

Gospel Reflections *Matthew 25:1-13*

- o The lamp is given us by God and our prayer or time given to God is the oil. All of God's action in our lives is his gift, but it needs our openness and welcome. Prayer builds up our 'supply of oil', which can give light and fragrance to the rest of our lives.
- o For me, millennia later, this speaks of the moments of grace and opportunity: as when a great love comes into my life, or a chance of reconciliation, or an unexpected blow. It comes unexpectedly, as a shock, and can find me fumbling. -Lord, give me the grace today to find you in every encounter. Make me ready to recognise you.

source: *Irish Jesuits*

ST MARY'S OFFERTORY

Last Sunday's First Collection: **£237.91**

Second Collection: **£185.74**

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**

The Sacred Journey: Knights of St. Columba National Tour 2023 of the Relics of St. Margaret, St. Columba, and St. Andrew

The Knights of St. Columba, proudly safeguard the relics of St. Columba, St Andrew and St Margaret. This year, the Knights are bringing these sacred relics to locations across the country, inviting pilgrims to partake in their spiritual legacy.

On **Tuesday 14 November**, they will be brought to **St Mary's, Inverness** where they will be held, up to and including the feast of St Margaret of Scotland (Thursday 16 Nov.) after which they will go to St Columba's in Culloden. Thereafter they return to Carfin.

St. Columba, the Irish missionary, left an indelible mark on Scottish Christianity. His relics represent his missionary zeal and dedication to spreading the Gospel, providing an opportunity to deepen one's understanding of his legacy.

St. Andrew, Scotland's patron saint. His relics strengthen the Knights' commitment to preserving the region's spiritual heritage and offer a personal connection to their faith.

St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland, embodies piety and compassion. Her relics exemplify her unwavering faith and charitable works, offering a chance to connect with her remarkable life and spirituality.

World Day of the Poor: 'Do not turn your face away'

As the Church prepares for the World Day of the Poor on 19 November, Pope Francis stresses: "A great river of poverty is traversing our cities and swelling to the point of overflowing; it seems to overwhelm us, so great are the needs of our brothers and sisters who plead for our help, support and solidarity."

"We are living," he continues, "in times that are not particularly sensitive to the needs of the poor. The pressure to adopt an affluent lifestyle increases, while the voices of those dwelling in poverty tend to go unheard." He encourages the Church to "go forth", beyond its own walls, to encounter poverty "in the multiple meanings in which it manifests itself in today's world."

Source: *Vatican News*



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Sunday 12 November 2023

32nd 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

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

Weekday Mass Times & Devotions

Tuesday ~~No Mass 10:00am (Beauly)~~

Wednesday 5:00pm Rosary @Marydale (ea. 2nd Wed in the month), Mass 5:30pm (Marydale)
Mass 7:00pm (Beauly)

Thursday ~~No Mass 10:00am (Beauly)~~

The Priests will be in **Elgin**.

Friday Mass 10:00am (Beauly)

Fort Augustus: Mass 12:30pm

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

Next Sunday 19 Nov 2023

33rd Sunday of the Year – A

World Day of the Poor

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

Mass Intentions

Sun: Paul Drinkwater

Tues:

Wed: Chris Page (God's Grace)

Thurs:

Fri:

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

Liturgical Calendar

Mon 13 Nov: **St Machar**, Bishop, a follower of St Columba from Ireland (6c) who laboured among the Picts by the Don. He is regarded as the first bishop of Aberdeen city.

Wed 15th Nov: **St Albert the Great** (c. 1200-1280) entered the Order of Preachers, taught in Germany and Paris. He taught Thomas Aquinas and became known as a *Doctor Universalis*.

Thurs 16 Nov: **Feast of Saint Margaret of Scotland**, Queen of Scotland (c. 1045-1093), 2nd patron of Scotland. Born in Hungary to an exiled family who had to flee England to Scotland. She married King Malcolm III in Dunfermline; they had eight children. Generous to the poor, exemplary wife and mother, and worked to bring the old Celtic Church into the mainstream of the Church.

Fri 17 Nov: **Saint Elizabeth of Hungary** (1007-1031) married at 14, widowed at 20, noted for her constant prayer and generous almsgiving.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES (NOVEMBER)

Joan Marsh, William McDade, Claire Ryan, Gerald MacDonald, Fred Scott, Mary McKeon, Gerald MacDonald, Jean MacDonald, Mike Young, Jeffery MacLean, Angela Montague, Helen (Shona) Ironside, William MacLennan, Archy Brady.

FIRST READING

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.

By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her.

Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;

be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.

She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 62(63):2-8

Response: *For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.*

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.

R/

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.

R/

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

R/

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

R/

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

The Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt24:42 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour
when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples:
‘The kingdom of heaven will be like this:
Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, “The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.” At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, “Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out.” But they replied, “There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves.” They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. “Lord, Lord,” they said “open the door for us.” But he replied, “I tell you solemnly, I do not know you.” So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.’

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. 1

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.
