

Gospel Reflection

Matthew 2:1-12

There is a Bavarian custom of chalking G M B (Gaspar, Melchior, Balthasar) on the wall of each room of the house on Epiphany morning. These are the names that tradition assigns to the Magi, representing all the nations of the world. More and more it is true that the nations of the world move to our shores, and come into my home. Do they discover you there, Lord? If justice and love are to be found in my home, then visitors, like the Magi, will be overwhelmed with joy, and pay you homage.

The comfortable and established did not recognise Jesus but the travellers and strangers appreciated who he was. I ask that I be open to the voices of the stranger and to wisdom from other traditions.

Source: Irish Jesuits

ST MARY'S OFFERTORY (Sunday 31 Dec.)

First Collection (Running A/c): **£271.55**
Second Collection (Fabric A/c): **£172.52**

ULLAPOOL CHURCH ROOF APPEAL

Account Name: **Ullapool & Gairloch
St Martin of Tours**
Account No: **10109462** Sort Code: **80-05-17**

ST MARY'S DONATIONS

(1st Collection - Running Account)
A/c name: **FOR R.C. DIOCESE OF
ABERDEEN, ST MARY'S BEAULY**
Acc: **00711527** Sort Code **80-05-61**

(2nd Collection Fabric Account)
A/c name: **RCD OF ABERDEEN – RCD
BEAULY ST. MARY'S**
Acc: **10031469** Sort Code **80-05-61**

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Dear Parishioners,

We, your priests, want to convey our sincere gratitude to all of you for the abundant and thoughtful gifts received during the Christmas season. Your generosity reflects the profound love and support that has surrounded us since the inception of our mission in the highland.

To each one of you, we extend a heartfelt thank you and commend you to the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Our commitment remains steadfast in serving your spiritual needs and nurturing faith in the highland.

May God assist us in fulfilling this shared aspiration. Amen.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Max and Fr. James

Parish Update:

On 9 January 2024, Fr James will be leaving for Mozambique and returning to Scotland on 22 January 2024.

Unfortunately, there will not be weekday Masses nor Sunday Mass in Poolewe on Jan. 14, until the week of 21 Jan. 2024.

Cover details:

Sunday - Beaulay: 7 & 21 Jan.

Fr. Andrew Niski.

14 Jan. Fr. James Bell.

Eskadale: 14th Jan. Fr. Laurence.

Normal arrangements for Mass will resume thereafter.



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Sunday 7 January 2024

The Epiphany of The Lord – B

Sunday Mass Time

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 (Beaulay)

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

Thurs **Mass** 10:00am (Beaulay)

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

Next Sunday 14 January 2024

2nd Sunday of the Year – B

Eskadale 9:00am,
Beaulay 11:00am,
Fort Augustus 11:00am

Mass Intentions

Sun: The Wright Family / Donald Shaw

Mon:

Tues:

Wed:

Thurs:

Fri:

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

Liturgical Calendar

Mon 8 Jan: The Baptism of The Lord - Feast

Tues 9 Jan: The end of CHRISTMASTIDE



DEATH ANNIVERSARIES (JANUARY)

Anne Jane Sutherland,
Philip Hercher, Jean Munn,
Pauline MacFarlane, Isobel Ann,
Margaret Forbes, Margaret Ritchie,
Peter Galloway

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 71(72):1-2,7-8,10-13

Response: *All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.*

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement.

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In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.

R/

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts.

Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him.

R/

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor.

R/

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now

share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

The Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:
And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH NO. 3

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