Gospel Reflection John 3:14-21

The divine spark or presence is in each of us, called often the light of God. Prayer is the time we 'switch on' this light, and allow ourselves become aware of the light of God filling us with love, forgiveness and healing.

The light of God in each of us spreads to others, and it is through God's people that God's light mostly shines in the world. Prayer gives us a consciousness of that light, received and given.

Source: Irish Jesuits

ST MARY'S OFFERTORY (Sun 3rd March)

First collection: £289.50 Second collection: £214.04

Today the 4th Sunday of Lent the second collection will be for SCIAF.

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

(1st Collection - Running Account)

A/c name:

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

Account number: 00711527

Sort Code **80-05-61**

(2nd 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

Each mass will take place on **Friday** evenings at **7:0pm**. The next Mass is on:

15 March -- St Joseph's, Invergordon,

with Bishop Hugh

22 March -- St Ninian's, Inverness

Diocesan Chrism Mass

21st March at 6pm St Mary's Cathedral Aberdeen AB10 1SH

You are warmly invited to join us for this special occasion at which Bishop Hugh will bless the oils used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Sick.

Also at the 6pm Mass, all the priests and the bishop publicly renew their commitment to priestly service.

Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Main hall.

St Mary's Fabric & Finance Meeting

Tomorrow Monday 11 March 7:00pm / Parish Room Copy of the Agenda has been emailed out.

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. Further information on the diocesan website **RCDA.SCOT**

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Sunday Mass Time

SCIAF Sunday

ST MARY'S BEAULY 11:00am

Sunday 10th March 2024

4th Sunday of Lent - B

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

<u>Tues</u> Mass 7:00pm (Beauly)

Wed Stations of the Cross/Mass

5:00pm/5:30pm (Marydale) Stations of the Cross/Mass

7:00pm/7:30pm (Beauly)

Stations of the Cross 7:00pm (Fort Augustus)

<u>Thurs</u> Mass 10:00am (Beauly)

<u>Friday</u> Mass 10:00am (Beauly)

Mass 12:30pm (Fort Augustus)

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

Next Sunday 17TH March 2024 5th Sunday of Lent – B

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

Mass Intentions

Sun: Mother's Day

Fort Augustus: Withers Family

Tues: Page Family

Wed: Thurs:

Fri:

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

Liturgical Calendar

Mon 11 Mar: Opt. Comm St. Constantine King of Cornwall who after his wife's death converted to Christianity and entered monastic life as a penance for earlier sins. There he encountered Saint Kentigern who encouraged him to share his Faith. He founded a monastery in Govan from where he and his monks preached the Gospel. He met a martyr's death and was buried in Govan in 590.

<u>Wed 13 Mar:</u> Anniversary of the Election of Pope Francis.

<u>Sat 16 Mar:</u> The covering of Crosses and images may now be observed, remaining covered until the start of the Easter Vigil.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES (MARCH)

Alexander 'Sandy' Ritchie, John Fraser, Marion Friel, Michael Elliot, Karl Storey.

FIRST READING

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah.

Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

The Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 136(137):1-6

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Response: O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps.

For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said,
'one of Zion's songs.'

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither!

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys!

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace

that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

The Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn3:16

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son: everyone who believes in him has eternal life.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world,

but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned:

but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,

because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced:

that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

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.