew Community are establishing two groups –

- **St. Dominic Savio Club:** for children 11 years and younger. This will include sacramental preparation for First Holy Communion. Every Friday from 5-6pm at St. Mary's Parish Hall, Huntly Street, Inverness – **beginning Friday 7 October.**
- **St. John Bosco Youth Group:** for older children, from 12 years and older, to teenagers. Every Friday from 6.30-9.00pm, again at St. Mary's parish hall.

**Catholic Teachers' Certificate:** This course is available for post-graduate students, and for teachers already in post in schools. Courses will be delivered on the following dates at the University of Aberdeen:

Friday 7 October 2022, 1.00pm-5.00pm; Friday 13 January 2023, 1.00pm-5.00pm; Friday 17 Feb. 2023, 1.00pm-5.00pm

For further details, please contact Fr. Stephen Reilly on: 0141 330 3038, or e-mail: [Stephen.Reilly@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:Stephen.Reilly@glasgow.ac.uk)

**Catechist Formation Day** – this day will take place at Greyfriars Convent in Elgin, from **11.00am until 3.00pm on 19 November.** For further details, contact: [ogilvie@rcda.scot](mailto:ogilvie@rcda.scot).

**Anyone for Bowls?!** – the Indoor Bowling Club meet every Monday at the Smithton Culloden Youth Centre (beside the Library), from 10.15am until 12 noon. Everyone welcome: from the young to the 'young at heart'! Why not come along and join the fun?

## PARISH NEWS

### Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 1056)

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 1056: Readings & Proper Prayers

p. 541: The Creed

p. 571: Preface VI of Sundays in Ordinary Time

p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II

p. 631: Communion Rite

**Children's Liturgy:** If you would like to assist with the children's liturgy at our Sunday Masses, speak to Fr. Domenico.

**Next Week's Special Collection:** there will be a collection during the Post-Communion hymn for our Sick and Retired Priests.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC):** If you are an EMHC, could you please visit the Sacristy and write down in our liturgy planning book the dates of your availability to assist at Sunday Mass? Thank you.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):** this is available before each midweek Mass, in the Meeting Room, and also after Saturday Mass. Fr. Domenico is also available at other times; simply contact him to make an appointment.

**Piety Stall:** have you seen our latest collection of spiritually-uplifting gifts? We have rosaries, bibles, prayer books, diaries, statues, and much, much more! New items are now in stock, and we have placed our Christmas order! Come and browse at our stall!

**Found: a pair of reading glasses and case.** They can be picked up from the Sacristy.

**Prize Bingo:** thank you to everyone who supported our first Bingo Evening in almost three years! It was a very successful and enjoyable evening. **Our next Bingo night is on Friday 30 September.** Items to give as prizes are always needed (for example, gift vouchers, toiletries, chocolates, bottles..). Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**90 Club: Next Draw Sunday 25 September** – Would you like to be a winner, too? The 90 Club costs only £2 a month to join. Why not take part in this parish fundraiser? Speak to Fr. Domenico.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Ian Macdonald, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Winnie Ferrari, Godfrey Hermann, Colin MacMillan, Eileen Anne Millar

**RIP:** HM Queen Elizabeth II, Matthew Brennan, John Daley, Calum MacRury

**Anniversaries:** Kenneth MacIntyre, Tay Siew Khim, Janet MacDonald, Sheena McCulloch