

Gospel Reflection Luke 2:22,39-40

Mary must have pondered endlessly in her heart about her baby son. He is so ordinary: he eats, sleeps, plays, laughs and cries. He learns easily, he is a blessed child. But is the angel's promise true, that this is in reality the Son of God? How can it be? And yet there are the crumbs of confirmation: Elizabeth's blessing, the angels and the shepherds, the kings from the east, and now Simeon and Anna's words. Mary is given enough to help her believe, and so are we.

Source: Irish Jesuits



ST MARY'S OFFERTORY (Sunday 24 Dec.)

First Collection (Running A/c): **£290**
Second Collection (Fabric A/c): **£203.70**

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.

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:

Next Sunday 7th January
Please help!

Nigeria: Christian deaths

Fr Max is visiting family and friends in Nigeria. Keep him in your prayers for his safety till his return in mid-January. On Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day, in Plateau State, attacks against Christians left at least 160 dead, 300 injured and homes destroyed. Since the start of the 21st Century, it is estimated that 62,00 Nigerian Christians have been killed because of their Faith. **Nigeria needs our prayers.**



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Sunday 31 December 2023

Feast of the Holy Family – B

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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 Mass 10:00am (Beauly)

Wed Rosary @ 5:00pm (Marydale)
(each 2nd 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 7 January 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord – B

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

Mass Intentions

Sun: Parish Intention

Mon:

Tues: Mary & Fred Rodgers - Thanksgiving

Wed:

Thurs:

Fri:

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

Liturgical Calendar

Mon 1 Jan: Mary, The Holy Mother of God – Solemnity. This is Our Lady's greatest title. It is fitting that we celebrate it in Christmas time. She is also our Mother, Jesus shared her with us from the Cross. She gained this title by saying 'yes' to God's plan. We will also gain from obeying the Will of God in our lives.

Tues 2 Jan: St Basil (330-379) and St Gregory Nazianzen (329-389) – Memorial. Both born in the Eastern Med. and became friends, bishops and fought the Arian heresy, which denied that Christ was 'consubstantial with the Father'.

Wed 3 Jan: Weekday of Christmas Time

Thurs 4 Jan: Weekday of Christmas Time

Fri 5 Jan: Weekday of Christmas Time

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES (DECEMBER)

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

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-6,21:1-3

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great.'
'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless...'.
Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir.' And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood.' Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.
The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised.
Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

The Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 104(105):1-6,8-9

Response: *He, the Lord, is our God.
He remembers his covenant for ever.*

Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

O sing to him, sing his praise;
tell all his wonderful works!

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Be proud of his holy name,
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.
Consider the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

R/

Remember the wonders he has done,
his miracles, the judgements he spoke.
O children of Abraham, his servant,
O sons of the Jacob he chose.

R/

He remembers his covenant for ever,
his promise for a thousand generations,
the covenant he made with Abraham,
the oath he swore to Isaac.

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SECOND READING

Colossians 3:12-21

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.
Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Heb1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia!

At various times in the past
and in various different ways,
God spoke to our ancestors through
the prophets;
but in our own time, the last days,
he has spoken to us through his
Son.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 2:22,39-40

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.
When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

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

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.
