



# St Columba Roman Catholic Church

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**Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023: The Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A: Psalter Week 1:**

**Sunday, (26<sup>th</sup>) 9:30am: The Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A: Loise Ogechi Akpachiogu, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary**  
**6.00pm: The Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A: Pro Populo**

**Wednesday, (29<sup>th</sup>) 10:00am: Lent: Intentions of the McCarthy and Quinn Families.**

**Saturday, (1<sup>st</sup>) 10:00am: Lent: John Eve, RIP**

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Please remember in your prayers the intentions of St Columba's Parish, the sick, and all **who have passed away recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Elizabeth Grant(1999); Alfredo Marcella(2006); Requiescant in Pace. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Recitation of the Holy Rosary** before every Mass. Confessions will be heard by appointment.

**Finances for Last Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023:** Collection: £232.00, SCIAF £61.60; Standing Orders: £225.00

**Welcomers 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023:** David and Cathy C

**Readers 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Donald 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Bernard D

**Teas/Coffee 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023:** Elida and Ann

**Cleaning – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April March 2023:** Maura and Ann Marie W

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## Notices

**Easter Egg Raffle:** We will be holding an Easter Egg Raffle which will be drawn on Easter Sunday (9<sup>th</sup> April). Tickets will be on sale after Mass. All donations of Easter Eggs will be gratefully received.

**Notices for the Bulletin:** Parishioners are welcome to send in notices about parish events **by email** to be included in the Sunday bulletin. However, any notice published in the bulletin cannot be repeated verbally from the lectern but will be announced during the time for notices. On the other hand one can choose to speak to the parishioners verbally from the lectern (not longer than two minutes) in which case the notice will not be published in the bulletin. The parish priest needs to be given a least a week's notice before one speaks to the parishioners on any issue. Notices from outside the parish need to pass through the diocesan office to us. Notices in the bulletin will be published in chronological order.

**Parish Council Meeting:** There will be a Parish Council Meeting on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April. If you have any issues you wish to raise please email [elidabrooks@hotmail.com](mailto:elidabrooks@hotmail.com) before 30<sup>th</sup> March so it can be included on the agenda.

**Chrism Mass takes on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023 in St. Peters Church Buckie at 6pm.** The Bishop would like to encourage many of the faithful to join the clergy in this Mass in which they renew their vows.

**The Period of Lent:** Please make use this period of Lent to develop your spiritual life through Prayers, Fasting and Almsgiving and to come closer to God. We will be having Stations of the Cross every Wednesday after the 10am Mass. **The Station Masses:** The final Station Mass will be on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at St Joseph's Church, Woodside

**Lenten Penitential Service and Confessions at Our Lady and St John the Baptist, Ellon on Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 at 6:30pm**

**Aberdeen African Catholic Community Lenten Retreat** at St Columba Bridge of Don, 1<sup>st</sup> April 11:00am – 4:00pm, preceeded by a Zoom prayer meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March from 8pm to 9pm. See poster for details.

**The Good Friday Walk of the Cross:** 6.00am from St Mary's Cathedral to Kincorth Hill led by Bishop Hugh. **The All Churches Walk:** 11.00am from the Methodist Church on Crown Terrace

### Easter Ceremonies 2023:

Maunder Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April: 7.00pm at Our Lady and St John the Baptist, Ellon with Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers

Good Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April: 3:00pm at St Columba, Bridge of Don

Easter Vigil, Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> April :8:30pm at St Columba Bridge of Don

Easter Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> April: Masses as normal at 9:30am and 11:30am.

**No Evening Mass on Easter Sunday.**

**Our Deep Condolences to the Family of Deacon Brian Kilkerr who passed away in the early hours of 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023.** His Funeral will be at St Mary's Cathedral, Huntly street, on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 12pm to which all are invited. His body will be received into the church at 2pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of April. Our heartfelt Condolences to Jacquie and all other members of the family. May the Good Lord grant eternal rest to Deacon Brian.