



# St. Columba's, Culloden

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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**3 MARCH 2024:**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**(Year B (II); Psalter: Week 3)**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 20: 1-17  
Resp. Psalm: 18 (19): 8-11  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 22-25  
Gospel: John 2: 13-25

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 3 March	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (p. 191)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 5 March	Tuesday of Week 3 of Lent Mass Intention: Nigel John Leahy, RIP (Anniversary on 25 February)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 7 March	Thursday of Week 3 of Lent Mass Intention: Betty Thompson, RIP (Recently Departed)	Sacrament of Confession Stations of the Cross Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 9 March	Saturday of Week 3 of Lent Mass Intention: Special Intention	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 10 March	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (p. 197) SECOND COLLECTION: SCIAF	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am

### Third Sunday of Lent: Spiritual Sacrifice

Jesus does not come to destroy the temple, but to fulfil it (see Matthew 5:17)—to reveal its true purpose in God's saving plan. He is the Lord the prophets said would come—to purify the temple, banish the merchants, and make it a house of prayer for all peoples (see Zechariah 14:21; Malachi 3:1-5; Isaiah 56:7). The God who made the heavens and the earth, who brought Israel out of slavery, does not dwell in sanctuaries made by human hands (see Acts 7:48; 2 Samuel 7:5). Nor does He need offerings of oxen, sheep, or doves (see Psalm 50:7-13).

Notice in today's First Reading that God did not originally command animal sacrifices—only that Israel heed His commandments (see Jeremiah 7:21-23; Amos 5:25).

His law was a gift of divine wisdom, as we sing in today's Psalm. It was a law of love (see Matthew 22:36-40), perfectly expressed in Christ's self-offering on the Cross (see John 15:13).

This is the "sign" Jesus offers in the Gospel today—the sign that caused Jewish leaders to stumble, as Paul tells us in the Epistle. Jesus' body—destroyed on the Cross and raised up three days later—is the new and true sanctuary. From the temple of His body, rivers of living water flow, the Spirit of grace that makes each of us a temple (see 1 Corinthians 3:16) and together builds us into a dwelling place of God (see Ephesians 2:22).

In the Eucharist we participate in His offering of His body and blood. This is the worship in Spirit and in truth that the Father desires (see John 4:23-24). We are to offer praise as our sacrifice (see Psalm 50:14, 23). This means imitating Christ—offering our bodies—all our intentions and actions in every circumstance, for the love of God and the love of others (see Hebrews 10:5-7; Romans 12:1; 1 Peter 2:5). (Scott Hahn)

### Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

It is very harmful when the Church goes astray with this manner of making the house of God a house of trade. These words help us to reject the danger of also making our soul, which is God's dwelling place, a house of trade, by living in constant search of our personal interests instead of generous and supportive love. (Angelus, 4 March 2018)

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### Today's Liturgy: Third Sunday of Lent, Year B (p. 191)

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**Parish Registration Forms** – if you are a new member to the Parish, or have moved house and have a new address, please consider filling in a Registration Form, and hand it in to the Sacristy. Thank you.

**Lenten Resources:** booklets on the Stations of the Cross, Prayer, Devotions, and Lenten Reflections are on sale, on the table in the entrance foyer.

**Parish Lenten Course: "No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through the Passion"** – Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a biblical pilgrimage, led by Professor Edward Sri, who will guide you through the last hours of Christ's life. You'll walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. The last meeting will take place on **Wednesday 20 March at 7.00pm**.

**"Behold the Lamb of God: Reflections for Holy Week":** Join us for a Day of Recollection at **St Mary's Nairn, on Saturday 23 March, from 11.00am** onwards. See the event poster for the full programme. The ideal preparation for Holy Week!

**Lenten Station Masses 2024** – Masses will take place each Friday in Lent at 7.00pm, at the following locations:

8 March St. Aidan's, Aviemore

15 March

St. Joseph's, Invergordon (**Bishop Hugh**)\*\*

22 March

St. Ninian's, Inverness

**Highland Foodbank: items needed for March/April 2024** – 1 kg bags of rice, microwave packs of rice, tins of custard, cartons of long-life juice, UHT milk, tins of ham/corned beef, tins of macaroni cheese, washing-up liquid, cat food. All items can be placed in the box at the piety stall.

**Tesco Tokens** – St. Joseph's RC Primary School in Inverness needs your help! We have been selected by Tesco's as one of three schools that can benefit from up to £1500 of funding for a project of their choosing. As a city centre school without much green space we are hoping to use the money to build a school garden where the children can grow their own vegetables. We might even make them into some delicious meals! If you can drop a token into the St Joseph's box next time you're in Tesco we would really appreciate it. As Tesco say, "every little helps!"

**A Pilgrimage with the Northern Saints, 25-31 August 2024** – A pilgrimage to northern England is being organised for the end of August, leaving from St. Mary's, Inverness. The trip, for up to twenty people, will include visits to the shrines of Blessed Dominic Barberi (St Helens); St. Margaret Clitherow (York) and St. Aidan (Lindisfarne) on their patronal feasts; plus excursions to St. Winefride's shrine in North Wales; Durham Cathedral, Ushaw (former seminary); as well as time in Chester, Manchester, Liverpool and Skipton. In order to minimise the expense, it is hoped that four or five cars could be taken, and the cost of the fuel divided. The approximate overall cost for six nights' (25-31 August) bed and breakfast accommodation in mostly religious retreat centres (some sharing in twin rooms may be necessary) plus fuel will be around £600. Lunch, dinner and other expenses are not included. Anyone interested should contact the office at St Mary's, Inverness, on 01463 233519."

**90 Club: February Winners!** – First Prize: Margaret McGlennon; Second Prize: DJ Macmillan; Third Prize: Chris Hamilton. Congratulations to our winners. – Anyone who has yet to pay their dues: please see Amanda MacNeil. If you would like to try your luck, it only costs £2 monthly, and you could win one of 3 prizes.

**Prize Bingo will return on Friday 26 April** – Doors open: 6.30pm; eyes down: 7.00pm. Items to give as prizes are always needed, and gratefully received; thank you for your support. There is a box in the entrance foyer, under the Piety Stall, in which you can place your donations. NB. We are still looking for someone to take over the Bingo – can you help us? If so, speak to Don, or to Fr. Domenico.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Kathleen Macpherson, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Esther Smith, Linda Macdonald, Pat Peteranna, Lauren Marsh, Katie MacCormick, Brian Hamilton, Dorothy Macdonald, Cathy Grant

**R.I.P.:** Fr. Joachim Zok, Czesław Mojsćik, Moreen Gibson, Ronald MacLeod, Angus Buchanan, Betty Thompson, Marian Ellis

**Anniversaries:** Douglas Taylor, John MacGregor, Donald Maclean