

# St. Mary's, Inverness

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## The Parish Bulletin

### 18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

#### Mass Readings.

1<sup>st</sup>Reading: Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15

Psalm: 77: 3-4, 23-25

2<sup>nd</sup>Reading: Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24

Gospel: John 6: 24-35

<b>Sunday 1 August</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> <b>Second Collection:</b> <b>Jesuit Refugee Service</b>	Mass 09.00 Live Stream Mass 11.00 Mass 12.30 Polish Mass 17.00 Mass 18.30
Monday <b>2 August</b>	Memorial of St Eusebius of Vercelli	Mass 10.00 Mass 18.00
Tuesday <b>3 August</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year	Mass 10.00
Wednesday <b>4 August</b>	Memorial of St John Mary Vianney	Mass 12.30
Thursday <b>5 August</b>	Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major	Mass 10.00
Friday <b>6 August</b>	The Transfiguration of the Lord	Mass 12.30
Saturday <b>7 August</b>	Memorial of St Sixtus II and Companions	Confession 10.00 Mass 10.30 Vigil 18.00
<b>Sunday 8 August</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> <b>Second Collection:</b> <b>Fabric</b>	Mass 09.00 Live Stream Mass 11.00 Mass 12.30 Polish Mass 17.00 Mass 18.30

#### 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.

Dear Friends,

Week-in, week-out, it's a relentless grind just managing the routine these days. So much to do, so little time to get it done, or is this simply the exasperations of a not so young man who imagines that he can keep up a schedule of an even younger man. Everything seems to take so much longer, when we are managing the Covid restrictions. I had to take some time out, and isolate for two days when I was contacted as I had been sitting close to two people who had developed Covid. Thankfully they seem to be coping with its miseries, and I found the testing regime at the Eden Court Car Park very straightforward. A day later I had a Negative result, so all was well. But, it makes one think!

There is so much of the Covid virus about, so we must still continue the Health and Safety protocols in our Church – and, one hopes, elsewhere. In a sense we have a moral responsibility to care for others in an exemplary way. That is why the Holy Father has urged all Catholics to be vaccinated, and why we are being given every opportunity by the NHS to have this done.

It is good to see Catholic life and worship returning, not quite to 'normal', but to refreshing expressions which take into account our new circumstances. Yes, we are able to accommodate a few more at Masses, while retaining our safety distances; yes, we are able to have a restrained use of incense to accompany our prayers and our yearnings for holiness; yes, we are able to sing again, albeit with masks and from hymn sheets; yes, we can enjoy the organ accompaniment again now that Peter Hodgkinson is safely at the console; yes, our choir is picking up again, and Eddie is ready to welcome new singers; yes, we are resuming some home visits, and visits to Nursing Homes is easier than it was.

So many 'yesses' are surely grounds for optimism, and perhaps, even the glimmer of a hope that the routine will be less hectic, and that the usually comfortable month of August will give each of us an opportunity for some ease and reflection.

This first week starts off well with two marvellous celebrations. On Wed 4 August we celebrate the memorial of St John Mary Vianney, [the Cure

d' Ars], born in 1786 and who died in 1859, a priest of simple life, and great practical wisdom and insight. It is said that so many people came to him for confession and spiritual advice that he spent upon to eighteen hours a day at this pastorate. Now, that is in a sense relentless, and he remains the hard-working exemplar of parish priests.

There is a stained glass window at St Mary's, which remembers all our previous parish priests - perhaps especially those of recent memory: Michael Savage, Robert McDonald, Duncan Stone, Alexander Sullivan, Valentine MacKenzie and George Shaw. That goes back some time, perhaps some of you will remember or have heard of others.

#### Stained Glass window of John Vianney

It is good to recall the service of the pastors who have served at St Mary's. Provision has been made, partly by a bequest of £100, and from general funds to provide a Board listing all the parish priests from Terence McGuire in 1827. This will be made by PJ using special ply-board, a laser torch and varnishes. We are projecting costs at about £600. Donations toward that will be welcome.



Later in the week, on Fri 6 Aug, we have the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This festival was celebrated in Jerusalem as early as the 7th century, and by the 9th century widely observed in the Eastern Church. It was gradually introduced into the Western Church, and the date of the observance was fixed as 6 August by Pope Callixtus III in 1457 as a thank-offering for the victory over the Turks at Belgrade on that day in 1456. In 2002 Pope John Paul II updated the meditations of the Rosary with five "Luminous Mysteries," of which the Transfiguration is one.

