

## Gospel Reflection

Mark 1:29-39

This scene brings up the importance for us of availability. As a faith community we are invited to be available to those who are in genuine need. At the same time, there is what we might call the 'poverty of availability'. We need to find a balance between people's needs and our limited resources. We do not help people by working ourselves to the point of 'burnout'.

Having 'quality time' with God, to pray, reflect and renew our energy is central. Jesus gives us an excellent example here by going away to a deserted place to pray. Let us remember to stay close to the source of all love.

Source: Irish Jesuits

## ST MARY'S OFFERTORY (Sunday 28 Jan.)

Combined collection totalled: **£589**

### NOTE:

Next Sunday the 2nd collection will be taken up for Education.

## ULLAPOOL CHURCH ROOF APPEAL

Account 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**

Acc: **00711527** Sort Code **80-05-61**

(2<sup>nd</sup> Collection 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

## 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 7:00pm**

16 February -- St Mary's, Inverness

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

## Funeral Notices

**Hugh Matheson (Cherry Trees, Kiltarlity)**

**St Mary's, Eskadale**

**Tuesday 6 Feb at 12 noon**

**Jessie MacLennan West (Struy)**

**St Mary's, Eskadale**

**Thursday 15 Feb at 12:30pm**

## St Mary's 100 Club January Draw

1st Colin MacPherson  
2nd Mrs Margaret Durdle  
3rd Mrs Jessie Matheson

## THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM AT PLUSCARDEN ABBEY

The Abbot and Monks of Pluscarden invite young men and women (aged 18-35) to celebrate the 2024 Paschal Triduum with them. The invitation extends from Thursday of Holy Week, 28 March, until Easter Monday, 1 April 2024.

Those wishing to come are therefore asked to contact in the first place the YouCan coordinator, Rina Bird, at  
[rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk](mailto:rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk)



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**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – 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** **Rosary @ 5:00pm** (Marydale)  
*(each 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 11 February 2024**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – B**

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

## Mass Intentions

**Sun:** Jessie West (RIP)

Fort Augustus: Shack Family

**Tues:** Hugh Matheson (RIP)

**Wed:**

**Thurs:**

**Fri:** George Findlay

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

## Liturgical Calendar

**Mon 5 Feb: Saint Agatha** (231-251) lived in Sicily. Aged 15 she resisted the amorous advances of a public official who became a judge and who sent her to prison where she died from her tortures.

**Tues 6 Feb: St Paul Miki** and Companions (1565-1597). He and twenty-six fellow martyrs were crucified at Nagasaki. When missionaries came back to Nagasaki in 1860, they discovered thousands of Catholics to whom the Faith had been handed down over 250 years.

**Thurs 8 Aug: St Josephine Bakhita** (1868-1947) kidnapped from her village in Darfur (Sudan), bought and sold several times over twelve years, then given to an Italian diplomat who took her to Italy under the care of the Canossian Sisters. It is said her prayers saved the village from aerial bombardment during WWII.

## DEATH ANNIVERSARIES (FEBRUARY)

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

## FIRST READING

*Job 7:1-4,6-7*

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery?

Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages,

months of delusion I have assigned to me,

nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'

Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,

and vanished, leaving no hope behind.

Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

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

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalms 146(147):1-6*

**Response:** *Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.*

Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds.

He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name.

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Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust.

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## SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23*

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak: I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

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

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn8:12*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

**Alleluia!**

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## GOSPEL

*Mark 1:29-39*

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

*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. 2

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, Until you come again.

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