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WATCH ONLINE  
Mass from St Mary's  
FACEBOOK  
Sunday at 11:00**

## *The Parish Bulletin* **2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

### *Mass Readings.*

1<sup>st</sup>Reading: Genesis 22: 1-9, 9-13, 15-18

Psalm: 115: 10, 15-19

2<sup>nd</sup>Reading: Romans 8: 31-34

Gospel: Mark 9: 2-10

<b>Sunday 28 February</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT Live Stream – Mass at 11:00</b>
Monday <b>1 March</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent
Tuesday <b>2 March</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent
Wednesday <b>3 March</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent
Thursday <b>4 March</b>	Commemoration of St Casimir
Friday <b>5 March</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent
Saturday <b>6 March</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent
<b>Sunday 7 March</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT Live Stream – Mass at 11:00</b>

### **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.**

**I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.**

**Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.**

**Amen.**

~ From Fr James ~

Dear friends,

After last week's ice and snow how lovely to be experiencing sunshine and having time to see the new signs of spring. The snowdrops are pristine, pure and tenderly strong reaching up as indicators of resurgent life.



There is busyness in the gardens too as the birds are re-nesting, such activity. In the city streets there are some signs of awakening after Lockdown winter. More people having been vaccinated has prompted a greater desire 'to get back to normal'. So, tentative even hesitant first steps as we realise that even yet we have some way to travel, keeping each other safe and protecting ourselves.

So the sight of the younger pupils back at classes, chattering away, and singing out of doors, by the Shrine of Our Lady, brings new prospects of gradually getting back to a routine.



We are aware that 'the new normal' will be different, and we will be inducted into it by a series of steps, guided by governments who are being guided by 'the data'. So these are early days: we are on the cusp of emerging from the shadows and restrictions of our Lockdown winter. While we do so, blinking at the awesome prospect of actually mixing with people again, we realise that we all need a bit of encouraging, even cherishing. It is fortunate for us that we have been able to follow aspects of our Parish Life, through these Bulletins and Livestreams. Although we are in hundreds of different households and 'bubbles' we are conscious of that greater whole which is St Mary's Parish, our Church beside the River Ness an encouraging beacon of Catholic inclusivity- it's the warmth of the welcome, these cords of affection hidden yet true binding us together.



Some of us will no doubt continue to find stimulating liturgy, encouraging homilies, and enchanting music from Churches all around the globe. Lockdown has certainly underlined our Catholicity- tapping into other parts of the family whether in Dublin, Westminster, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and even Aberdeen. There has been so much on offer, and no doubt we are still taking part in Zoom conferences, quizzes and different opportunities for worship and devotion.

Yes, some practices will inevitably continue to refresh us and yet it is the excitement of spring-time, the new shoots of faith, the awakening discoveries of hope, and the refreshing glimmers of love, all of these the graces of our

Catholic Life are again inviting us to get together in communal, physical worship. Day by day, the days will come, are already forewarned and being actively planned when once again in our twenties, our forties and eventually whenever in our hundreds we will take our places at 'the Table of the Lord'.

Oh, happy days- it is good to be able to use the Lenten opportunities to prepare for the Liturgies of the Resurrection of the Lord.

Catholics are responsible people, aware of our social and personal obligations for the Common Good. We were all encouraged to learn of the Holy Father's vaccination, and also that of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.



Our two elderly and much loved clerics, are an encouraging example to us all, particularly any who are in doubt about being vaccinated.

Pope Francis was quite clear in his advice, setting out a Catholic position on vaccination.

"I believe that ethically everyone should take the vaccine. It is not an option, it is an ethical choice because you are gambling with your health, with your life, but you are also gambling with the lives of others," the pontiff said in an interview with Italy's Canale 5 TV.

The Queen made a similar remark the other day reminding everyone of their duty to care for and protect other people.

