

## GOSPEL REFLECTION *Luke 3:1-6*

John the Baptist was an independent Jewish prophet active somewhere around 28 AD. Groups of John's disciples continued to venerate him after his death, and even formed a rival movement to early Christianity. John quotes the prophet Isaiah, "Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight." The image John uses is that of a road engineer, shouting out orders for the construction of the 'royal road' of the Lord.

In Advent, I am called upon to open up the royal road to my own heart so that Jesus may be re-born in me.

Source: *Irish Jesuits*

### WEDNESDAY ADVENT REFLECTIONS

An invite to all parishioners across the Deanery.

#### Session 2 – Wednesday 11 Dec

St Mary's, Beaulieu led by  
Father Laurence Gambella

The 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)

### November Fund Raising Even raised £3492

Big Raffle £1000 was won by Janice MacKenzie and generated £1625 for the fund.

Venison made £635 / Entrance made £335 / Small raffle £311.40 / Bottle Stall £251.40 / Basia's stall £81 / Rosie's Stall 67 / Donations 182.60

### ST MARY'S OFFERTORY *(Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Dec)*

Offertory **£306.53**

Second collection **£211.22**

### ST MARY'S DONATIONS

1<sup>st</sup> Collection – Running Account A/c name:  
**FOR R.C. DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN, ST MARY'S BEAULIEU**

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Fabric Account A/c name:

**RCD OF ABERDEEN – RCD BEAULIEU ST. MARY'S**

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

### ULLAPPOOL 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

## 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 Beaulieu **9:00pm**

### Christmas Day:

Sts Peter & Benedict Fort Augustus **11:00am**

St Mary's Beaulieu: **11:00am**

### Christmas Carols in St Mary's Beaulieu

Thursday 19 December

starting at 7:00pm

This is an inter-denominational service so please invite a friend.

### The Blessed Virgin Mary of Loretto

The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Loretto is in the small town of Loretto, near Ancona in Italy. The Sanctuary basilica contains a 'Holy House' thought to be the very house in Nazareth where Jesus, Mary and Joseph lived after they returned from Egypt. The story is told of a miraculous transfer of the house, carried by angels from Palestine to Loretto at the end of the thirteenth century. The house is a place of pilgrimage for Italians and sometimes even for those from further afield.

### Our Lady of Guadalupe

This was the title chosen by Our Blessed Lady by which she was to be invoked by those who visit her shrine on Tepeyac Hill, Mexico City, where she appeared to St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoczin. She is also honoured as the 'Empress of the Americas'.

### Saint Lucy

St Lucy (283-304) lived on the island of Sicily. She consecrated herself to Christ as a virgin. When she turned down an arranged marriage with a pagan aristocrat during the persecution instigated by the Emperor Diocletian, he reported her to the authorities as a Christian, and she was put to death.

### St John of the Cross

St John of the Cross (1542-91) was born in Fontiveros, near Salamanca. He became a Carmelite friar in 1562 and in 1567 he met St Teresa of Avila who persuaded him to join her in reforming the Carmelites, male and female. This is when he began to write deeply on spiritual things including using poetry. He experienced visions of Christ. After one, he did a line drawing of Christ on the cross which inspired Salvador Dali to paint 'Christ of St John of the Cross' which was bought in 1951 by the City of Glasgow for the Kelvingrove Art Gallery.



## ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### 2nd Sunday of Advent – C

#### Sunday Mass Time

ST MARY'S BEAULIEU 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 ULLAPPOOL

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 (Beaulieu)

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

~~No Mass: 5:30pm~~ (Marydale)

~~No Mass: 7:00pm~~ (Beaulieu)

Advent Reflection 6:00 pm – 7:30pm

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

Friday Mass: 10:00am (Beaulieu)

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

### Next Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Third Sunday of Advent - C

Cannich 9:00am, Beaulieu 11:00am,

Fort Augustus 11:00am

Ullapool 2:30pm

Parish Priest: **Father Maximilian Nwosu**

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#### Mass Intentions

**Sun:** Page Family (God's Grace and Mercy)

Eskadale: Ruaimdh Mackay (RIP)

Fort Augustus: Rob Aiston (RIP)

Poolewe: Jacqueline Marshall (RIP)

**Tues:** Sarah Cain (RIP)

**Wed:**

**Thurs:** Mary Teirney (RIP)

**Fri:** Myrna Kennedy (RIP)

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

#### Liturgical Calendar

Mon 9 Dec: **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is a mystery of our Faith. It is one of several points where Our Lady was treated in a privileged way by God, emphasising her unique place in His plan. As a doctrine of the Church it was only promulgated in 1854, but had been a strong popular belief for centuries. Our own Blessed John Duns Scotus (1266-1308) was one of the greatest champions of this dogma.

Tues 10 Dec: **Our Lady of Loretto**

Wed 11 Dec: **St Damasus I** (305-384) became pope in 366. He presided over the Council of Rome in 382, aided by St Jerome (342-420) which established the Canon or list of books of the Bible. He is particularly remembered for his devotion to the martyrs, caring for and restoring access to the catacombs.

Thurs 12 Dec: **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Fri 13 Dec: **Saint Lucy**

Sat 14 Dec: **St John of the Cross**

#### DEATH ANNIVERSARIES (December)

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

## FIRST READING

*Baruch 5:1-9*

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God.

Put on the robe of the righteousness from God;

put on your head the crown of the glory of the Everlasting.

For God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.

For your name will for ever be called by God:

‘Peace of righteousness and glory of godliness’.

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height and look towards the east

and see your children gathered from west and east,

at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went forth from you on foot, led away by their enemies;

but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain

and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up to make level ground,

so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God’s command.

For God will lead Israel with joy in the light of his glory,

with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

*The Word of The Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 126(125):1-2b. 2c-3. 4-5. 6. R3*

**Response:** *What great deeds the Lord worked for us!*

*Indeed, we were glad.*

When the Lord brought back the exiles of Sion,  
we thought we were dreaming.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter;  
on our tongues, songs of joy.

R/

Then they said among the nations,  
‘What great deeds the Lord worked for them!’  
What great deeds the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed, we were glad.

R/

Bring back our exiles, O Lord,  
as streams in the Negeb.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap.

R/

They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
bearing seed for the sowing;  
they come back, they come back with a song,  
bearing their sheaves.

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## SECOND READING

*Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11*

Brothers and sisters: I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all, making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

*The Word of The Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Luke 3:4, 6*

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight;  
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

**Alleluia.**

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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.

## GOSPEL

*Luke 3:1-6*

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

‘The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways,

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”’

*The Gospel of The Lord*

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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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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