



St. Columba's, Culloden

Tower Road, Culloden, Inverness, IV2 7PW
Tel: (01463) 794619 (Sacristy) / (01463) 794993 (House)
E-mail: stcolumbasculloden@outlook.com
Website: www.stcolumbasculloden.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/stcolumbasculloden
Parish Priest: Fr. Domenico Zanrè
Parish Safeguarding Coordinator: Dr. Helen Macdonald



~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

30 OCTOBER 2022:
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year C (II); Psalter: Week 3)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Wisdom 11:22-12:2
Resp. Psalm: Ps 144 (145):1-2, 8-11, 13b-14
2nd Reading: 2 Thess 1:11-2:2
Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 30 October	THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 1083 – Year C)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 1 November	SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS Mass Intention: Colin MacMillan, RIP (Recently Departed)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 3 November	Thursday of Week 30 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Vera & Ron Johnstone, RIP (Anniversary recently)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 4 November	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: Dennis O'Driscoll, RIP (Recently Departed)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 6 November	THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 1087 – Year C)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time: Lover of Souls

Our Lord is a lover of souls, the Liturgy shows us today. As we sing in today's Psalm, He is slow to anger and compassionate toward all that He has made.

In His mercy, our First Reading tells us, He overlooks our sins and ignorance, giving us space that we might repent and not perish in our sinfulness (see Wisdom 12:10; 2 Peter 3:9).

In Jesus, He has become the Saviour of His children, coming Himself to save the lost (see Isaiah 63:8-9; Ezekiel 34:16). In the figure of Zacchaeus in today's Gospel, we have a portrait of a lost soul. He is a tax collector, by profession a "sinner" excluded from Israel's religious life. Not only that, he is a "chief tax collector." Worse still, he is a rich man who has apparently gained his living by fraud.

But Zacchaeus' faith brings salvation to his house. He expresses his faith in his fervent desire to "see" Jesus, even humbling himself to climb a tree just to watch Him pass by. While those of loftier religious stature react to Jesus with grumbling, Zacchaeus receives Him with joy.

Zacchaeus is not like the other rich men Jesus meets or tells stories about (see Luke 12:16-21; 16:19-31; 18:18-25). He repents, vowing to pay restitution to those he has cheated and to give half of his money to the poor.

By his humility he is exalted, made worthy to welcome the Lord into his house. By his faith, he is justified, made a descendant of Abraham (see Romans 4:16-17).

As He did last week, Jesus is again using a tax collector to show us the faith and humility we need to obtain salvation. We are also called to seek Jesus daily with repentant hearts. And we should make Paul's prayer in today's Second Reading our own: that God might make us worthy of His calling, that by our lives we might give glory to the name of Jesus. (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

Sometimes we try to correct or convert a sinner by scolding him, by pointing out his mistakes and wrongful behaviour. Jesus' attitude toward Zacchaeus shows us another way: that of showing those who err their value, the value that God continues to see in spite of everything, despite all their mistakes. This may bring about a positive surprise, which softens the heart and spurs the person to bring out the good that he has within himself. (Angelus Address, 30 October 2016)

PARISH NEWS

Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 1083)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 1083: 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

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

TODAY: END OF BRITISH SUMMER TIME! CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS!! Please note that today, 30 October, marks the official 'end of British Summer Time'. **Clocks go back one hour** – meaning that we all have an extra hour in bed! Make sure you catch up on your rest, in time for our Sunday Mass!

URGENT: Oppose plans to introduce Assisted Suicide to Scotland – Care Not Killing (CNK), supported by the Catholic Parliamentary Office, has launched a petition which aims to stop plans to legalise assisted suicide. Liam McArthur MSP, has indicated that he expects to introduce his assisted suicide bill at Holyrood in early 2023, so we must act quickly. This bill risks undermining the provision of palliative care and undermining efforts to prevent suicide. It will make the most vulnerable people, including the elderly and disabled, feel like a burden and its safeguards will prove futile. The current law is the safeguard - it prohibits assisting someone's suicide and/or killing them by euthanasia. The state ought to support the provision of care, not deliberate killing, for those at the end of life. **Please sign CNK's petition in the entrance foyer today.** Alternatively, you can sign online at www.carenotkilling.scot

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.

Advent Reflections: each Wednesday evening during Advent, the Priests of the Highland Deanery have arranged reflections in different parishes. You will hear different speakers offering their thoughts on Advent itself, or on the particular feast of the day. Here are the dates, locations, and speakers:

Wednesday 30 November (St. Andrew) – St. Lawrence, Dingwall – Fr. Andrew Niski / St. Andrew Community

Wednesday 07 December (St. Ambrose / Eve of the Immaculate Conception) – St. Mary's Beaulieu
– Fr. Laurence Gambella

Wednesday 14 December (St. John of the Cross) – St. Mary's Inverness – Fr. Domenico Zanrè

Wednesday 21 December (St. Peter Canisius) – St. Columba's Culloden – Fr. James Bell

Each evening will consist of the following programme:

6.15pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, & opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession
7.00pm	Reflection
7.20pm	Night Prayer
7.30pm	Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Christmas Hamper: would anyone like to organise the hamper this year? Please speak to Fr. Domenico if you are interested.

Prize Bingo: Next Friday, 4 November – our supplies of prizes are low: donations for prizes are very gratefully accepted (gift vouchers, toiletries, chocolates, bottles, biscuits..). Your support is greatly appreciated.

90 Club: TODAY, Sunday 30 October – Good luck to all of you who have a number. Would you like to be a winner, too? It 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, Eileen Anne Millar

RIP: Colin MacMillan, Rhona Calder, Fr. Stanley Bennie, Mary MacInnes, Donald MacRury

Anniversaries: John Drew, Drew Cameron, Joan MacIntyre