It is splendid that so many are being protected by vaccination- it will be the surest way to give us the protection to get out and about, and to take advantage of all our opportunities. Seeing the youngest back at school is a prelude to a greater return to study and to work. Oh, happy days when we will be able to get our haircuts, return to exercise in the gyms, to take the plunge in the swimming pools, to book that reservation in a favourite restaurant, to see the whole community swarming with new life.



What's the dish? Guess the place- a Mars Bar for the first correct reply to the Parish Office!!

Oh, happy day it is a 'resurrection of sorts' and how glad we will be in it. The vaccination programme will promote and make that day more safe and more enjoyable. Every day please encourage each other : get the vaccines, stay safe, keep well and pray without ceasing, and then 'all shall be well, all manner of thing shall be well'.

Beyond the aftermath of Easter, looking into the middle-distance : The Ignatian Year. We are privileged to have the words of the Father General of the Society of Jesus :

*"In 1521, while Ignatius was convalescing at his family home in Loyola from the wound that damaged his leg at the battle of Pamplona, God brought about his conversion and put him on the road that led to Manresa. Together with our friends and the whole Church, the universal Society wants to remember that privileged moment when the Holy Spirit inspired Ignatius of Loyola in his decision to follow Christ, and to deepen our understanding of this pilgrim way in order to 'draw fruit' from it.*

*To this end, the Ignatian year will open on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2021 (anniversary of the injury at Pamplona). It will conclude on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2022.....*





The stricken Ignatius underwent battlefield surgery, undergoing further operations to reset his shattered leg. Recovering from his injuries he went to a hospice at Manresa, and there began the process of conversion, finding God, the journey we are all called to make.

The motto of the Ignatian Year is , *'To see all things new in Christ.'* It highlights that this year is also an opportune time for us to 'be renewed' by the Lord himself. Personal renewal in Christ, that is our invitation and opportunity.

So, it is in my diary Thursday 20 May, at an evening Mass we will begin our Ignatian Year, a marvellous opportunity to come closer to Jesus, in knowing ourselves in humility, and sitting with Jesus the Teacher.

I hope that in the course of the Ignatian Year we will manage to be enriched by some of the on-line material that the Jesuits will be circulating.

That's all in the middle-distance, but it gives us something to aim for after the sunlit plains of Easter—do you not yet feel that the New Life is beckoning, yes surely, for we are already embodied in it. Our Lenten journey, our re-emergence from the shadows of wintry decay and the sombre mysteries of Lockdown, is already taking us towards new joys and fresh hopes as our world, in all its aspects revives.



May Our Lady of the Way, encourage and assist us as we travel with Jesus as our everyday companion.

New Every morning is the Love!

Blessings,

Aye

Fr James

**THIS WEEK'S UNIVERSE PDF ATTACHED LINK BELOW:**

<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/news-from-the-universe/>

## NEW PRICES FOR PERSONAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

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## **SCIAF WEE BOX ANNUAL APPEAL FOR LENTEN ALMS**

TOGETHER, WE CAN END POVERTY. By reflecting, giving and acting with SCIAF during Lent, your parish is helping to change the lives of some of the poorest children in the world. By supporting SCIAF this Lent you can ensure this vital work continues. For more information about SCIAF's Lent campaign please go to [www.sciaf.org.uk](http://www.sciaf.org.uk) or call 0141 354 5555. Wee Boxes will be available for collection from the back door of the Church.

## **THE DAUGHTERS OF DIVINE LOVE**

**Dear friends in Christ, we invite you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.**

**Topic: Pray the Holy Rosary together on Zoom**

Time: Feb 22, 2021 07:00 PM London

Every week on Mon, until Apr 5, 2021, 7 occurrence(s)

Mar 1, 2021 07:00 PM

Mar 8, 2021 07:00 PM

Mar 15, 2021 07:00 PM

Mar 22, 2021 07:00 PM

Mar 29, 2021 07:00 PM

Apr 5, 2021 07:00 PM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.



