

## Gospel Reflection

Mark 1:12-15

The wilderness is the place of destruction and danger, of being tempted off one's path and also of meeting God. Jesus finds God's path for him in the wilderness.

Prayer is a wilderness time. It can be dangerous for it brings us in touch with the evil as well as with the good in ourselves. With practice, it introduces us to the peace of God in Christ - the harmony of the desert of Jesus. It is also the place of rededication to God and of finding the strength of God.

Source: Irish Jesuits

## ST MARY'S OFFERTORY (Sun 11 Feb.)

First Collection: **£238.52**

Collection for Education: **£164.85**

## ULLAPOOL CHURCH ROOF APPEAL

A/c Name:

Ullapool & Gairloch St Martin of Tours

Account No: 10109462

Sort Code: 80-05-17

## ST MARY'S DONATIONS

(1<sup>st</sup> Collection - Running Account)

A/c name:

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

Account number: 00711527

Sort Code 80-05-61

(2<sup>nd</sup> Collectiion Fabric Account)

A/c name:

RCD OF ABERDEEN – RCD BEAULY ST. MARY'S

Account No: 10031469

Sort Code: 80-05-61

## ST JOSEPH'S HIGHLAND DEANERY STATION MASSES 2024

14 February - Ash Wednesday

Please come to the Station Masses during Lent. Each mass will take place on **Friday** evenings at **7:0pm**

### 23 February -- Our Lady & St Bean, Marydale, Cannich

1 March -- St Mary's, Nairn, with Bishop Hugh

8 March -- St Aidan's, Aviemore

15 March -- St Joseph's, Invergordon, with  
Bishop Hugh

22 March -- St Ninian's, Inverness

## SCIAF WEE BOX APPEAL 2024

Boxes are available at the back.

## GENERATION HOPE CAMP

Generation Hope Camp is run by the Mary's Meals charity (assisted by the Dominican Sisters) and was so formative for the youth who attended last year. Hear from last year's youngsters at:

[gen-hope.org](http://gen-hope.org)

The camp combines outdoor adventure with prayer, adoration, Mass, inspiring talks, and the service element of the Church through the Mary's Meals story. The camp is £285 for a young person and runs from 3-7 June 2024.

Generation Hope creates opportunities for young people to encounter JESUS through fellowship with other Christians and by serving His poorest little ones with JOY, thus growing in FAITH that is 'active and genuine' and which brings about a renewal of our Church. [Email julie@gen-hope.org](mailto:julie@gen-hope.org)

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## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent – B

#### Sunday Mass Time

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 7:00pm (Beauly)

**Wed** Stations of the Cross @ 5:00pm  
(Marydale)  
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 25 February 2024

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent – B

Marydale 9:00am, Beauly 11:00am,  
Fort Augustus 11:00am  
Poolewe 2:30pm

#### Mass Intentions

**Sun:** Jessie West (RIP)

**Fort Augustus:** Lenihan Family

**Tues:** Page Family

**Wed:** Jessie West (RIP)

**Cannich:** Christopher & Agnes Leak

**Thurs:** Jessie West (RIP)

**Fri:** Hugh Matheson (RIP)

**Fort Augustus:** Tony O'Callaghan

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

#### Liturgical Calendar

**Wed 21 Feb:** **Saint Peter Damian** (1007-1072) was a teacher, then a hermit. He supported the Pope by his writings and his strenuous efforts to instill discipline in church life. He became Cardinal Bishop of Ostia. On his death he was at once venerated as a saint.

**Thurs 22 Feb:** **Chair of Saint Peter** – Feast which emphasizes the teaching authority of the Pope. The chair or cathedra is the place from where each bishop teaches his people, and gives us the word "cathedral". The Pope presides over the whole Church and teaches us the Faith which unites us with each other.

#### DEATH ANNIVERSARIES (FEBRUARY)

Adrian Philip Hooper, Anne (Nancy) Macrae, Kathleen Nutkin, John Chisholm, John Stuart Shaw, Philippa Fraser, Boniface Nwosu, Hugh Matheson, Jessie West.

## FIRST READING

*Genesis 9:8-15*

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

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

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 24(25):4-6, 7b-9*

**Response:** *Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.*

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour.

R/

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord.

R/

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
He guides the humble in the right path,  
He teaches his way to the poor.

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## SECOND READING

*1 Peter 3:18-22*

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

*The Word of The Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mt4:4*

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

Man does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes  
from the mouth of God.

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

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## GOSPEL

*Mark 1:12-15*

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

*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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