

Gospel Reflection *Matthew 23:1-12*

An adult is often told to 'chill out' by a younger person. We can easily think of people who are puffed up with their own praise and a sort of pomposity about themselves. We don't like that in others; it may be a bit in each of us. To realise that we are totally dependent on God for life and love is a humbling realisation. Prayer at its best keeps us humble, chilled out with the warmth of God's love!

source: Irish Jesuits

ST MARY'S OFFERTORY

Last Sunday's First Collection: **£269.32**
Second Collection: **£179.00**

NB: the above figures relate to the cash collections and do not include Direct Debits or Standing Orders.

Starting this month, the second collection (via offertory basket) on the last Sunday, will go into the running account (00711527) 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**

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

Advent Initiative – A Call for Help

On the four Sundays of Advent (3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th) we are 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. 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 Wed 22nd November 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*

Pope's November prayer intention: For the Pope

Pope Francis asks the faithful to "Pray to the Lord that He will bless me," saying, "Your prayer gives me strength and helps me to discern and to accompany the Church, listening to the Holy Spirit."

Pope Francis reminds the faithful that "The fact that someone is Pope doesn't mean they lose their humanity. On the contrary, my humanity grows each day with God's holy and faithful people. Being Pope is also a process. The person becomes aware of what it means to be a pastor. And in this process, he learns how to be more charitable, more merciful, and, above all, more patient, like God our Father, who is so patient."



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Sunday 5 November 2023

31st Sunday of the Year – A

Sunday Mass Times

ST MARY'S BEAULY 11:00am

OUR LADY & ST BEAN, MARYDALE 9:00am
(Confessions, 1st Sun) no 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 5:00pm Rosary @Marydale (ea. 2nd Wed in the month), Mass 5:30pm (Marydale)
Mass 7:00pm (Beauly)

Thursday Mass 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 12 Nov 2023

32nd Sunday of the Year – A

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

Mass Intentions

Sun: Chris Page (God's Grace)

Tues:

Wed:

Thurs:

Fri:

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

Liturgical Calendar

Wed 8th Nov: Blessed John Duns Scotus – Memorial (c. 1265-1308) born in Duns in Berwickshire and joined the Franciscan Friars Minor. Sent to study at Oxford and to teach at the University of Paris. He taught the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception of Mary.

Thurs 9 Nov: Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. After the Emperor Constantine granted the freedom of worship to the Catholic Church in 313, a church was built beside the palace of the Laterani family and consecrated in 324. It is the cathedral of the diocese of Rome.

Fri 10 Nov: Saint Leo The Great – Memorial. (c.390-461) from a prominent Roman family and was eminent as a pope. In 452 he met Attila the Hun and persuaded him to abandon the invasion of the Italian peninsula. One of the great Doctors of the Church.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES (NOVEMBER)

Joan Marsh, William McDade, Claire Ryan,
Gerald Macdonald, Fred Scott, Mary Mckean, Gerald Macdonald, Jean Macdonald, Mike Young, Jeffery MacLean, Angela Montague, Ironside, Willaim MacLennan.

FIRST READING

Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10

I am a great king, says the Lord of Hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of Hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. But you, you have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of Hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration. Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 130(131)

Response: *Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.*

O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me.

R/

Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul.

R/

O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and forever.

R/

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

The Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

153:9, Jn6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 23:1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi. 'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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.