# SCHEDULE OF DEANERY RESOURCES DURING LOCKDOWN

## ST MARY'S INVERNESS

- Every **Sunday the 1100 Mass** will be Live-streamed on the St Mary's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchInverness>

## ST COLUMBA'S, CULLODEN

St. Columba's Culloden has been offering a live-streamed Mass every day, 7 days a week, since last June. The Mass is at 9.30am, and can be accessed via our Parish Facebook page, at: [www.facebook.com/stcolumbasculloden/live](http://www.facebook.com/stcolumbasculloden/live)

### Schedule of Online Daily Devotions

Our daily schedule of parish devotions are as follows. Please feel free to join us and do spread the word! –

8.45 am: **Morning Prayer**

1. Find the text online,

here: <https://universalis.com/europe.scotland.aberdeen>

This is the setting for the calendar for our Diocese of Aberdeen.

We will use this text, as it is readily accessible to everyone online.

Those of you who use the Universalis App should access your settings and click on Europe-Scotland-Aberdeen, if you have not already done so, for our specific calendar.

2. Under the heading 'The Liturgy of Hours', you will see **Morning Prayer (Lauds)**. Click on this.

3. You are now ready to begin!!

9.00 am: **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** – until 9.25am

9.30 am: **Holy Mass**

6.00 pm: **Angelus**, followed by **Evening Prayer** and **Holy Rosary**.

To find **Evening Prayer**, repeat steps 1 and 2 above.

Rather than clicking

Morning Prayer (Lauds), click Evening Prayer (Vespers) instead.

**Holy Rosary**

## ST LAWRENCE'S, DINGWALL

Mass is streamed live from St Lawrence's every Sunday 10am [St Lawrence's Catholic Church, Dingwall | Facebook](#)

## ST MARY'S, BEAULY

We offer daily livestream Mass from Beauly. Weekdays at 10:30am and Sundays at 10:00am.

Here is the YouTube link:

<https://youtube.com/c/FrJamesAnyaegbu>

## OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH, KIRKWALL

Except Tuesdays, Holy Mass is live streamed in our parish face book page on [www.facebook.com/catholicchurchorkney](http://www.facebook.com/catholicchurchorkney).

Kindly note this email for your correspondence. [rcchurchorkney@gmail.com](mailto:rcchurchorkney@gmail.com)

## ST MARY'S, NAIRN

Fr Damian won't be streaming Masses but as the last Lockdown, he will be having a reflection at 10.30am on Facebook Live on the St. Mary's, Nairn, web page.

## ~PARISH FINANCES~

Following the receipt of the January bank statement, we are now able to provide an update of our present financial situation for our No. 1 working account.

<b>Balance as of 31/12/20</b>	<b>£1,930.95</b>	<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>	
<b><u>Income</u></b>		Diocesan Expenses	2,390
Offertory	687	Power costs	1,383.13
Direct Debit & Standing orders	1,900	Council Tax	355
Cash donations	548	Office Expenses (including quarterly bill for phone system and Printing costs)	873.71
Endowment Dividend	2,140.47	Insurance	170.43
Executory Payment 1,000 {A Bequest}		Provisions	199.47
Clergy Support	495	TV Licence	13.20
Fundraising (Mask donation & Soap)	33	Window cleaning (x4)	220
Bible Alive	34	Salaries	2,437.72
Piety Stall	5	Mileage (December)	263.50
Newspapers	4	Funeral fee	60
T/F from Hall Account for Power costs	204.58	<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>£8,366.16</b>
Payment from DDL for Convent Gas bill	254.76	<b>Balance as of 29/01/21</b>	<b>£1,815.20</b>
HMRC furlough payment	890.66		
Refund	53.94		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£8,250.41</b>		

As of 29/01/21 our No. 2 Account for Fabric has a Balance of £4902.28, along with a small balance of £644 for General expense, which has helped meet the costs of providing the live streaming of mass from St. Marys, along with the purchase of a CD player to enable music to enhance our Christmas Masses.