When we recall the Transfiguration we are aware that we are sharing the insights of the Apostles, Peter, James and John, and also the Gospel writers, Mark, Matthew and Luke, into the Mystery of Jesus. The narratives tell us that the Son of God is radiant in the humanity of Jesus, and he is seen as the fullest expression of the Law and Prophets, represented in the narrative by Moses and Elijah. It is a prelude to the death of Jesus and the Easter victory in which we now live. Keeping the Feast of the Transfiguration enables us, in prayerful reflective study, to delve into the Mystery of the Cross and the Resurrection. It is a beautiful feast and one in which each of us can begin to see Jesus in a new light- let us keep the feast : Mass on Friday at 1230.



One of the recently ordained priests, Fr Malachy Eze, is visiting the Parish for a few days, with his mother Madame Eze. It may be that they will be able to attend some of our Masses. I know that they will be made welcome.



Fr Christopher is now away with Fr Andrew Niski and the ladies of the Community of St Andrew on a Pilgrimage to Ireland with about forty young people, some from the Highlands. We will keep them in our prayers.

#### **The Hospital Chaplaincies :**

Raigmore Hospital : The Catholic priest responsible to the Bishop for chaplaincy work for Catholics is now Fr Damian Martell [Nairn]. If you need to speak to him about yourself or for another he has a direct line for hospital matters : 07756441169

The Highland Hospice and New Craigs are provided with Catholic pastoral care from St Mary's, Inverness, and messages should be sent to the Parish Office : 01463 233519

It is important that all Catholics going into hospital should let the Parish Office know so that the appropriate clergy can be informed.

Aidan Matheson is a seminarian from Scots College, Rome who is coming to spend a month from 16 Aug – 16 Sep 21 on a pastoral placement. Aidan is from Elgin and has a keen interest in Liturgical music.

### The Ignatian Year : Reflections

We are following Ignatius, the Pilgrim for Jesus Christ, as he makes his way on the journey of faith. Week by week, using his Autobiography as a basis we reflect on the different stages of his journey and the people he meets. The experiences following the crippling injuries sustained at the Siege of Pamplona in 1621, and his insights at Manresa, enable us to walk with him, entering into his own engagement with the Lord. If you are already doing this please let me know how it is going for you. We are on the Eleventh Reflection, and with one a week planned until 31 July 2022 it is a challenging opportunity. I am enjoying the research and the thought that it engenders, and I have found that it can give a useful background shape to reflective prayer for the week.

If there were to be enough interest we could devote a Gabriel Society Meeting to an "Ignatian Journey Study" in the newly furnished Marian Room. We might even be able to persuade a well-known confectioner of this Parish to bake a Ginger Cake, very special indeed.

Aye  
Fr James



## +++ALTAR SERVERS+++

All existing and any new servers who wish to join our altar server's rota are invited to a practice session in the church at 12 noon on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> August.

Please contact Deacon Patrick for further details.



**Dear Friends of St Mary's,**

I hope you are fine, I come to you with a happy news that after I received the donation from St Mary's Parish. I have managed to buy a car instead of repairing the old one. I know this is all by the grace of God. The car is in good condition and it will really help me in pastoral work. I don't know how I can thank you all, am always full of happiness for you. Let us remain United in this vineyard.

Good Bless you all !!!!!

Fr. Mostein.



## **Collections**

As things are now improving, we will now revert to the previous system of taking collections using the Offertory baskets. The Offertory Collection will be taken at the usual time and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection will be taken after the Post Communion Prayer, while the priest is speaking about the Bulletin and any relevant notices.

# Blairs Museum launches new interactive virtual museum

Start from Tuesday 27 July 2021

Blairs Museum, Scotland's National Catholic Museum has launched a brand-new website featuring an interactive virtual museum and shop, thanks to funding from the Scottish Government's "Museum Recovery and Resilience Fund" established to protect Scotland's culture and heritage sectors from the impacts of Covid-19.

The new website unites all the collections of the Scottish Catholic Heritage Collections Trust Museum, and the historic Library and Archive (both of which are on loan to the University of Aberdeen). The website also provides a link to the Scottish Catholic Archives at Columba House in Edinburgh.

This project was funded through a significant Recovery and Resilience Grant from Museums Galleries Scotland. In July 2020, the Scottish Government allocated £4 million to the Museum Recovery and Resilience Fund from the £97 million package of funding to protect Scotland's culture and heritage sectors from the impacts of Covid-19.

The Museum Recovery and Resilience Fund aims to secure the future of Scottish independent museums put at risk by the pandemic and to protect the vital role that they play in their communities.

Museum curator and project lead Amy Miller said:

"The Covid-19 pandemic has prevented many visitors from coming in person to view our collections at Blairs. This new website and suite of online resources allows anyone with an internet connection to see our museum and treasures safely. We have 3D scanned a selection of our artefacts and users can interact with the object by zooming and rotating it to see all the details."

She added: "We have also created a YouTube Channel to host our new series of web videos about our collections and the amazing stories they tell. We are still adding new videos so it is well worth checking the channel regularly."

