

## Gospel Reflection Mark 13:33-37

The Gospel today says – Don't give up. God is always near! Live in hope and preparation. Stay awake to the season – the ways we can deepen and grow in our faith - maybe do a retreat, do something good for others with your time or finance, notice God in the events of the next few weeks, pray a bit every day, make time to be awakened to the centre of our world who is God, and to his central action in creating the world each day, sending Jesus Christ his Son.

*source: Irish Jesuits*

## ST MARY'S OFFERTORY

Last Sunday's Collections: **£353.95**

## Advent Rosary for the Unborn 4<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> December

The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh invites you to join them online at 19:45 any Monday in **Advent** for our **Rosary for Life**. Pray with Mary as she makes her way to Bethlehem carrying our unborn Saviour, and join with St Joseph, silently protecting Our Lord from the first moment of His conception. It's a great way to start your Advent preparations. Register for all or some of the events here:

[bit.ly/archprolifeevents](http://bit.ly/archprolifeevents)

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## 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

## St Mary's 100 Club November Draw

1st James Campbell

2nd John Stewart

3rd Kathleen Marshall

*If you would like to help support the finances of St Mary's, then why not join the 100 Club (£1 per month). Speak to Moira MacColl. If you don't know Moira, ask someone to point her out!*

## Christmas Carols

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

You are invited to an  
**Interdenominational Christmas Carol  
Service**

Church of Scotland,  
Croyard Road, Beauly

Starting at 6:00pm

## ULLAPOOL CHURCH ROOF APPEAL

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

Account Name: **Ullapool & Gairloch  
St Martin of Tours**

Account No: **10109462**



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## Sunday 3 December 2023

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

## 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

Tues Mass 10:00am (Beauly)

Wed Rosary @ 5:00pm (Marydale)  
(each 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed in the month),

Mass 5:30pm (Marydale)

Mass 7:00pm (Beauly)

Thurs Mass 10:00am (Beauly)

Friday Mass 10:00am (Beauly)

Mass 12:30pm (Fort Augustus)

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

## Next Sunday 10th December 2023

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year – B

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

## Mass Intentions

**Sun:**

**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

**Mon 4 Dec:** *Opt. Mem. of St John Damascene* (676-749).

**Wed 6 Dec:** *Opt. Mem. of St Nicholas* (270-343) a bishop who left a reputation for generosity and courage. A tale tells of him putting gold coins anonymously through an old man's door to provide dowries for his daughters. This gave rise to the idea of Santa Claus, which is a corruption of his name.

**Thurs 7 Dec:** Memorial of **Saint Ambrose** a strong and popular pastoral leader, opposing the Arianism heresy. Patron of the Scots College in Rome.

**Fri 8 Dec:** Solemnity of **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**Sat 9 Dec:** *Opt. Mem. St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoazin*

## DEATH ANNIVERSARIES (DECEMBER)

Catherine Kennedy, Hamish Wemyss, David Pearson, Angela Montague, Sue Constable Maxwell.

## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8*

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,  
'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name.  
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your  
ways

and harden our hearts against fearing  
you?

Return, for the sake of your servants,  
the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens  
open and come down!

– at your Presence the mountains  
would melt.

No ear has heard,  
no eye has seen

any god but you act like this  
for those who trust him.

You guide those who act with integrity  
and keep your ways in mind.

You were angry when we were sinners;  
we had long been rebels against you.

We were all like men unclean,  
all that integrity of ours like filthy  
clothing.

We have all withered like leaves  
and our sins blew us away like the  
wind.

No one invoked your name  
or roused himself to catch hold of you.

For you hid your face from us  
and gave us up to the power of our  
sins.

And yet, Lord, you are our Father;  
we the clay, you the potter,  
we are all the work of your hand.

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

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 79(80):2-3,15-16,18-19*

**Response:** *God of hosts, bring us  
back; let your face shine on us and we  
shall be saved.*

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim  
throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help.

R/

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted.

R/

May your hand be on the man you  
have chosen,  
the man you have given your  
strength.

And we shall never forsake you again;  
give us life that we may call upon  
your name.

R/

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## SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

May God our Father and the Lord  
Jesus Christ send you grace and  
peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the  
graces you have received through  
Jesus Christ. I thank him that you  
have been enriched in so many ways,  
especially in your teachers and  
preachers; the witness to Christ has  
indeed been strong among you so  
that you will not be without any

of the gifts of the Spirit while you are  
waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be  
revealed; and he will keep you steady  
and without blame until the last day,  
the day of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
because God by calling you has joined  
you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God  
is faithful.

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

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Ps84:8*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.

**Alleluia!**

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## GOSPEL

*Mark 13:33-37*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on  
your guard, stay awake, because  
you never know when the time will  
come. It is like a man travelling  
abroad: he has gone from home,  
and left his servants in charge, each  
with his own task; and he has told  
the doorkeeper to stay awake. So,  
stay awake, because you do not  
know when the master of the  
house is coming, evening, midnight,  
cockcrow, dawn; if he comes  
unexpectedly, he must not find you  
asleep. And what I say to you I say  
to all: Stay awake!'

*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. 1

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

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