Gospel Reflection Matthew 22:34-40

The gospel today centres the message of Jesus on love; on two loves united in each of us. Love God, love the neighbour - this is the only commandment of Jesus. Without this, all we say we do for him is really done for ourselves. No detail of religious observance is above this law of love. Jesus said this, and lived it in his life. He never allowed the laws of religion overtake the need for love. The message of Jesus is all-embracing and covers all our relationships, both the close relationships of marriage, family and friendship, as well as the call to love the wider world, particularly where the needs are great. source: Irish Jesuits

ST MARY'S OFFERTORY

Last Sunday's First Collection: **£243.41** and the **MISSIO** Collection: **£214.60**

Starting next month, the second collection (via offertory basket) <u>on the last Sunday in</u> <u>each month</u>, will go into the running account which is in a perilous situation. This initially will run for six months and then be reviewed.

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

<u>Second Collection A/c name:</u> 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

Advent Initiative – A Call for Help

Dear friends in Christ,

In preparation for the time when we will see face of Christ, the Son of God, born for us in a manger in Bethlehem, as his followers we need to show that we see him equally in the poor, the hungry and the needy.

On the four Sundays of Advent (3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th) we are keen to do this in a concrete way by collaborating as a Deanery to provide lunch (1.30-3.30) for the homeless and those who are struggling. The venue for this will be St. Mary's, Inverness but it is hoped that there will be a representation of volunteers from all the parishes of the local area. If you feel you may be able to help with this venture, either in the kitchen, helping to welcome people, serving or cleaning and especially sitting and enjoying the company of our guests over a meal, please fill in the form at the back of the church and bring it with you to the meeting.

A planning meeting will be held on <u>Wed</u> <u>22nd November</u> in the Marian Room at St Mary's, Inverness, for those who are able to participate. Many thanks and God bless.

> Fr Maximilian Nwosu Fr Laurence Gambella

Nicholas Macrae, RIP

The Requiem Mass will take place in St Mary's, Beauly next Friday 3 November starting at 12 noon. Thereafter to Eskadale Cemetery for interment.



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Sunday 29 October 2023 30th Sunday of the Year – A

Sunday Mass Times

ST MARY'S BEAULY 11:00am OUR LADY & ST BEAN, MARYDALE 9:00am (Confessions, 1st Sun) <u>no</u> Mass 2nd Sunday ST MARY'S ESKADALE

2nd Sunday in the month, 9:00am **ST MARTIN'S ULLAPOOL** 1st 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month, 2:30pm **ST MAELRUBHA'S POOLEWE** 2nd & 4th 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: All Saints Day 5:00pm Rosary @Marydale (ea. 2nd Wed in the month), Mass 5:30pm (Marydale) Mass 12:30pm (Fort Augustus) Mass 10:00am & 7:00pm (Beauly) <u>Thursday: All Souls Day</u> Mass 10:00am (Beauly) Friday: Mass 12:00pm (Beauly)

Friday Mass 12:00pm (Beauly) **Confession:** call by the Parish House, phone, or email to make appointment.

<u>Next</u> Sunday 5 Nov 2023 31st Sunday of the Year – A Marydale 9:00am, Beauly 11:00am, Fort Augustus 11:00am (livestream), Ullapool 2:30pm



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Mass Intentions

Sun: Chris Page (God's Grace) Tues: Nick Macrae (RIP) Wed: Thurs: Mary McKeon (RIP) Fri: Nick Macrae (RIP) Please pray for the sick of our parishes and all who ask for our prayers.

Liturgical Calendar

Wed 1st Nov: ALL SAINTS Solemnity. The origin of this feast began in eastern Christendom. In Rome, it was celebrated when the Roman Pantheon temple was renamed the church of Sancta Maria as Martyrs and into which many relics of martyrs from the catacombs were placed. Thurs 2nd Nov: Commemoration of all the Faithfull Departed. We commemorate the dead who are in purgatory, awaiting their entry into heaven. It is a day of remembrance and prayer for them. Visit the local cemetery and pray for the dead at their grave.

Fri 3 Nov: St Martin de Porres (1579-1639) who was born in Lima, Peru of mixed race (his mother being a freed slave). He became a Dominican lay brother, devoted to the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist, and dedicated to care of the sick and the poor, renowned for his humility and charity.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES (OCTOBER)

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

FIRST READING

Exodus 22:20-26 ·

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this:

"You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity." *The Word of The Lord* **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 17(18):2-4,47,51

Response: *I love you, Lord, my strength.*

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.

The Lord is worthy of all praise, when I call I am saved from my foes.

R/

Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me, He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed.

R/

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 ·

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

> The Word of The Lord Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf.Ac16:14

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

> 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. 2

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, We proclaim your Death, O Lord, Until you come again.