

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

John 6:60-69

Maybe Peter repeated these words often to himself, 'you have the message of eternal life'. It can be a mantra of prayer for us, as can other favourite lines from the gospels or bible. The word of God is a personal gift; each of us has our favourite lines that fill our hearts in our time of prayer as we repeat them to ourselves.

*Irish Jesuits*

## ST MARY'S OFFERTORY (Sun 4<sup>th</sup> August)

Offertory **£339.50**

Second Collection **£237.69**

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) **£723.**

Second Collection (Church Fabric Account)

**£340.**

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

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

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

Acc number: **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 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**

## St Joseph's (Highland) Deanery Meeting

Thursday 5 September

St Mary's Beauly

**SAINT AUGUSTINE** (354-430). This great saint was born to Patricius and Monica in North Africa (present day Algeria). Extremely intelligent, he crossed to Europe as a young man and, after a short time in Rome, went to Milan. He had a brilliant career there but, still unbaptised, also lived a rather dissolute life. He fathered Adeodatus (mother unknown) who died at a young age. Encouraged by the presence of his mother, Augustine received baptism and returned, a committed Catholic, to North Africa. Such was his renown that he was made bishop of the city of Hippo. An outstanding writer and preacher, his books and sermons became (and still are) extremely influential in the Church. The two most famous are his *Confessions* (a type of autobiography) and *De Civitate Dei* (to explain the divine plan for us in the world). Augustine owed much to Platonic ideas and was, in his lifetime, an adversary of various pseudo-Christian views, above all, Donatism (named after a bishop Donatus and prevalent mostly in North Africa) which held that, unless priests and bishops were morally perfect, their ministry, especially of the sacraments, was invalid. Among the Doctors of the Church, Saint Augustine occupies an illustrious position.

## National Pilgrimage at Carfin

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September

3:00pm

Celebrant: Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain: **His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia**

Homilist: **Bishop Frank Dougan** (Bishop of Galloway)



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**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

**21<sup>st</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 NB: on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed in the month,  
Rosary 5:00pm (Marydale)  
Mass: 5:30pm (Marydale)  
Mass: 7:00pm (Beauly)

Thurs Mass: 10:00am (Beauly)  
5:30pm (Fort Augustus)

Friday Mass: 10:00am (Beauly)

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

**Next Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024**

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year – B**

**World Day of Prayer for Creation**

Cannich 9:00am, Beauly 11:00am,

Fort Augustus 11:00am

Ullapool 2:30pm

### Mass Intentions

**Sun:** Denis Hornby (RIP)

**Tues:** Page Family (God's Grace and Love)

**Wed:** Andrew De Freitas (RIP)

**Thurs:**

**Fri:**

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

### Liturgical Calendar

**Tues 27 Aug: St. Monica** Memorial (c.332-287) was the North African Catholic woman whose prayers, pleading and example helped both her husband Patricius and her son Augustine to be converted and baptised. Augustine was in Milan, so Monica went there to see him being baptised. On her return journey, she fell ill and died at Ostia, the then port of Rome. Her long, patient efforts and prayers for her husband and son are a model and inspiration to encourage many wives and mothers today.

**Wed 28 Aug: St. Augustine** Memorial

**Thurs 29 Aug: The Passion of St John The Baptist** Memorial. St John the Baptist was imprisoned and decapitated by Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, for his heroic witness to the truth, thereby becoming the precursor of the Lord's own violent death, as he had been in his remarkable birth and prophetic preaching.

### DEATH ANNIVERSARIES (August)

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

## FIRST READING

*Joshua 24:1-2,15-18*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

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

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalms 33(34):2-3,16-23*

**Response:** *Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.

The humble shall hear and be glad.

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The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.

The Lord turns his eyes to the just  
and his ears to their appeal.

R/

They call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress.  
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

R/

Many are the trials of the just man  
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.

He will keep guard over all his bones,  
not one of his bones shall be broken.

R/

Evil brings death to the wicked;  
those who hate the good are doomed.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.

Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

R/

## SECOND READING

*Ephesians 5:25-32*

Follow Christ by loving as he loved you.  
Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless.

In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. *For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body.* This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

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

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*cf. Jn 6:63,68*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;  
you have the message of eternal life.

**Alleluia!**

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## GOSPEL

*John 6:60-69*

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit

and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

*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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