

GOSPEL REFLECTION *Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23*

If a survey were to be conducted among churchgoers in which they were asked for a definition of religion it is unlikely that many would come up with the simple answer provided by James. Coming to the help of orphans and widows would be for many a kind of agreeable by-product of religion whereas James places it right at the centre of who we are and what we do. This is surely a message for today when so many people go to such great lengths in their search for wisdom and the knowledge of God. A religion that can be observed at a purely external level has a certain appeal. It is easy to feel we are making progress and that we are better than those who do not measure up. We imagine that by our own efforts we can come close to God. However, Jesus wants no part in such a sham. He is concerned with the heart and a faith that does justice.

Irish Jesuits

ST MARY'S OFFERTORY *(Sun 25th August)*

Combined Collections: £608.77

The above end of month figure reflects the combined 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) **£713.**

Second Collection (Church Fabric Account) **£310.**

ST MARY'S DONATIONS

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

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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**

Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy 2025

Rome – Assisi – Cascia – San Giovanni

Fr. Domenico will be leading a pilgrimage group to Rome for the Jubilee Year: highlights include: 3 nights in Rome: General Audience with Pope Francis; guided tour of St. Peter's, including the Crypt; visits to the principal Papal Basilicas; Mass at the tomb of St. Rita in Cascia; 2 nights in Assisi: Basilicas of St. Francis and St. Clare, tomb of the soon-to-be canonised Carlo Acutis; Sanctuary of St. Michael the Archangel; 2 nights in San Giovanni Rotondo, and the tomb of Padre Pio, with Mass. For details, see the poster, or look at the following site: <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/RS0982>.

To reserve a place, please contact All Saints on: info@allsaintstravel.co.uk, or: call 01793 881166.

25 March – 1 April 2025 **£1789 pp**

St Mary's Beaully 100 Club August Draw

1st Leonard Piorek 2nd Anna L. Groat
3rd Mrs Ann Doull

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

8-part bible study

St Columba's Culloden

Alternate Wednesdays at **7:00pm**

Starting 4 September (free!)

Retreats for Young People

St Michael's Centre, Tomintoul

*Games / New Friends / Prayer and Music /
Inspiring Input / Outdoor Fun*

S1-S2: 6-8 September

S2-S3: 25-27 October

S4-S6: 15-17 November

For more information or to register,

contact **Charlene** at

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Sunday 1st September 2024

22nd Sunday of the Year – B

World Day of Prayer for Creation

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

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FORT AUGUSTUS Sun 11:00am, Fri 12:30pm

Weekday Mass Times & Devotions

Tues Mass: 7:00pm (Beaully)

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

Mass: 5:30pm (Marydale)

Mass: 7:00pm (Beaully)

Thurs Mass: 10:00am (Beaully)

5:30pm (Fort Augustus)

Friday Mass: 10:00am (Beaully)

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

Next Sunday 8th September 2024

Vocations Awareness Week

23rd Sunday of the Year – B

Eskadale 9:00am, Beaully 11:00am,

Fort Augustus 11:00am

Poolewe 2:30pm

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Mass Intentions

Sun: Mary Moran (RIP)

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

Wed:

Thurs:

Fri:

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

Liturgical Calendar

Tues 3 Sept: St Gregory The Great – Memorial (540-604). In 590 he was called to be bishop of Rome and pope. He was the pope who sent Augustine to Canterbury. Pope Gregory was a preacher, an author, a homilist, an exegete, a theologian. He is recognized as a Father of the Church, truly a great man.

Wed 4 Sept: St Cuthbert c. 634-687 entered the monastery at Melrose before moving as prior to Lindisfarne Island and introducing Roman customs. In 685 he became Bishop of Lindisfarne.

Thurs 5 Sept: St Teresa of Calcutta, opt. Mem. (1910-1997) born in Skopje, Albania. Her father died when she was nine. Moved to be a missionary and entered the Sisters of Loretto in Ireland. Left for Calcutta in 1929 and established a religious community the Missionaries of Charity, dedicated to serving the poorest of the poor. She was awarded the Nobel Peace prize in 1979 and canonised by Pope Francis in 2016.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES (September)

Lynn Barrie, Derek Gass, Catriona Fraser (Campbell).

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 14(15):2-5

Response: *The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue.

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He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord.

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He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.

Such a man will stand firm for ever.

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SECOND READING

James 1:17-18,21-22,27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

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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!

GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves.

There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:
This people honours me only with lip-service,
while their hearts are far from me.
The worship they offer me is worthless,

the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

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. 2

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.
