

## Gospel Reflection *Matthew 22:1-10*

The parable of the wedding in today's gospel was spoken when Jesus saw that his own people were moving to reject him. The story is symbolic. But the invitation to us is a real one. It is an invitation to aim at the good life. The invitation to the kingdom of heaven is cast wide, yet we are free to say yes or no. No matter how low a stature I seem to have in life, I am welcome. I will shake off the rags of my injustice, my less good self and dress in the clothes of a new, more loving person.

*source: Irish Jesuits*

## ST MARY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Last Sunday's First Collection: **£262.41**  
and the Second Collection: **£174.87**

**October is Mission Month**, where we focus on and pray for the work of our missionaries worldwide and the support given to them by Missio Scotland with a collection being taken to bolster that support in every Catholic Church the world over on World Mission Sunday on October 22 - **Second collection next Sunday is for Missio Scotland.**

## ST MARY'S OFFERTORY DONATIONS

*(First Collection) A/c name:*

**FOR R.C. DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN,  
ST MARY'S BEAULY  
Acc: 00711527  
Sort Code 80-05-61**

*Second Collection A/c name:*

**RCD OF ABERDEEN – RCD BEAULY  
ST. MARY'S  
Acc: 10031469  
Sort Code 80-05-61**

## ULLAPOOL CHURCH ROOF APPEAL

Bank Sort Code: **80-05-17**

Account Name: **Ullapool & Gairloch  
St Martin of Tours**

Account No: **10109462**

RC Diocese of Aberdeen,  
Reg. Scottish Charity SC005122

## Confirmation Arrangements

Confirmations in Beauly will take place on **May 5<sup>th</sup> 2024**. So that we can keep Bishop Hugh informed, could parents who have a child attending the confirmation classes with the St Andrew's Community in Inverness please have a word with Father Max.

**The Knights of St Columba** in Aberdeen have been in contact, with a hope that Catholic men in our Highland parishes may have an interest in joining the Knights.

There was an active branch/Council of Knights in Inverness, but no more. However, they write to say that a few men in our area of the Highlands, have expressed an interest in the work of the Knights.

Brothers of the Knights of St Columba have an interest in helping those in need and can offer experience and support to one another. They are starting a recruitment campaign in the Inverness area and would be delighted to come over from Aberdeen to speak.

If you wish to be notified of any forthcoming meeting, please email **Donald Shaw: editor.beauly@gmail.com**

The Knights of St. Columba also safeguard the relics of **St. Columba, St Andrew and, St Margaret**. This year, they have been bringing these sacred relics to locations across the UK, inviting pilgrims to partake in their spiritual legacy.

During the month of October, the relics are in the Central belt, but the question is, why not here in the Highlands?

Visit <https://ksc.org.uk/>



## ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

High St, Beauly, Highland IV4 7AU

Tel: (01463) 782 232 Email: stmarysbeauly@btinternet.com

Website: [stmarysbeauly.org](http://stmarysbeauly.org)



**Sunday 15 October 2023**

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – A**

Parish Priest: **Father Maximilian Nwosu**

Email: [frizuma3@yahoo.com](mailto:frizuma3@yahoo.com)

**Father James Anyaegbu**

Email: [jamesanyaegbu@gmail.com](mailto:jamesanyaegbu@gmail.com)

Office: [secretary.stmarysbeauly@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.stmarysbeauly@gmail.com)

## Sunday Mass Times

**ST MARY'S BEAULY** 11:00am

**OUR LADY & ST BEAN, MARYDALE** 9:00am  
(Confessions, 1st Sun) no Mass 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

**ST MARY'S ESKADALE**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the month, 9:00am

**ST MARTIN'S ULLAPOOL**

1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month, 2:30pm

**ST MAELRUBHA'S POOLEWE**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month at 2:30pm

**LOCHINVER : To be arranged**

**FORT AUGUSTUS** Sun 11:00am, Fri 12:30pm

## Weekday Mass Times & Devotions

**Tuesday** Mass 10:00am (Beauly)

**Wednesday** 5:00pm Rosary, 5:30pm  
(Marydale)

7:00pm (Beauly)