We are extremely grateful for the many donations which we have received over the last few difficult months to enable us to maintain a working balance in both our No. 1 and No. 2 Accounts. With this further closure of our Church our income over the next few weeks will again be depleted, we would ask that if you are in a position to help us, any donations would be gratefully received.

Please consider creating a Regular Standing Order or Direct Debit. This is the easiest way of maintaining your regular contributions. Information can be obtained from Carol MacLean, or leave a message with your contact details by phoning or emailing the Parish office. Telephone 01463 233519.

If you are a UK taxpayer and have not yet considered helping the parish by signing up for the Gift Aid Scheme, we ask that you think about this. It cost you nothing, but the parish receives 25p for every £1 you contribute, no matter how small your contribution. Details can be obtained from Carol MacLean, the Gift Aid Organiser or the Parish office.

**~~FOR YOUR PRAYERS~~**

**+ Sick +**

+ Christopher Brown + Mary Cumming + Kate Fraser + George Taylor + Maureen Rattray + Florian Alvaran + Ian Cameron + Leslie Allan + Evelyn Farry + Catherine Stewart + Louise Hendry + Hilary Smith + Mary Grant + Leslie Murray + Sabrina MacAllen + James Connelly + Ruth & John Huggett + Louise Bestau + Emmy MacNicol + Claude & Hilary Hayward + Patrick Daniel Finnerty + Joyce Connelly + Margaret Carr + Margaret Dow + Ann Cameron + Stewart MacLennan + Alexandra (Sandra) MacDonald + Isobel Kelly + Winifred Kelly + Margaret Harrison + Roddy Corbett + Tommy Robertson + Brian Lamond + Hazel Collins + Lynne Williams + Tom Gillan + Marjory Trace + Ian Mackenzie + Rena Mackintosh + Mary Macdonald + Dale Swanson + Mary Mackinnon + Eilidh Gillespie + John and MaryBell + Mary Fraser + Helen Mulgrew + Brian Kearney + Andrew +

**+ Anniversaries +**

+ Liam Fraser + Helen Robertson + Elizabeth McGuinness + Agnes McCuish + Mike Sutherland + Flora MacDonald + Christina Clyne + Florence Melville + William Deans + James McBride + Douglas Taylor + Jurek Michalski + Iain Maclellan + Doreen Sutherland + John Heydrich + Mary Cameron + Edith Smith + Ann Provis + Joseph Gribbins + Margaret Shirreffs + Paul Langan + Sylika Edgar + Warren John Findlay + Mary Helen Hendry +

**+ R.I.P +**

**+ Mary Ross + Donald Mackintosh**

**Please continue to pray for vocations to the Priesthood; Deacons Christopher and Malachy, and for our Seminarian Aidan Matheson and for the students from Vietnam Anh & Quynh.**

**~~SICK OR HOSPITAL VISITS~~**

Please contact the Parish Office if you require a visit or know of anyone who is sick, housebound or in hospital and wishes a visit and or Holy Communion.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

**Weddings**

We are now able to participate in these Sacraments: please contact the Clergy for Detail

**ST. FAUSTINA'S DIARY.**

Today, there began in our chapel a retreat for the hospital attendants, although anyone who wishes can take part in it. There is one conference a day. Father Bonaventure speaks for a whole hour, and he speaks directly to souls. I took part in the retreat, as I very much desire to know God more deeply and to love Him more ardently, for I have understood that the greater the knowledge, the stronger the love. **Diary:- 974.**

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**May the example of so many doctors and healthcare workers who have risked their life to the point of losing it due to the pandemic move us to feeling truly grateful for how generously, and sometimes heroically, they carry out their profession.**

Pope Francis – Pontifex Twitter

### **INDULGENCE PRAYER BY ST. POPE PIUS X**

**O Joseph, virgin father of Jesus, most pure spouse of the Virgin Mary, pray for us daily to the same Jesus, the Son of God, that, armed with the weapons of His grace, we may fight as we ought during life, and be crowned by Him at the moment of our death. Amen.**

