

GOSPEL REFLECTION

John 6:24-35

Jesus is bluntly honest with the people he had fed the previous day. He knows they came looking for him because they had eaten their fill of bread. Why do I look for Jesus? Is it out of love or for what I can get?

Irish Jesuits

ST MARY'S OFFERTORY (Sun 28 July, last Sunday in the month)

Combined collections £ 410.11

The above figures reflect the collections realised during Mass. However, many opt to donate by Standing Order or Direct Debit instead and eligible Gift Aid can still be claimed by the Church via these payment methods.

Approximate average regular Monthly online donations made:

Offertory (Church Running Account) **£993.**

Second Collection (Church Fabric Account) **£380.**

If you would prefer to donate online by Direct Debit, you can either:

Set one up with your online Account using the Church's Bank Details provided below (please be sure to include your Gift Aid Envelope Number, if you are already registered as an eligible UK Taxpayer for Gift Aid) in the Payment Reference.

Or please ask James Campbell for the necessary Forms.

ST MARY'S DONATIONS

(1st Collection – Running Account A/c name:

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

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

(2nd Collection Fabric Account A/c name:

RCD OF ABERDEEN – RCD BEAULY ST. MARY'S

Acc No: **10031469** Sort Code: **80-05-61**

ULLAPOOL CHURCH ROOF APPEAL

A/c Name:

Ullapool & Gairloch St Martin of Tours

Account No: **10109462** Sort Code: **80-05-17**

RC Diocese of Aberdeen
Reg. Scottish Charity SC005122

St Joseph's (Highland) Deanery

Pilgrimage to Tain

This coming Saturday, 10 August 2024

St Vincent de Paul's Church

Cameron Road, Tain

Mass starts 11:30am

Refreshments available after Mass

Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major.

The Ecumenical Council of Ephesus in 431 declared Mary to be 'Mother of God' (Theotokos). Soon afterwards, Pope Sixtus III had the Basilica of St Mary Major built on the Esquiline Hill in Rome. It is the earliest church built in her honour in the West. It is said that its location was determined by a snowfall on 5th August, a rather rare event during the summer in Rome and which enabled a plan of the church to be drawn *in situ*.

Pope Sixtus II, of a Greek family, became Bishop of Rome and Pope in August 257. In 258, he along with seven deacons, was martyred under the orders of Emperor Valerian.

St. Cajetan who was born to noble parents in 1480, with the name *Gaetano dei Conti di Thiene*. He became a lawyer and spent some time in the papal court of Julius II in Rome before being ordained a priest. In 1524, he co-founded a Religious Congregation named Theatines and established communities in Rome (ast Sant' Andrea della Valle) and in Venice, Naples and Verona. He died in Naples in 1547. He is the patron saint of Argentina as well as of those who are unemployed and job-seekers.

St. Dominic born c.1170 in Calaruega in Old Castile, Domingo Guzman studied at Palencia and, having a reputation for piety and learning, was made a canon of the church at Osma in 1193. His bishop took him on a political mission to the south of France; there he travelled from place to place, working tirelessly and especially preaching conversion to the people who had become, to a great extent, followers of the heresy of *Albigensianism*. He continued this work for ten years and, gradually gathering companions around him, the first house of the Order of Preachers ("the Dominicans") was established. The Order spread throughout Europe, there were sixty houses when the founder died in 1221.

St Lawrence is a much venerated and very popular saint in Rome. He assisted Pope Sixtus II. He is said to have been born in Huesca, Spain c. 226 and martyred in 258. Tradition is that he was roasted to death on a gridiron and that, on it, he asked to be turned over 'to do the other side'. His tomb is in the basilica named after him; the basilica adjoins the main city cemetery – both were damaged in 1944 in the only air raid on Rome during WWII, by badly aimed bombs.



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Sunday 4th August 2024

18th 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 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:** 7:00pm (Beaulay)

Wed **NB:** on the 2nd Wed in the month,
Rosary 5:00pm (Marydale)

Mass: 5:30pm (Marydale)

Mass: 7:00pm (Beaulay)

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

5:30pm (Fort Augustus)

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

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

ALTAR SERVERS' DAY: Date: 24 August, 2024

Venue: St. Mary's Beaulay. Time: 11:00 am

Next Sunday 11th August 2024

19th Sunday of the Year - B

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

Fort Augustus 11:00am

Poolewe 2:30pm

Mass Intentions

Sun: Page Family (God's Grace and Love)

Tues: John & Roberta Robertson(47th Wed. Anniv.)

Wed:

Thurs: Sian Robertson (B. Thanksgiving)

Fri:

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

Liturgical Calendar

Mon 5 Aug: Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major.

Tues 6 Aug: Feast of The Transfiguration Of The Lord.

Wed 7 Aug:

Opt. Mem. St Sixtus II and Companions.

Opt. Mem. St. Cajetan

Thurs 8 Aug: Memorial of St. Dominic

Fri 9 Aug: Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr, a Co-Patron of Europe. Born in 1891 of Jewish parents in Breslau, Germany, (now Wroclaw, Poland), Edith Stein was a brilliant student who gained her doctorate in philosophy aged 25. She converted to Catholicism aged 31 and became a Carmelite nun in 1934. Being Jewish, she fled to the Netherlands when the Nazis came to power in Germany but, following the German invasion of the Low Countries in 1940, she was seized by the Nazis and sent to Auschwitz concentration camp. She died there in the gas chamber on 9th August 1942.

Sat 10 Aug: Feast of St Lawrence

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES (August)

Cathy Fraser, Felix Anyaegbu, Lawrence Anyaegbu, Alan Hercher, Jean Storey.

FIRST READING

Exodus 16:2-4,12-15

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."

And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

The Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 77(78):3-4,23-25,54

Response:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
these we will not hide from their children
but will tell them to the next generation:

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the glories of the Lord and his might
and the marvellous deeds he has done,
Yet he commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven.

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Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food;
So he brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had won.

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SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:17,20-24

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

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Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
No one can come to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6:24-35

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?'

Jesus answered:
'I tell you most solemnly,
you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs
but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.

Do not work for food that cannot last,
but work for food that endures to eternal life,
the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you,
for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*'

Jesus answered:
'I tell you most solemnly,
it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven,
it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven,

the true bread;
for the bread of God
is that which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.'
'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.'
Jesus answered:
'I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.'

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.
