

## Gospel Reflection *John 12:20-33*

In every death, there is life - this is the big message of Lent and of Easter. The grain of wheat will die and will through death nourish us with food. In the death of relationships, of health, of faith and all that may be dear to us there is always the invitation to deeper life. In our final death is the call to everlasting life.

Like the grain of wheat, Jesus has to let go of everything, including his own life, in order to bring new life to himself and those who believe in him. In the process, both he and we will be transformed. If we cannot see this as the core of Jesus' life, we have not really seen him. *Source: Irish Jesuits*

## ST MARY'S OFFERTORY *(Sun 10<sup>th</sup> March)*

First collection: **£256.76**

SCIAF collection: **£291.20**

## ST JOSEPH'S HIGHLAND DEANERY

Final Station Mass on **22 March**  
St Ninian's, Inverness at 7:00pm

## 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**

## EASTER TRIDUUM PROGRAMME

### Holy Thursday:

Beauly 8:30pm

Marydale 6:00pm

Fort Augustus 5:30pm

### Good Friday:

Beauly 3:00pm

Fort Augustus 3:00pm

### Holy Saturday:

Ullapool 11:30am

Poolewe 11:30am

Beauly 8:30pm

Marydale 6:00pm

Fort Augustus 5:30pm

### Easter Sunday:

Beauly 11:00am

Fort Augustus 10:00am

## Pope Francis: Study groups to examine 10 Synodality themes through June 2025

Ten themes will be examined, a summary of which follows:

Aspects of the relationship between the Eastern Catholic Churches and the Latin Church;

Listening to the cry of the poor;

The digital environment;

Some theological and canonical matters regarding specific ministerial forms;

The revision of the documents touching on the relationship between bishops, consecrated life, and ecclesial associations;

Some aspects of the person and ministry of the bishop (criteria for selecting candidates to episcopacy);

The role of papal representatives;

Theological criteria and synodal methodologies for shared discernment of controversial doctrinal, pastoral, and ethical issues.

Go to the CNA website for further details of the themes to be examined.

[catholicnewsagency.com](http://catholicnewsagency.com)

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## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## 5<sup>th</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/Mass  
5:00pm/5:30pm (Marydale)  
Stations of the Cross/Mass  
7:00pm/7:30pm (Beauly)

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

~~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 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Palm Sunday - B

Marydale 9:00am, Beauly 11:00am,

Fort Augustus 11:00am

Poolewe 2:30pm

### Mass Intentions

Sun: Page Family

Tues:

Wed:

Thurs:

Fri:

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

### Liturgical Calendar

**Mon 18 Mar:** *Opt. Mem.* St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop of Jerusalem in 348. The Kissing of the Cross came from him.

**Tues 19 Mar:** **St Joseph, Spouse of The Virgin Mary** – Solemnity. St Joseph is shown in the Gospels as the wise and just man, who had worked out the kindest way to deal with Our Blessed Lady's mysterious pregnancy, and who could then accept the will of God which pointed out a different path even when it contradicted his life plans. He has acquired many titles: Husband of Mary, Foster-Father of the Child Jesus, Guardian of the Holy Family, Protector of the Church, patron of a happy death.

### DEATH ANNIVERSARIES (MARCH)

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

## FIRST READING

*Jeremiah 31:31-34*

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

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

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalms 50(51):3-4,12-15*

**Response:** *A pure heart create for me, O God.*

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin.

R/

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your  
presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

R/

Give me again the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,  
that I may teach transgressors your ways  
and sinners may return to you.

R/

## SECOND READING

*Hebrews 5:7-9*

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

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

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn12:26*

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

Whoever serves me must follow me,  
says the Lord;  
and where I am, there also will my  
servant be.

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

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## GOSPEL

*John 12:20-33*

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: ‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!’ A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. ‘Now sentence is being passed on this world;

now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.’ By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

*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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