**Thursday** 10:00am (Beauly)

**Friday** Mass 10:00am (Beauly)

**Fort Augustus:** Mass 12:30pm

**Confession:** call by the Parish House,  
phone, or email to make appointment.

**Next Sunday 22 Oct 2023**

**Mission Sunday**

**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – A**

Marydale 9:00am, Beauly 11:00am,  
Fort Augustus 11:00am (livestream),  
Poolewe 2:30pm

## Mass Intentions

**Sun:** Chris Page (God's Grace)

**Tues:** Kirsteen MacIennan (RIP)

**Wed:**

**Thurs:**

**Fri:**

*Please pray for the sick of our parishes and all who ask for our prayers.*

## Liturgical Calendar

**Mon 16 Oct:** Opt. Memorial of **Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque** (1647-1690) a visionary and ascetic (severe self-discipline) nun. She was influential in the spread of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**Tues 17 Oct:** Memorial of **St Ignatius of Antioch** thought to have been a disciple of St John. Second Bishop of Antioch.

**Wed 18 Oct:** Feast of **Saint Luke**, writer of a Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. He was a companion of St Paul on his 2<sup>nd</sup> missionary journey. Physician and thought to be an artist.

**Thurs 19 Oct:** Opt. Memorial of **St Paul of the Cross** (1694-1775) born in Piedmont, Italy near the Alps. He and his brother started the Passionists.

## DEATH ANNIVERSARIES (OCTOBER)

Valerie Hunter-Gordon, Robert Fraser,  
Ishbel Ann Metcalfe, Arabella  
Vanneck, Mark Perry, Christine  
Nicholls, Alan Brunning, Okechukwu  
Nwosu.

## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 25:6-10*

On this mountain,  
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all  
peoples  
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of  
fine wines,  
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained  
wines.  
On this mountain he will remove  
the mourning veil covering all peoples,  
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,  
he will destroy Death for ever.  
The Lord will wipe away  
the tears from every cheek;  
he will take away his people's shame  
everywhere on earth,  
for the Lord has said so.  
That day, it will be said: See, this is our  
God  
in whom we hoped for salvation;  
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.  
We exult and we rejoice  
that he has saved us;  
for the hand of the Lord  
rests on this mountain.

*The Word of The Lord*  
**Thanks be to God**

---

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 22(23)*

**Response:** *In the Lord's own house  
shall I dwell for ever and ever.*

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.

R/

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of  
darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and  
your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.

R/

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

R/

Surely goodness and kindness shall  
follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.

R/

## SECOND READING

*Philippians 4:12-14,19-20*

I know how to be poor and I know how to  
be rich too. I have been through my  
initiation and now I am ready for  
anything anywhere: full stomach or  
empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There  
is nothing I cannot master with the help  
of the One who gives me strength. All the  
same, it was good of you to share with  
me in my hardships. In return my God will  
fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as  
lavishly as only God can. Glory to God,  
our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The Word of The Lord*  
**Thanks be to God**

---

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn1:14,12*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Word was made flesh and lived  
among us:  
to all who did accept him  
he gave power to become children of  
God.

**Alleluia!**

---

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 22:1-10*

Jesus said to the chief priests and  
elders of the people, 'The kingdom of  
heaven may be compared to a king who  
gave a feast for his son's wedding. He  
sent his servants to call those who had  
been invited, but they would not come.  
Next he sent some more servants. "Tell  
those who have been invited" he said  
"that I have my banquet all prepared,  
my oxen and fattened cattle have been  
slaughtered, everything is ready. Come  
to the wedding." But they were not  
interested: one went off to his farm,  
another to his business, and the rest  
seized his servants, maltreated them  
and killed them. The king was furious.  
He despatched his troops, destroyed  
those murderers and burnt their town.  
Then he said to his servants, "The  
wedding is ready; but as those who  
were invited proved to be unworthy, go  
to the crossroads in the town and invite  
everyone you can find to the wedding."  
So these servants went out on to the  
roads and collected together everyone

they could find, bad and good alike; and  
the wedding hall was filled with guests.'

*The Gospel of The Lord*  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

---

## PRAYER BEFORE THE HOMILY

We will make our lives your dwelling  
place.  
We will build your throne in our hearts.  
Come Father,  
Come Son,  
Come Holy Spirit,  
O come and take your place in our lives.

---

## THE MYSTERY OF FAITH NO. 3

Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and  
Resurrection  
you have set us free.

---