

Gospel Reflection Luke 1:26-38

Christmas highlights the belief that God is in all of us. We can ignore that, or we can help God be found in all of us. God is often deeply hidden, and God is active through each of us for each other. In the visit of Mary, God came close to Elizabeth in the ordinary and homely moments of every day. These Advent and Christmas days give us the space to allow the huge eternal mystery become part of the everyday.

Source: Irish Jesuits

ST MARY'S OFFERTORY (Sunday 17 Dec.)

First Collection (Running A/c): **£240**
Second Collection (Fabric A/c): **£167.30**

FATHER MAX'S VACATION

Fr Max will be leaving after Christmas Day for a well-earned rest to visit family and friends in Nigeria. Keep him in your prayers for his safety at all times, and we look forward to his return in mid-January.

ULLAPOOL CHURCH ROOF APPEAL

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

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

Account No: **10109462**

ST MARY'S OFFERTORY DONATIONS

(Running Account) A/c name:

**FOR R.C. DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN,
ST MARY'S BEAULY**

Acc: 00711527
Sort Code 80-05-61

(Fabric Account) 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

Fr James' Faith-Chat Platform: An Appeal

On the 10 January 2024, Fr James will be leaving for Maputo city, the Capital of Mozambique and then later to Nairobi, the Capital of Kenya returning to Scotland on 22 January 2024.

In response to the challenges posed by the Covid-19 lockdown, Father James took a proactive step by founding the 'Faith-Chat Platform' for the enlightenment of young Catholic Christians and for practical charity.

This initiative serves as a pertinent response to the contemporary crisis of faith, inspired by the question, "But when the Son of man comes, will he find any faith on earth?" (Luke 18:8).

Under his guidance, the Faith-Chat Platform has conducted over 200 charitable works, positively impacting the lives of more than 40,000 individuals across Africa, including Nigeria, Kenya, Ghana, and Mozambique. In Scotland, the platform collaborates with Touch of Love Outreach in Aberdeen, contributing to food relief efforts for families in need and raising awareness about mental health.

We believe that serving the poor is a responsibility that we must take seriously. As St. Camillus de Lellis once said, "The poor and the sick are the hearts of God, and in serving them, we serve Jesus."

Fr James will be visiting outreach projects run by the Platform teams of volunteers.

He would like to bring with him (though he is limited in luggage space) materials for school children such as satchels / pencils / pens / rulers / small notebooks / rosaries.

Fr James' deadline for material donations:

**Sunday 7th January 2024
Please help!**

St Mary's 100 Club December Draw

1st Mrs Rosie Reid
2nd Mrs Margaret Humphrey
3rd Mrs Enid MacLellan
£5 Mr John Mayne
£5 Mrs Margaret Durdle



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Sunday 24 December 2023

4th 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 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 ~~No Mass~~ 10:00am (Beauly)

Wed ~~No Rosary~~ @ 5:00pm (Marydale)
(each 2nd Wed in the month),
~~No Mass~~ 5:30pm (Marydale)
~~No Mass~~ 7:00pm (Beauly)

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

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

~~No Mass~~ 12:30pm (Fort Augustus)

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

Next Sunday 31st December 2023

Feast of the Holy Family – B

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

Mass Intentions

Sun: Chris Page (God's Grace)

Tues:

Wed:

Thurs:

Fri:

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

Liturgical Calendar

Sun 24 Dec: Vigil:

Marydale – Carol/Mass: **6:00/6:30pm**

Beauly – Carol/Mass: **8:30/9:00pm**

**Mon 25 Dec: Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity,
Holy Day of Obligation**

Fort Augustus – Mass: **11:00am**

Beauly – Mass: **11:00am**

Tues 26 Dec: Feast of **Saint Stephen** who was the first to die a martyr's death for Christ.

Wed 27 Dec: Feast of **Saint John**, one of the three Apostles, whom Our Lord took with Him on special occasions.

Thurs 28 Dec: Feast of **The Holy Innocents**. King Herod the Great ordered the murder of many children <2 yrs old to be sure the 'infant King of the Jews' would be no threat to him.

Fri 29 Dec: Opt. Mem. of **Saint Thomas Becket** (1118-1170), Murdered by English Knights after a bitter conflict between the King Henry II and Thomas.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES (DECEMBER)

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

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty

will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

The Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 88(89):2-5,27,29

Response: *I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.*

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

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'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages.

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'He will say to me: "You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me." I will keep my love for him always; with him my covenant shall last.'

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SECOND READING

Romans 16:25-27

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part

of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will

have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

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.
