

## GOSPEL REFLECTION *Matthew 2:1-12*

Herod was interested in Jesus in an intellectual way, careful that his own position not be affected. I pray for people who keep Jesus at a distance, referring to him as an idea. I realise that my prayer draws me into a relationship and ask that I be ready to accept the consequences that may come to light.

Can we share some of the joy of the wise men when they found the place they had been looking for? Remember some time in life when you were overcome with joy. Perhaps you can recall when joy filled the heart at a time like a commitment in marriage, falling in love, a great success, at the birth of a child, in deep prayer.

Joy is a gift from God and a share in the nature of God for God is joy. Allow this joy be part of your life now, and part of your prayer. Allow even the tough times of life to find their place there.

*Source: Irish Jesuits*

### **ST MARY'S OFFERTORY** (*Sun 29 Dec – combined collection – the last Sunday in the month*)

Combined collection **£572.85**

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**

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

**FOR R.C. DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN, ST MARY'S BEAULY**

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

(2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

**RC Diocese of Aberdeen**  
**Reg. Scottish Charity SC005122**

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE OF EASTER AND MOVABLE FEASTS

*After the Gospel, following a long-established custom of the Church, the deacon or cantor may proclaim the movable feasts of the current year, in the following form.*

Know, dear brethren (brothers and sisters), that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour.

On the fifth day of March will fall **Ash Wednesday**, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the twentieth day of April you will celebrate with joy **Easter Day**, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the twenty-ninth day of May will be the **Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ**.

On the eighth day of June, the feast of **Pentecost**.

On the twenty-second day of the same month, the feast of the **Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**.

On the thirtieth day of November, the **First Sunday of the Advent** of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever.

*Amen.*

**The Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception, 116 North Street, Inverurie, AB51 4TL**

The Immaculate Conception Parish is hosting a

1-day retreat for youth – P6 to S6+

on **Saturday 11 January 2025**

from **10:30 – 17:15**,

followed by a Youth Vigil Mass at **17:30**.

It's being led by the world-famous American National Evangelisation Team (**NET**).

For more information visit: [Youth Mission Possible Retreat](#) on the RCDA.SCOT website.



## ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**The Epiphany of The Lord – C**

**Day of Prayer for Justice and Peace**

### Sunday Mass Times

**ST MARY'S BEAULY** 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 ULLAPOOL**  
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

**Tues:** Mass: 7:00pm (Beauly)

**Wed:** *NB on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed in the month,*  
Rosary 5:00pm (Marydale)  
Mass: 5:30pm (Marydale)  
Mass: 7:00pm (Beauly)

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

**Friday:** 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,  
Hugh Matheson.

Parish Priest: **Father Maximilian Nwosu**

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### Mass Intentions

**Sun:** Page Family (God's Grace and Mercy)  
Marydale: Kavanagh & Crangy Families (Sp. Int.)  
Fort Augustus: Norah O'Donnel (Sp. Int.)  
Ullapool: Peggy & Norah Boyle (Sp. Int.)

**Tues:** John Valentini (Sp. Int.)

**Wed: Cannich** Marie Clark (Sp. Int.)

**Beauly:** Donald Shaw (B. Thanksgiving)

**Thurs:** Maureen Reilly (Sp. Int.)

**Fri:** Terry Rafferty (RIP)

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

### Liturgical Calendar

Tues 7 Jan: Opt. Memorial of

**St Raymond of Penyafort** (1175-1275) – born in Catalunya, the foremost canon lawyer of his day, he was commissioned by the pope to codify all the Church's laws which were the standard reference for the next 700 years. Aged 47 he joined the Dominican Order. As a lawyer he supported conjugal visits for prisoners to offset the danger of adultery. He died aged 100.

Wed 8 Jan: Opt. Memorial of **St Nathalan**, a native of Aberdeenshire. He applied himself to work in the fields and to divine contemplation. He went as a pilgrim to Rome and returned to service in his own country as a bishop. Many churches bear his name, on account of his reputation for practical concern for the poor. He died in 678 and is buried in Tullich

**Next Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024**  
**Feast of The Baptism of the Lord - C**

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

