



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

ST MARY'S BEAULIEU 11:00am

OUR LADY & ST BEAN, MARYDALE

9:00am (Confessions, 1st Sun) *no Mass 2nd Sunday – go to St Mary's Eskdale*

ST MARY'S ESKDALE

2nd Sunday in the month, 9:00am

ST MARTIN'S ULLAPOOL

1st 3rd & 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

Sunday 28th December
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – A
Sunday Missal Page 99

WEEKDAY MASS

Tues: 6th Day Christmas Octave
7:00pm (Beaulieu) No Mass

Wed: 7th Day Christmas Octave
5:30pm (Marydale) No Mass
7:00pm (Beaulieu) No Mass

Thurs: *Mary, The Holy Mother of God - Solemnity*
10:00am (Beaulieu) **Mass**
5:30pm (Fort Augustus) No Mass

Fri: *St Basil and St Gregory Mazianzen*
10:00am (Beaulieu) No Mass

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sunday

Beaulieu: Page Family (God's Grace & Love)

Marydale: Linda Willis (R.I.P.)

Ft Augustus: Blakey family & their intentions

Poolewe: Mrs Burnett (R.I.P.)

Tuesday

Beaulieu:

Wednesday

Marydale:

Beaulieu:

Thursday

Beaulieu: **Mass in Beaulieu at 10:00am**

Fort Augustus:

Friday

Beaulieu:

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

Christmas Message to the Diocese

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May I wish you a graced Christmas and all good things for 2026.

The Jubilee Year of Hope is coming to an end, and we might wonder what to hope for this Christmas – amid its festivities its liturgies, amid its possible disappointments too.

There's no doubt that our times are troubled, our hearts and minds too. Our God-given capacity to hope is being tested. At Christmas, we all hope, or at least wish: for peace, for a renewal of the bonds of love that bind our families and for a New Year that will somehow be better. We hope for physical and mental health, positive relationships, stable work and much else, some of it very personal and domestic, some of it global and political.

What is it though, above all, that Christmas does actually offer? There is a word that occurs frequently in the readings and prayers of this season. It's the word "glory". The prophet Isaiah, who is such a presence here, promises that "the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh [that is, all humanity] will see it together" (Is 40:5). We hear the refrain from the Psalm: "His salvation is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land" (Ps 85:10). This is the glory that shone around the shepherds on Christmas night (Lk 2:9) and that we sing of as we take up the *Glory to God in the highest* again at Mass. For the magi this glory was embodied in the star that led them to Bethlehem, and Simeon will sing of the child in his arms as "a light of revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel" (Lk 2:32). St John finally sums it all up: "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth" (Jn 1:14).

Here surely is what we can hope for from Christmas. Here is what God the Father wants to show us. Here is what is embodied in this unexpected Child, God and man, whom Mary lays in a manger. The great Christmas gift is this: **to glimpse the glory of God**. St Paul sums up the human "problem" thus: we "have all sinned and lack the glory of God" (Rom 3:23). A light has fallen from us and our world. Only the Father can rekindle it. And in the coming of his Son, he does. God's glory is his love: the love that underpins and carries everything, that is older and newer and stronger than every evil and sin. Jesus is this glory in person and shares it with us as we accept him. Then something can start to shift in us and we can discover another approach to life. We can drop our compulsion to know and to control, and instead we can see and wonder, glimpse and adore. We can be led in and through life by another light than just our own. May the glory of God break upon each and all of us this Christmas!

Yours devotedly in Christ,

+Hugh Gilbert OSB

Bishop of Aberdeen

CEILIDH

Father Max and Father James were appointed to our parish ten years ago (Oct. 2015).

We would like to invite you to join us for a celebration with music and dance in Kilmorack Hall (a couple of miles out of Beaulieu on the Cannich Road) on 17th January. Please make a note in your diary and come along.

A NOTE OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to you, our parishioners, for your continued faith, support, gifts and cooperation in the life of our parishes. Your prayers, generosity and active participation strengthen our communities and encourage us greatly in our ministry. Be assured of our constant prayers for you and your families, and may the Lord continue to bless our parishes with unity, peace and growth in faith. *Frs. Max and James.*

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

ROSARY: Marydale 2nd Wed. in the month at 5:00pm
Fort Augustus Every Wed. at 7:00pm

DEVOTIONS, PRAYER and MASS: The church is open via the side door; weekday morning and evening masses are held in the parish room, in the house.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES (December)

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

St Mary's Offertory (Sunday 21st Dec.)

Offertory: **Offertory £284.10**

Second Collection £167

If you are a UK Taxpayer, the church can claim 25p back from HMRC for every £1 you donate (up to the amount you pay in PAYE Income Tax every Tax Year). Forms and information can be obtained from [James Campbell](#).

ST MARY'S, Beaulieu, church donations

1st Collection – Running Account

A/c: FOR R.C. DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN, ST MARY'S BEAULIEU

Acc No: 00711527 Sort Code 80-05-61

2nd Collection Fabric Account

A/c: RCD OF ABERDEEN – RCD BEAULIEU ST. MARY'S

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

ST MARTIN OF TOURS, Ullapool Church Roof Appeal

A/c: Ullapool & Gairloch St Martin of Tours

Account No: 10109462 Sort Code: 80-05-17

OUR LADY & ST BEAN, Marydale, Cannich

A/c: RCD Marydale Parish Account

Account No: 00711447 Sort Code: 80-05-61

ST PETER & ST BENEDICT'S, Fort Augustus

A/c: RCD of Aberdeen St Peter & St Benedict Fort Augustus

Account No: 00760253 Sort Code: 80-05-17