

## Gospel Reflections

Matthew  
25:14-15,19-21

**Reflection** Focus firstly on all those servants who did a fine job for their master. Their reward? To enter into the joy of their master. You can imagine all sorts of celebrations, gifts, sense of fulfilment and general happiness all around. A “talent” was a huge amount at the time of the Gospels, so the master was entrusting a great deal to his servants. He must have been delighted with their work. Except for the one who only received one talent. There’s no reason to believe that he was a bad man. But he opts for security and not for risk.

source: Irish Jesuits

## ST MARY'S OFFERTORY

Last Sunday's First Collection: **£254.87**

Second Collection: **£180.00**

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 (next week) 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 (3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> December) 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 bring your form with you to the meeting. (*spare forms at back*)

**A planning meeting will be held on Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7pm 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

## 35 Days to Christmas – Consider charitable causes.

Local charity the sisters of **St Andrew's Community** have been living in and working for the diocese since 2013. The Community have had a real focus on evangelisation, especially teenagers, and also serving the needy. Through their work, many young people, and others, have had their faith kindled. Please support them in their work. You can text them **07754 891808** or email **donations@standrewx.org** or donate on their website **standrewx.org**

**SCIAF** If you're clean out of gift ideas, think soap!

A bar of soap: so simple yet life-changing. For people living in the world's poorest places, soap can mean the difference between life and death, helping stave off infection and keeping children safe. A gift of soap (£5) helps families live healthy and dignified lives. **shop.sciaf.org.uk**

**Mary's Meals** Please continue to support the more than 2.4 million children who eat Mary's Meals at school. **£19.15** will feed a child for a whole year.

Go to: **donate.marysmeals.org/gb**



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**Sunday 19 November 2023**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year – A**

**World Day of the Poor**

## 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

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

## Weekday Mass Times & Devotions

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

**Wednesday** 5:00pm Rosary @Marydale (ea. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 an appointment.

**Next Sunday 26 Nov 2023**

**34<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:** Fr. Max. Nwosu (12<sup>th</sup> Priestly Anniv.)

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

**Wed:** Beatrice Anne Leak (RIP)

**Thurs:**

**Fri:** Andy Brady (RIP)

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

## Liturgical Calendar

**Tues 21 Nov: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Memorial) – has been celebrated in the East since the 6<sup>th</sup> century and in the West since the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Wed 22 Nov: Saint Cecilia** (Memorial) – venerated as a virgin and martyr of Rome. Beheaded in the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> century for refusing to worship the pagan gods.

**Thurs 23 Nov: St Clement I** (*Opt. Mem.*) The third successor of Peter. **St Columban** (*Opt. Mem.*) Abbot and missionary from Leinster. founded monasteries in France and finally in Italy where he died in 165AD

**Fri 24 Nov: St Andrew Dũng Lạc & Companions** who were severely persecuted in Vietnam during the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Many thousands died by execution.

## 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, Andy Brady.

## FIRST READING

*Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 ·*

A perfect wife – who can find her?  
She is far beyond the price of pearls.  
Her husband’s heart has confidence in her,  
from her he will derive no little profit.  
Advantage and not hurt she brings him  
all the days of her life.  
She is always busy with wool and with flax,  
she does her work with eager hands.  
She sets her hands to the distaff,  
her fingers grasp the spindle.  
She holds out her hand to the poor,  
she opens her arms to the needy.  
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;  
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.  
Give her a share in what her hands  
have worked for,  
and let her works tell her praises at the  
city gates.

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

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 127(128):1-5*

**Response:** *O blessed are those who  
fear the Lord.*

O blessed are those  
who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall  
eat.  
You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table.

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Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
all the days of your life!

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## SECOND READING

*1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 ·*

You will not be expecting us to write  
anything to you, brothers, about ‘times  
and seasons’, since you know very well  
that the Day of the Lord is going to come  
like a thief in the night. It is when people  
are saying, ‘How quiet and peaceful it is’  
that the worst suddenly happens, as  
suddenly as labour pains come on a  
pregnant woman; and there will be no  
way for anybody to evade it.  
But it is not as if you live in the dark, my  
brothers, for that Day to overtake you  
like a thief. No, you are all sons of light  
and sons of the day: we do not belong to  
the night or to darkness, so we should  
not go on sleeping, as everyone else  
does, but stay wide awake and sober.

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**Thanks be to God**

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Rv2:10*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Even if you have to die, says the  
Lord,  
keep faithful, and I will give you  
the crown of life.

**Alleluia!**

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## GOSPEL

*Matthew 25:14-15,19-21*

Jesus spoke this parable to his  
disciples: ‘The kingdom of Heaven is  
like a man on his way abroad who  
summoned his servants and entrusted  
his property to them. To one he gave  
five talents, to another two, to a third  
one; each in proportion to his ability.  
Then he set out.

‘Now a long time after, the master of  
those servants came back and went  
through his accounts with them. The  
man who had received the five talents  
came forward bringing five more. “Sir,”  
he said “you entrusted me with five  
talents; here are five more that I have  
made.”’

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

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## 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.

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## 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.

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