



# St. Columba's, Culloden

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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**18 DECEMBER 2022:**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**(Year A (I); Psalter: Week 4)**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah: 7: 10-14  
 Resp. Psalm: Ps 23 (24): 1-6  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 1: 1-7  
 Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-24

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
<b>Sunday 18 December</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A (p. 40)</b>	<b>Sacrament of Confession</b> <b>Live-Streamed Holy Mass</b>	<b>8.30 am – 9.15am</b> <b>9.30 am</b>
<b>Monday 19 December</b>	<b>Funeral Mass of Alison MacDonald, RIP</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	<b>11.30 am</b>
Tuesday 20 December	Mass of the Day Mass Intention: Sr. Gabriel, RIP (Recently Departed)	<b>Sacrament of Confession</b> Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	<b>6.00 pm</b> 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 22 December	Mass of the Day Mass Intention: Joe Aitken, RIP (Recently Departed)	<b>Sacrament of Confession</b> Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	<b>6.00 pm</b> 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 24 December	Mass of the Day Mass Intention: Bernadette McComish (Health and Intentions)	<b>Sacrament of Confession</b> Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	<b>8.00 am</b> 8.45 am 9.30 am
	<b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b> <b>~ MASS DURING THE NIGHT (p. 85) ~</b>	Live-Streamed Vigil Mass	<b>9.00 pm (Carols)</b> <b>9.30 pm (Mass)</b>
<b>Sunday 25 December</b>	<b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b> <b>~ MASS DURING THE DAY (p. 93) ~</b>	<b>Sacrament of Confession</b> <b>Live-Streamed Holy Mass</b>	<b>8.30 am – 9.15am</b> <b>9.30 am</b>

## Fourth Sunday of Advent: God is with us

The mystery kept secret for long ages, promised through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, is today revealed (see Romans 16:25–26). This is the “Gospel of God” that Paul celebrates in today’s Epistle—the good news that “God is with us” in Jesus Christ. The sign promised to the House of David in today’s First Reading is given in today’s Gospel. In the virgin found with child, God Himself has brought to Israel a Saviour from David’s royal line (see Acts 13:22–23).

Son of David according to the flesh, Jesus is the Son of God, born of the Spirit. He will be anointed with the Spirit (see Acts 10:38), and by the power of Spirit will be raised from the dead and established at God’s right hand in the heavens (see Acts 2:33–34; Ephesians 1:20–21). He is the “King of Glory” we sing of in today’s Psalm. The earth in its fullness has been given to Him. And as God swore long ago to David, His Kingdom will have no end (see Psalm 89:4–5).

In Jesus Christ we have a new creation. Like the creation of the world, it is a work of the Spirit, a blessing from the Lord (see Genesis 1:2). In Him, we are saved from our sins, are called now “the beloved of God.”

All nations now are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to enter into the House of David and kingdom of God, the Church. Together, through the obedience of faith, we have been made a new race—a royal people that seeks for the face of the God of Jacob. He has made our hearts clean; He has made us worthy to enter His holy place, to stand in His presence and serve Him. In the Eucharist, the everlasting covenant is renewed, the Advent promise of virgin with child—God with us—continues until the end of the age (see Matthew 28:20; Ezekiel 37:24–28).

(Scott Hahn)

## PARISH NEWS

### Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A (p. 40)

p. 521: Introductory Rites  
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p. 541: The Creed

p. 551: Preface II of Advent  
p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II  
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**Congratulations!** – to **Daniel Greig**, who will be formally enrolled in the Guild of St Stephen, and receive his Guild Medal at Sunday Mass. This is an International Organisation of Altar Servers, founded in 1904. Please keep him in your prayers. **NB. Any child who has made his or her First Holy Communion is eligible to serve at the Altar. Full training is given. Please speak to Fr. Domenico.**

**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?

**First Holy Communion June 2023** – Children of P3 age or above are invited to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, which will take place on Sunday 11 June 2023 (Corpus Christi). Weekly classes will begin in January. E-mail the parish to request an application form, or speak to Fr Domenico. **Forms to be returned by 31 December.**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):** Please note the EXTENDED hours for the Sacrament of Confession at every Mass this week. In addition to these times, Fr. Domenico is happy to meet anyone at a mutually convenient time.

**Wednesday 21 December: Advent Reflection at St. Columba's, from 6.15pm:** our final Reflection will be offered by Fr. James Bell, of St. Mary's in Huntly Street, Inverness. The evening begins with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, & opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession; followed by the Advent Reflection at 7.00pm, then by Night Prayer, Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. All welcome.

**Monday 19 December: St. Columba's Christmas Carol Concert, 7.00pm – 8.00pm.** After a three-year hiatus, 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 (including non-alcoholic mulled wine, *panettone*, and mince pies). We will have the children of St. Joseph's RC School joining us, together with special guest appearances! Donations at the door – suggested offerings are: £5 for adults; kids go free!

### Looking Ahead.. Christmas Mass Times at St. Columba's:

Christmas Vigil (Sat 24 Dec):	Carol Service: 9.00 pm; Vigil Mass: 9.30 pm
Christmas Day (Sunday 25 Dec):	Mass of Christmas Day: 9.30 am

**Prize Bingo: continues after the Christmas Season** – eyes down again on **Friday 27 January 2023**, and thereafter on the last Friday of each month. Thank you for all of the wonderful items that you have handed in. Items that can be given as prizes are always needed; non-perishables can be handed in at any time.

**90 Club: Draw Today!** This is the last draw of 2022! Good luck all with a number. We begin again on 29 January 2023. Envelopes for your dues are on the table at the front door. Numbers are still available if you would like to join in this parish fundraiser. Please ask Don for details.

## 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, Eileen Anne Millar, Tony Lightfoot

**RIP:** Alison MacDonald

**Anniversaries:** George Innes, Tommy Cameron