

GOSPEL REFLECTION *Luke 3:15-16, 21-22*

Today is an opportunity for all of us to reflect on our own baptism. It is not something which happened a long time ago and which 'made' us Catholics. It is not just a ceremony lasting a few minutes which produces magical effects. Rather, it is the beginning of a lifelong journey. It is the beginning of a process of growing into the Body of Christ as one of its members.

Our baptism is essentially a community experience; it is not just a private or a family event, although in the way it was "celebrated" it may have looked like that. It involves active participation in the life of the Church and not just passive membership. Perhaps we could slightly alter the words of the American president, John F. Kennedy, in his inaugural address and 'Ask not what the Church can do for you, but what you can do for the Church'.

Source: *Irish Jesuits*

ST MARY'S OFFERTORY *(Sun 5 Jan)*

Offertory collection **£174.54**

Second Collection (Justice & Peace) **£177**

For all those registered as eligible UK Taxpayers under the Gift Aid Donation Scheme, we have been able to claim back 25p from HMRC for every £1 donated which, against the backdrop of rising utilities bills, has been very useful towards sustaining this church's running costs to say the least.

Important: We ask for all those who have yet to return their completed Gift Aid Registration Forms to James Campbell, please do so at the earliest opportunity.

ST MARY'S DONATIONS

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HOLY YEAR 2025 – Searching for Second Vatican Council Documents

Pope Francis has declared that 2025, will be a Holy Year in the Universal Church.

In preparation for the Jubilee, the faithful have been asked to revisit the major documents of the Second Vatican Council: *Dei Verbum*, *Lumen Gentium*, *Gaudem et Spes* and *Sacrosanctum Concilium*.

You can find these documents on the website of the **Holy See**:
<https://www.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>

Once at the web page with Pope Francis' image, to search, for example, '*Dei Verbum*', enter "**Second Vatican Council Dei Verbum**" into the 🔍 search box.

NEW SUNDAY MISSAL

A new **Daily Missal** will be released on 30th April 2025 by the Catholic Truth Society (CTS). This is the only UK missal to contain the complete Sunday, daily and sanctoral cycles in a single volume. Hardback with six ribbons and colour sacred art images, it is the only missal you will ever need. Updated with the new translation of the Lectionary.

Meanwhile, our parish bulletin will have a new A4 layout and no longer contain the readings for the particular Sunday Mass. **The parishes will have to order Missals for use during the Sunday Masses.**

Parishioners may order the new Missal for personal use from **CTSbooks.org** as it will contain:

- Order of Mass with all Eucharistic prayers, prefaces, concluding rites and blessings
- Prayers and devotions
- Masses for special occasions and needs
- Comprehensive appendix of prayers and devotions for all occasions
- Inspiring introductions for major feasts and seasons.

NO MASS: There will be no weekday mass in our parishes this week as the priest will be away.



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Sunday 12th January 2025

Baptism of The Lord – C

End of Christmastide

Sunday Mass Times

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

Tues: No Mass: 7:00pm (Beauly)

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

No Mass: 5:30pm (Marydale)

No Mass: 7:00pm (Beauly)

Thurs: No Mass: 10:00am (Beauly)

No Mass: 5:30pm (Fort Augustus)

Friday: No Mass: 10:00am (Beauly)

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

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES (JANUARY)

Anne Jane Sutherland, Philip Hercher,

Jean Munn, Pauline Macfarlane,

Isobel Ann, Margaret Forbes,

Margaret Ritchie, Peter Galloway,

William John West, Hugh Matheson.

Parish Priest: **Father Maximilian Nwosu**

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Mass Intentions

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

Marydale: Carolyn Saddington (Sp. Int)

Fort Augustus:

Poolewe: Margaret Brady (RIP)

Tues:

Wed:

Thurs:

Fri:

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

Liturgical Calendar

Mon 13 Jan: Feast of **St Kentigern** (508-603) His mother, St Enoch, was a Lothian princess who became pregnant because she was raped. Her father had her cast off into the Firth of Forth in a coracle. She landed on the opposite shore at St Serf's monastic school at Culross. It was he who named him Mungo. He became the first Bishop of Glasgow.

Tues 14 Jan: Opt. Memorial of **St Hilary** (c. 310-397) was born in Poitiers and became bishop of that city in 350. He was a very active opponent of the Arian heresy, and was exiled for four years by the Emperor Constantine for this reason. He wrote his Treatise on the Trinity, and many other works during his exile.

Fri 17 Jan: Memorial – **St Anthony** the Abbot (251-356) known as the "Father of Monasticism". As a teenager gave up all his possessions when his parents died and went to live as a hermit in the Egyptian desert. He helped St Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, in opposing the Arian heresy.

Next Sunday 19th January 2024

2nd Sunday of the Year - C

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

Fort Augustus 11:00am

Ullapool 2:30pm

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her
that her warfare is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.
A voice cries:
'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'
Go on up to a high mountain,
O Sion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
lift it up, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah,
'Behold your God!'
Behold, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 104(103):1b-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-28. 29-30. R1

Response: *Bless the Lord, O my soul!
My God, how great you are!*

O Lord my God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and honour,
wrapped in light as with a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent.

R/

On the waters you lay the foundation for
your dwelling.
You make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind.
You make the winds your messengers,
flame and fire your servants.

R/

How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your creatures.
Vast and wide is the span of the sea,
with its creeping things past counting,
living things great and small.

R/

All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up;
you open wide your hand, they are well
filled.

R/

You hide your face, they are dismayed;
you take away their breath, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, and they are
created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

R/

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared,
bringing salvation for all people, training us
to renounce ungodliness and worldly
passions, and to live self-controlled, upright,
and godly lives in the present age, waiting
for our blessed hope, the appearing of the
glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus
Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us
from all lawlessness, and to purify for
himself a people for his own possession who
are zealous for good works.
But when the goodness and loving kindness
of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us,
not because of works done by us in
righteousness, but according to his own
mercy, by the washing of regeneration and
renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured
out on us richly through Jesus Christ our
Saviour, so that being justified by his grace
we might become heirs according to the
hope of eternal life.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cf. Luke 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia.

He who is mightier than I is coming, said
John.

He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit
and fire.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

At that time: 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.'
Now when all the people were baptised by
John the Baptist and when Jesus also had
been baptised and was praying, the
heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit
descended on him in bodily form, like a
dove; and a voice came from heaven, 'You
are my beloved Son; with you I am well
pleased.'

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold the One of whom John said:
I have seen and testified that this is the Son of
God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished with these sacred gifts,
we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord,
that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten
Son,
we may be your children in name and in truth.
Through Christ our Lord.
