

This Week in our Parishes ...

Sunday 17	Teas and coffee after the morning Masses in each Parish Presentation of our Father (1st Communion) at morning Masses 10.30am St. Columba's: Sr Karin's Sacramental Preparation groups for 1st Confession, Communion and Confirmation
Monday 18	4.30pm Rite of the Reception of Body of Patricia McDonnell, St. Columba's 7.30pm RCIA meeting in St Peter's Parish Room
Tuesday 19	No 09.30 Mass St. Columba's and no tea's and coffees today 11am Rehearsal for 1st Confession, St. Peter's 12 noon Requiem Mass for Patricia McDonnell, St. Columba's 2.30pm Stations of Cross, St. Peter's 7pm St. Columba's Justice and Peace meeting (GP room)
Wednesday 20	7pm Sacrament of First Confessions, St. Peter's
Thursday 21	7.30-8.30pm Lent Retreat, St. Peter's (Parish Room)
Friday 22	3.30pm Stations of Cross St. Columba's 7pm Sacrament of First Confession, St Columba's
Sunday 24	Palm Sunday—blessing of Palms at 11.30 in the Courtyard, St. Peter's Children's Liturgy at both morning Masses Teas and coffee after the morning Masses in each Parish



Reflect with SCIAF. This Lent, your prayers and donations are making a BIG difference to people in Rwanda and around the world. As you prepare for Easter, SCIAF have created several prayers and reflections to use as part of your Lenten worship. Please visit sciaf.org.uk/resources to download your prayer resources today.

Last week's SCIAF second collection at St. Peter's raised **£811.62** and at St. Columba's **£560.20**. Thank you. **£448** was also raised for SCIAF at last week's home baking sale at St. Peter's. Thanks to all contributors and to those who bought produce.

Fresh Start donations please. Non perishables (eg tins of meat, fish, porridge, pasta, tea and coffee).

St Columba's Justice & Peace group—Tues 19 March 7pm meet in the GP room. New people welcome.

Lent Retreat Hour: *Do you know what I have done?* **Thurs 21 March 7.30-8.30pm** St Peter's Parish Room
Looking for quiet space to prepare for Holy Week and hear God's voice more clearly? Join Juliet MacKellaig and Jessica Privtera from the Epiphany Group of Spiritual Directors www.epiphanygroup.org.uk

The Beginning Experience weekend 5-7 April, book by 22 March. St. Mary's, Kinnoull, Perth. For those suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood. Contact Louise (07926 571 004, louise398@gmail.com).

Speaking Truth to Power: Dorothy Day, Christian Activist. 22 Mar 6 -7.30pm. A Conversation with Martha Hennessy, Christ Church Scottish Episcopal Church 6a Morningside Road.
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/speaking-truth-to-power-dorothy-day-christian-activist-tickets-853491826027>

Cleaning at St. Columba's on Saturday 23 March 1-4pm

Path of Miracles: Edinburgh Singers, St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Palmerston Place, Sat 23 Mar 5pm
Joby Talbot's glorious 17-part *a capella* masterpiece. Depicting one of the most enduring religious pilgrimages, the Camino de Santiago. An unmissable musical journey. Tickets on the door, or from <https://www.thequeenshall.net/whats-on/path-miracles>

Holy Thursday 28 March - Washing of the Feet. Men and women invited to sign sheet at back of church.

Congratulations to Rita Melon winner the '100 club' at St. Columba's

Save the date: Saturday 8 June — St Columba's Feast Day Social will take place in the afternoon.

The Canticle of Creation (by Saint Francis of Assisi)

Be praised, my Lord, for our **Sister Death**, whom we must all face. I praise and bless you, Lord, and I give thanks to you, and I will serve you in all humility.

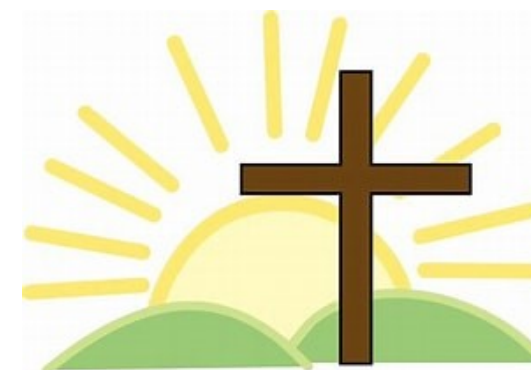
Be praised Good Lord for Sister Death who welcomes us in loving embrace:

...**death of a loved one**, our lives are profoundly changed. We miss their company, their love, their concern, their laughter, their passion and presence

...**death of Christ**. Lent invites us to think and pray about the sacrificial love of Christ. His self-emptying offers us new hope and brings us a new vision of the fullness of life.

...**our own death**. It is an unknown hour and most have little preparation for it. Yes Christian hope invites us to look forward to being welcomed into the bosom of the Lord and to rest eternally in the mansions of heaven

Be praised my Lord for all your creation serving you joyfully.



We experience death every day seeing plants and flowers grow, change and decay.

- *What helps you from the scriptures to understand death better?*
- *How does the Christian Rites of Christian burial help to accompany you when someone dies?*
- *Over the last month or two what deaths have you experienced?*

O Splendour of the Father's light
That makes our daylight lucid, bright;
O Light of light and sun of day,
Now shine on us your brightest ray
True Sun, break out on earth and shine
in radiance with your light divine;
By dazzling of your Spirit's might

Oh, give our jaded sense light.
The Father sends his Son, our Lord,
to be his bright and shining Word;
Come, Lord, ride out your gleaming course
And be our dawn, our light's true source.

St Ambrose, Fourth century

