

GOSPEL REFLECTION *Luke 21:25-28, 34-36*

The Scripture for today tells us that on the 'bus of life' we should:

Be ready to get off the bus at any point, that is, be ready to meet the Lord whenever he calls us to himself, whether that be in the very near future or many years away. The important thing is: Be prepared.

Improve our relations with the people around us. A good life consists not so much in the kind of work we do or how 'successful' we are, but how we have related with other people—with family, other relatives, friends, colleagues and total strangers.

Source: *Irish Jesuits*

EU Bishops 'concerned' over European rules on 'substances of human origin'

The European Union Bishops' Conference have emphasised the 'dignity, right, and right of protection' of every human life, including the lives of unborn children, as they call for changes to proposed EU Parliament regulations on so-called 'substances of human origin.' (SoHO) The Bishops highlighted the importance of recognising that "human life is not just a 'substance of human origin';". Source: *Vatican News*
Meanwhile in the UK and indeed Scotland. MSP Liam McArthur is 'delighted' by Commons vote to legalise assisted dying as he maintains Scotland will follow suit next year (Source: *The Telegraph*). **Bishop John Keenan, Bishop of Paisley** has described it as the introduction of "a dangerous idea that a citizen can lose their value and worth." Read his response - <https://zenit.org/2024/04/07/scotland-catholic-church-responds-to-damaging-assisted-suicide-bill/>

ST MARY'S OFFERTORY (Sun 24 Nov) end of month Combined Offertory Collection **£435.05**

ST MARY'S DONATIONS

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Christmas Mass Times 2024

Tues 24 December

Vigil: St Martin's Ullapool **11:30am**
St Maerubha's Poolewe **11:30am**
Our Lady & St Bean Marydale **6:00pm**
Sts Peter & Benedict Fort Augustus **6:00pm**
St Mary's Beaulay **9:00pm**

Christmas Day:

Sts Peter & Benedict Fort Augustus **11:00am**
St Mary's Beaulay: **11:00am**

A Day of Prayer and Reflection

Venue: Immaculate Conception, Stratherrick
Date: Saturday 7 December, 2024
Time: 10 am - 3:45 pm.

9 December celebrates **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, nine months before the feast of the Nativity of Mary on 8 September.

WEDNESDAY ADVENT REFLECTIONS

An invite to all parishioners across the Deanery.

Session 1 - Wednesday 04 Dec
St Columba's Culloden led by **Deacon Aidan Matheson**.

Each Wednesday evening of three weeks of Advent, the deacon & priests of the Deanery are holding talks in different locations. Each session will consist of:

6:00pm Exposition / confessions
6:45pm-7:05pm Reflection talk
7:06pm-7:15pm Night Prayers
7:16pm-7:25pm Benediction & Reposition
7:30pm (Tea and Coffee and Biscuits)

St Mary's Beaulay 100 Club November Draw
1 **Mr Frank Durdle**
2 **Mrs Sara Simpson**
3 **Mrs Susan Grass**

Note: The December Draw will take place on Sunday 22 December

Christmas Carols in St Mary's Beaulay

Thursday 19 December
starting at 7:00pm
This is an inter-denominational service so please invite a friend.



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Sunday 1st December 2024

1st Sunday of Advent – C

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)
~~No 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.

Next Sunday 8th December 2024

Second Sunday of Advent - C

Eskadale 9:00am, Beaulay 11:00am,
Fort Augustus 11:00am
Poolewe 2:30pm

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Mass Intentions

Sun: Page Family (God's Grace and Mercy)
Cannich: Kevin McMonagle (RIP)
Fort Augustus: Terry Rafferty (RIP)
Ullapool: James Chapman (RIP)
Tues: Ewa Kubica (RIP)
Wed: Margaret Chalmers (RIP)
Thurs: Moira McCaughey (RIP)
Fri: Joe Cassidy (RIP)

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

Liturgical Calendar

Tues 3 Dec: **St Francis Xavier** (1506-1552) was born in the royal castle at Javier in the Basque country. At Paris University (1525) he met Ignatius of Loyola and the other five original members of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), He was sent to India and spread the Faith to many there and also Japan. About to enter China, he died in 1552, aged 46. Named Patron of the Missions by Pope Pius XI.

Wed 4 Dec: **St John Damascene** (676-749) Priest and Doctor of the Church, was a Syrian Christian theologian. As a priest in the monastery of St Saba near Jerusalem, he was a leading figure in the defence of icons in the iconoclastic controversy.

Fri 6 Dec: **St Nicholas** (270-343) was Bishop of Myra, a Greek city. Tradition tells of him putting gold coins anonymously through a poor man's door as dowries for his daughters so they could avoid prostitution.

Sat 8 Dec: **St Ambrose** (340-397)

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES (December)

Catherine Kennedy, Hamish Wemyss, David Pearson, Angela Montague, Sue Constable Maxwell.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

The Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 25(24):4-5b. 8-9. 10, 14. R 1b

Response: *To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

O Lord, make me know your ways.
Teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth, and teach me;
for you are the God of my salvation.

R/

Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he shows the way to sinners.
He guides the humble in right judgement;
to the humble he teaches his way.

R/

All the Lord's paths are mercy and
faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and
commands.
The Lord's secret is for those who fear
him;
to them he reveals his covenant.

R/

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. Finally, then, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 85(84):8

Alleluia, alleluia.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. 'But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

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.
