

GOSPEL REFLECTION *Luke 3:1-6*

For all the austerity of his life, John spoke to people in words they could grasp. It was his austerity that drew people's respect and trust. Here was a man who cared nothing for comfort, money or fame, who could not be bought, and who could speak the truth without fear.

What does my lifestyle say about my faith in Christ? Do I hoard or share what I have with others, especially those who are poor and on the margins of society?

Source: *Irish Jesuits*

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 Beaully **9:00pm**

Christmas Day:

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

Christmas Carols in St Mary's Beaully

Thursday 19 December
starting at 7:00pm

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

Gaudete Sunday?

Its name is taken from the entrance antiphon of the Mass, which is:
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

This is a quotation from *Philippians 4:4-5*, and in Latin, the first word of the antiphon is *gaudete* (Latin, "rejoice"; it's also pronounced with three syllables: *gau-de-te*).

On-line Rosary event

Join Catholics from across Scotland on Monday and next Monday at 19:45 for an online event (Zoom) in Advent to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions.

Bishop John Keenan the Bishop of Paisley, President of the Bishops Conference of Scotland and Head of the National Commission on Marriage, Family and Life will lead this Rosary...

<https://bit.ly/adventrosary>

Christmas Gift Suggestion

BBC Masterchef Finalist Sarah Rankin, originally from Inverness will be signing copies of her inaugural cookbook "Kith" from 12pm Wednesday 18 December at Waterstones Bookstore in the East Gate Centre in Inverness



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Sunday 15th December 2024

3rd Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday - 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 (Beaully)

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

Mass: 5:30pm (Marydale)

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

Advent Reflection 6:00 pm – 7:30pm

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 22nd December 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent - C

Cannich 9:00am, Beaully 11:00am,
Fort Augustus 11:00am
Poolewe 2:30pm

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Mass Intentions

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

Marydale: Ellen Grant (RIP)

Fort Augustus: Stephen Mannion (RIP)

Ullapool: Agnes McAnaw (Thanksgiving)

Tues: Anne Rocks (Birthday)

Wed: Fr Younis Perves (Birthday Remembrance)

Thurs: John Lyons Snr (Birthday Remembrance)

Fri: John A. Heffernan (Months Mind)

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

Liturgical Calendar

Mon 16 Dec:

Tues 17 Dec:

Wed 18 Dec:

Thurs 19 Dec:

Fri 20 Dec:

Advent Feria

Sat 21 Dec: Opt. Mem. of **St Peter Canisius**. Born in Nijmegen, Holland, he was the first Dutch Jesuit and became the Jesuit leader in Germany. He restored the Church there after the Protestant Reformation, travelling, preaching and writing a catechism to help ordinary Catholics understand their Faith. He is called the 'Second Apostle of Germany'. He is remembered as a kind and wise superior for his community. He had a great love of Our Lady and is credited with creating the second half of the 'Hail Mary'.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES (December)

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

WEDNESDAY ADVENT REFLECTIONS

An invite to all parishioners across the Deanery.

Session 3 – Wednesday 18 Dec

St Mary's, Inverness led by
Father Maximilian Nwosu

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)

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ST MARY'S OFFERTORY (*Sun 8th Dec*)

Offertory **£221.40**

Second collection **£161.40**

ST MARY'S DONATIONS

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FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Sing aloud, O daughter of Sion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgements
against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your
midst;
you shall never again fear evil.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
'Fear not, O Sion;
let not your hands grow weak.
The Lord your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.
I will gather those of you who mourn for
the festival,
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.'
The Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Is 12:2-3. 4b-d. 5-6. R3

Response:
*Shout aloud and sing praise,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of
Israel.*

Behold, God is my salvation!
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the Lord is my strength and my praise,
and he has been my salvation.
With joy you will draw water
from the springs of salvation.

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Give thanks to the Lord, invoke his name;
make known among the peoples his deeds;
proclaim that his name is exalted.

R/

Sing to the Lord for he has wrought
wonders;
let this be known through all the earth.
Shout aloud and sing praise, you who dwell
in Sion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of
Israel.

R/

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord
always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your
reasonableness be known to everyone. The
Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about
anything, but in everything by prayer and
supplication with thanksgiving let your
requests be made known to God. And the
peace of God, which surpasses all
understanding, will guard your hearts and
your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia.
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
he has sent me to proclaim good news to
the poor.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 3:10-18

At that time: The crowds asked John,
'What, then, shall we do?' And he
answered them, 'Whoever has two tunics
is to share with him who has none, and
whoever has food is to do likewise.' Tax
collectors also came to be baptised and
said to him, 'Teacher, what shall we do?'
And he said to them, 'Collect no more
than you are authorized to do.' Soldiers
also asked him, 'And we, what shall we
do?' And he said to them, 'Do not extort
money from anyone by threats or by false
accusation, and be content with your
wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation,
and all were questioning in their hearts
concerning John, whether he might be the
Christ, John answered them all, saying, 'I
baptise you with water, but he who is
mightier than I is coming, the strap of
whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.
He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and
fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to
clear his threshing floor and to gather the
wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will
burn with unquenchable fire.' So with
many other exhortations he preached
good news to the people.

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. 3

Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Is 35: 4

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do
not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will
save us.

Prayer after Communion

We implore your mercy, Lord,
that this divine sustenance may cleanse us
of our faults
and prepare us for the coming feasts.
Through Christ our Lord.
