

## Gospel Reflection *Matthew 25:31-46*

Each group goes to the place it has chosen. Those whose lives were oriented to love and mercy come to the love and mercy of God. Those who excluded people in need from their lives have excluded themselves from God's kingdom where there is only acceptance and love. The king mentions conditions that occur in all places and times: hungry and thirsty people, immigrants and people without clothing, sick and prisoners. The story does not use fancy words about justice and solidarity, but speaks of food, clothing, something to drink, protection from elements. It doesn't recommend "love", but specific actions like giving, welcoming, visiting, taking care of. What matters is not a theoretical love but compassion that helps the person in need.

*source: Irish Jesuits*

### ST MARY'S OFFERTORY

Last Sunday's First Collection: **£337.70**

Second Collection: **£214.80**

*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 (this 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**

**RC Diocese of Aberdeen,  
Reg. Scottish Charity SC005122**

**2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION TODAY** will go to the running account which is used to pay all electricity costs, plus the travel and food for our two Reverend Fathers.

### **Next Sunday marks the start of Year B in the Church's Calendar and the start of Advent.**

In Advent the Church prepares to celebrate the Nativity, when we recall Christ's first coming. As we remember, so also we look forward in faith to his Second Coming at the end of time. It is a period of joyful hope. The hope of Advent is expressed during the first part of Advent with the concentration on the Second Coming, while the First Coming is recalled particularly from the 17<sup>th</sup> December, when Christ is seen as the fulfilment of the hope of Israel. Throughout Advent, violet (purple) is used for seasonal celebrations. The use of flowers and musical instruments should be restrained until Christmas.

### **TIMES OF MASS IN THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD 23 December 2023**

St Martin Ullapool - Mass: 11:30am

St Maelrubha's Poolewe -Mass: 11:30am

### **24 December 2023**

Marydale, Cannich – Mass: 9:00am

Fort Augustus – Mass: 11:00am

Beauly – Mass: 11:00am

### **Vigil:**

Marydale, Cannich – Carol/Mass:

6:00/6:30pm

Beauly – Carol/Mass: 8:30/9:00pm

### **25 December 2023**

Fort Augustus – Mass: 11:00am

Beauly – Mass: 11:00am

### ULLAPOOL CHURCH ROOF APPEAL

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

Account Name: **Ullapool & Gairloch**

**St Martin of Tours**

Account No: **10109462**



## **ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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### **Sunday 26 November 2023**

**34th Sunday of the Year – A**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe**

### **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 @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 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Year – B**

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

Parish Priest: **Father Maximilian Nwosu**

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### **Mass Intentions**

**Sun:** Anne Graham (RIP)

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

**Wed:**

**Thurs:**

**Fri:**

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

### **Liturgical Calendar**

**Thurs 30 Nov:** Solemnity of Saint

**Andrew**, Principal Patron Saint of Scotland (and Russia). Follower of John the Baptist before he became a disciple of Christ to whom he brought Peter, his brother. Along with Philip, he presented some Gentiles to Jesus and, in the gospel, is named as the person who told Jesus about the boy with loaves and fishes. He evangelised to the north of the Caspian and Black Seas. Crucified in the area of Patras, Greece. Tradition has it that he was crucified on an X-shaped cross.

**Fri 1 Dec:** Anniversary of the **Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Emeritus Peter Moran, 2003.**

### **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

*Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17*

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

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

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 22(23):1-3a,5-6*

**Response:** *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.

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Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.

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/

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## SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28*

Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the first-fruits of all who have fallen  
asleep. Death came through one man  
and in the same way the resurrection of  
the dead has come through one man.  
Just as all men die in Adam, so all men  
will be brought to life in Christ; but all of  
them in their proper order: Christ as the  
first-fruits and then, after the coming of  
Christ, those who belong to him. After  
that will come the end, when he hands  
over the kingdom to God the Father,  
having done away with every  
sovereignty, authority and power. For he  
must be king *until he has put all his  
enemies under his feet* and the last of the  
enemies to be destroyed is death, for  
everything is to be *put under his feet*.  
And when everything is subjected to  
him, then the Son himself will be subject  
in his turn to the One who subjected all  
things to him, so that God may be all in  
all.

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**Thanks be to God**

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mk11:10*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessings on him who comes in the  
name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of  
our father David!

**Alleluia!**

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## GOSPEL

*Matthew 25:31-46*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the  
Son of Man comes in his glory,  
escorted by all the angels, then he will  
take his seat on his throne of glory. All  
the nations will be assembled before  
him and he will separate men one from  
another as the shepherd separates  
sheep from goats. He will place the  
sheep on his right hand and the goats  
on his left.

'Then the King will say to those on his  
right hand, "Come, you whom my  
Father has blessed, take for your  
heritage the kingdom prepared for you  
since the foundation of the world. For I  
was hungry and you gave me food; I  
was thirsty and you gave me drink; I  
was a stranger and you made me  
welcome; naked and you clothed me,  
sick and you visited me, in prison and  
you came to see me." Then the  
virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord,  
when did we see you hungry and feed  
you; or thirsty and give you drink?  
When did we see you a stranger and  
make you welcome; naked and clothe  
you; sick or in prison and go to see  
you?" And the King will answer, "I tell  
you solemnly, in so far as you did this  
to one of the least of these brothers of  
mine, you did it to me."

'Next he will say to those on his left  
hand, "Go away from me, with your  
curse upon you, to the eternal fire  
prepared for the devil and his angels.  
For I was hungry and you never gave  
me food; I was thirsty and you never  
gave me anything to drink; I was a  
stranger and you never made me  
welcome, naked and you never clothed  
me, sick and in prison and you never  
visited me." Then it will be their turn to  
ask, "Lord, when did we see you  
hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked,  
sick or in prison, and did not come to  
your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell  
you solemnly, in so far as you  
neglected to do this to one of the least  
of these, you neglected to do it to me."  
'And they will go away to eternal  
punishment, and the virtuous to  
eternal life.'

*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. 3

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

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