

Gospel Reflection *Mark 13:33-37*

There are two things we can learn here which are relevant to our Christmas preparation. First, we ourselves need to prepare for the coming of Jesus. And not just by a pre-Christmas confession to tidy ourselves up and get rid of some of the things we regret having done in recent months.

Secondly, it is only through what we say and do that others can come to know Jesus.

Why do so many young people stop going to church and give up the practice of their faith? Where did they get the ideas of Christianity which they have – or don't have? Who is responsible?

It is a fact that the negligence of Christians undermines faith in Christ far more effectively than the most savage persecution of the sworn enemies of Christ. The Church never thrives so vigorously as under persecution from outsiders. It is the betrayal of those who are inside which does the real damage.

Edited source: Irish Jesuits

Christmas Carols Tuesday 19th December
Church of Scotland, Croyard Road, Beaulieu
6:00pm

ST MARY'S OFFERTORY *(Last Sunday)*

First Collection (Running A/c): **£274.80**
Second Collection (Fabric A/c): **£164.10**

ST MARY'S OFFERTORY DONATIONS

(Running Account) A/c name:
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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

Beaulieu – Mass: 11:00am

Vigil:

Marydale, Cannich – Carol/Mass:

6:00/6:30pm

Beaulieu – Carol/Mass: 8:30/9:00pm

25 December 2023

Fort Augustus – Mass: 11:00am

Beaulieu – Mass: 11:00am

ADVENT REFLECTIONS:

Each Wednesday evening at 6:00pm during Advent. This week the location is St Mary's Beaulieu. The evening will commence with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession followed by the Advent Reflection, concluding with Night Prayer, Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Reflection will be given by
Fr Dominic Nwaigwe

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

The outside decorations can be set up this Sunday (10th). After Mass next Sunday (17th) we will need volunteers to set up all decorations inside the Church including the Christmas Crib.

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 10 December 2023

2nd Sunday of Advent Year – B

Sunday Mass Times

ST MARY'S BEAULIEU 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

Tues Mass 10:00am (Beaulieu)

Wed Rosary @ 5:00pm (Marydale)
(each 2nd Wed in the month),
Mass 5:30pm (Marydale)
Mass 7:00pm (Beaulieu)

Thurs Mass 10:00am (Beaulieu)

Friday Mass 10:00am (Beaulieu)
Mass 12:30pm (Fort Augustus)

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

Next Sunday 17th December 2023

3rd Sunday of Advent Year – B

Marydale 9:00am, Beaulieu 11:00am,
Fort Augustus 11:00am (livestream),
Ullapool 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 11 Dec: St Damasus I (305-384) became pope in 366. Had a devotion to the martyrs.

Tues 12 Dec: Our Lady of Gaudalupe was the title chosen by Our Blessed Lady by which she was to be invoked by those who visit her shrine: she had appeared to **St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoazin** in 1531 on Tepeyac Hill, Mexico City

Wed 13 Dec: Memorial of **Saint Lucy** (283-304) who lived on Sicily. She consecrated herself to Christ as a virgin. When she turned down an arranged marriage with a pagan aristocrat, he reported her to the authorities as a Christian and she was put to death.

Thurs 14 Dec: Memorial of **Saint John of the Cross** (1542-91) born in Fontiveros near Salamanca. He became a Carmelite friar and met St Teresa of Avila. He is regarded as the foremost poet of the Spanish Language. He also experienced visions of Christ and one of his drawings inspired Salvador Dali to paint 'Christ of St John of the Cross' which was bought by the City of Glasgow.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES (DECEMBER)

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 ·

‘Console my people, console them’
says your God.
‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her
that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of
the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.’
A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the
wilderness
a way for the Lord.
Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert.
Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low.
Let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the Lord shall be
revealed
and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’
Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,
‘Here is your God.’
Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother
ewes.

The Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 84(85):9-14

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

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.

R/

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

R/

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

R/

SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-14 ·

There is one thing, my friends, that you
must never forget: that with the Lord, ‘a
day’ can mean a thousand years, and a
thousand years is like a day. The Lord is
not being slow to carry out his promises,
as anybody else might be called slow;
but he is being patient with you all,
wanting nobody to be lost and
everybody to be brought to change his
ways. The Day of the Lord will come like
a thief, and then with a roar the sky will
vanish, the elements will catch fire and
fall apart, the earth and all that it
contains will be burnt up.
Since everything is coming to an end like
this, you should be living holy and saintly
lives while you wait and long for the Day
of God to come, when the sky will

dissolve in flames and the elements melt
in the heat. What we are waiting for is
what he promised: the new heavens and
new earth, the place where
righteousness will be at home. So then,
my friends, while you are waiting, do
your best to live lives without spot or
stain so that he will find you at peace.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk3:4,6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the
salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News
about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
It is written in the book of the
prophet Isaiah:
Look, I am going to send my
messenger before you;
he will prepare your way.
A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord, make
his paths straight.
and so it was that John the Baptist
appeared in the wilderness,
proclaiming a baptism of
repentance for the forgiveness of
sins. All Judaea and all the people of
Jerusalem made their way to him,
and as they were baptised by him in
the river Jordan they confessed

their sins. John wore a garment of
camel-skin, and he lived on locusts
and wild honey. In the course of his
preaching he said, ‘Someone is
following me, someone who is
more powerful than I am, and I am
not fit to kneel down and undo the
strap of his sandals. I have baptised
you with water, but he will baptise
you with the Holy Spirit.’

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. 2

When we eat this Bread and
drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.
