



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES	
ST MARY'S BEAULAY 11:00am	
OUR LADY & ST BEAN, MARYDALE 9:00am (Confessions, 1st Sun) <i>no Mass 2nd Sunday – go to St Mary's Eskadale</i>	
ST MARY'S ESKADALE 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 18th January 2026 2nd Sunday of the Year – A Sunday Missal Page 695 Prayer for Christian Unity	
WEEKDAY MASS	
Tues: <i>St Fabian Opt. Memorial</i> 7:00pm (Beaulay)	
Wed: <i>St Agnes Memorial</i> 5:30pm (Marydale) 7:00pm (Beaulay)	
Thurs: <i>St Vincent Opt. Memorial</i> 10:00am (Beaulay) 5:30pm (Fort Augustus)	
Fri: <i>2nd Week of the Year</i> 10:00am (Beaulay)	

This Week's Mass Intentions	
Sunday	
Beaulay: Page Family (God's Grace & Love)	
Marydale: Mary Edwards (RIP)	
Ft Augustus: Deirdire Fraser (BD Thanksgiving)	
Ullapool: Margaruerita Sheridan (RIP)	
Tuesday	
Beaulay: Anne Marie Conlon (RIP)	
Wednesday	
Marydale: Mary Earley (RIP)	
Beaulay: Kathleen Brady (BD Thanksgiving)	
Thursday	
Beaulay: Olga Nöstler (RIP)	
Fort Augustus: Hugh Fraser (BD Thanksgiving)	
Friday	
Beaulay: Margaret Rose McAuley (70th Birthday)	
<i>Please pray for the sick of our parishes and all who ask for our prayers.</i>	

Vocations: Let us continue to pray for our seminarians: Anh Tuan Nguyen, Rene De Los Reyes and Richard Webster.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR JUSTICE & PEACE.

A Chilling Christmas for Freedom of Conscience in Scotland

At Christmas, Christians across Scotland gathered around the crib to contemplate the life of a vulnerable child; God entering our world as a baby in need of care, protection and love. Christmas places fragile human life at the centre of everything.

It is therefore unsettling that this season saw the first person in Scotland charged under the new so-called "buffer zone" law in Scotland; a law the Church believes curtails Scotland's commitment to freedom of expression and conscience, and restricts critical voices from democratic debate in the public square.

The Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Act 2024 establishes "buffer zones" of up to 200 metres around abortion facilities — currently around 30 locations across Scotland. Within those zones, any conduct deemed to "influence" a decision about abortion may be criminalised. That vague description should trouble anyone who values legal clarity or free expression.

The Catholic Church does not condone harassment or intimidation, but that was not the intention of this law. The Church has been clear: harassment, intimidation and obstruction are wrong and unacceptable.

We oppose this law because it is disproportionate and undemocratic. It represents state overreach and curtails basic freedoms. The Church would similarly oppose legislation mandating buffer zones outside nuclear weapons facilities or refugee detention centres. This should concern every Scottish citizen, regardless of their views on abortion.

The Act extends to private homes within designated zones. A pro-life poster displayed in a window, a conversation overheard, a prayer said by a window; all could, in principle, fall within the scope of criminal sanction. When asked directly whether praying by a window in your own home could constitute an offence, Gillian Mackay, the Scottish Green Party MSP, who spearheaded the legislation, replied: "That depends on who's passing the window."

We support all those who, motivated by conscience and compassion, stand up for the right to life. It cannot be a crime to give our voice and our prayers to the unborn.

As we look to the child in the manger this Christmas and Epiphany, we are reminded that babies do not have a voice of their own. It is a shame that the State has now also curtailed the voices of ordinary citizens who advocate for them within its borders. **The Catholic Bishops of Scotland : 6th January 2026** www.bcos.org.uk

2026 Lent Station Masses			
20th February	St. Lawrence's Dingwall	27th February	St. Mary's Naim
6th March	St. Aidan's Aviemore (With the Bishop)	13th March	St. Vincent's Tain
20th March	St. Martin's Ullapool (With the Bishop)	27th March	St. Mary's Inverness

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 (January)

Anne Jane Sutherland, Philip Hercher,
Jean Munn, Pauline Macfarlane, Isobel Ann, Margaret Forbes, Margaret Ritchie,
Peter Galloway, William John West,
Hugh Matheson.

St Mary's Offertory 11th January 2026
Offertory £183.50 2nd Collection £136

The Ladies Bible Study Group meet at 7.30pm in the Parish House, Beaulay, on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month.

The Men's Bible Study Group hold their inaugural meeting on 5th February 7:30-8.30pm Parish House, Contact Finn Allen 07747364719

ST MARY'S, Beaulay, church donations	
<i>1st Collection – Running Account</i>	
A/c: FOR R.C. DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN, ST MARY'S BEAULAY	
Acc No: 00711527	Sort Code 80-05-61
<i>2nd Collection Fabric Account</i>	
A/c: RCD OF ABERDEEN – RCD BEAULAY 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