The new website also features learning resources for school pupils to use in conjunction with the virtual museum so learning can take place with or without a physical visit. Schools will also have the option to "Contact a Curator", where museums staff can lead learning sessions through videoconferencing software.

Lucy Casot, CEO of Museums Galleries Scotland said:

"We are pleased to support Blairs Museum through the Recovery and Resilience Fund. The museum has faced loss of income and a multitude of challenges caused by the pandemic. They have responded to these difficulties with forward thinking plans to expand their online activities and support visitors and school children to explore this important cultural collection from afar."

For further information contact:

Contact: Amy Miller

Email: [curator@blairsmuseum.org.uk](mailto:curator@blairsmuseum.org.uk)

Telephone: 01224 863 767

The new website can be found at [www.schct.org.uk](http://www.schct.org.uk)



## Votive Candles

During the restrictions due to Covid and safety measures we reluctantly gave-up the practice of lighting candles as expressions of our prayer and devotion.



We are about to reintroduce the availability of votive candles.

Only adults [over 16 years] should place and light candles.

Children under the close and immediate supervision of an adult may assist in the lighting of a candle. Please notice that no-one should be involved in any aspect of placing or lighting candles if their hands are still damp from sanitising with an alcohol-based gel.

A candle will be lit by the sacristans, and all other candles should be lit from this candle, using the taper provided.

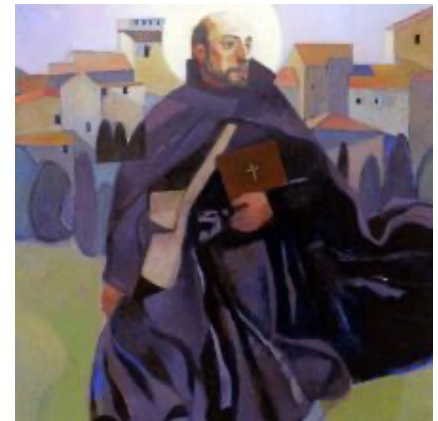
Please do not forget to put the customary donations in the wall-box to cover the costs of candle-provision.

## First Communion & Confirmation

First Communion and Confirmation classes, for young people who do not already attend St. Joseph's Primary School, and who wish to receive the Sacraments in Spring 2022. Please register your interest by obtaining a 'Registration Form' from Deacon Patrick or from the parish office.

## THE IGNATIAN YEAR: 20 May 21 until 31 July 22.

We have kept the Novena – but if you have missed it, or part of it you can catch-up at any time. There are printed copies available from the Parish Office.



## ELEVENTH REFLECTION :

### GAETA TO ROME A PERILOUS JOURNEY

The Weekly Ignatian Reflections: the first went on-line on Wed 19 May. Again if you would like a printed copy these are available from the Parish Office, or from the Box at the back door of the Church. Thereafter we will publish a weekly Ignatian Reflection for every Wednesday until 31 July 2022. It should be profitable to walk the Pilgrim Way with St Ignatius as he draws closer to Jesus, and we can share in that Companionship.

It is a way of reflective, and recollected prayer. The weekly reflections are meant to be a source of prayerful imagining for the week. It's not simply something to be read and done with, rather a resource to be lived with and pondered in the heart. Please get your copies now.

# ~PARISH FINANCES~

<b>SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:</b>	
St Mary's no.1:	£660
Second Collection:	
<b>FABRIC:</b>	<b>£221</b>

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

<b>Balance as of 31/05/21</b>	<b>£2,563.97</b>	<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>	
<b><u>Income</u></b>		Diocesan Expenses	2,942
Offertory	2,412	Power Costs	823.12
Direct Debit & Standing Orders	1,948	Council Tax	358
Cash Donations	954	Office Expenses	484.40
Clergy Support	330	Insurance	170.43
Endowment Dividend	1,229.76	Church Expense (Live stream, cleaning Materials,	
Bible Alive	22	Outstanding payment for Papal awards	381.27
Piety Stall	72	House expense	29.87
DDL payment for Convent Gas Bill	226.64	Maintenance	22.50
Funeral fee	150	Provisions	443.50
Mask donations & Postcards	27	Hospitality	26.86
Donation for Printing costs	4	Salaries	2,436.77
Mass Books	29	Piety Stall	77.47
HMRC Furlough payment	611.20	Bible Alive	36
Homeserve Refund	30	Funeral fee	80
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£8045.60</b>	Mileage costs	188.10
		Driving tuition	637.50
		<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£9,137.79</b>
		<b>Balance as of 30/06/21</b>	<b>£7,840.55</b>

As of 30/06/21 our No. 2 Account for Fabric has a balance of £7,156, along with a small balance of £677.91 for General expenses.

We are grateful to all who have maintained their contributions to the parish, by way of Direct debits and Standing orders or by the weekly Offertory collection. We are also grateful to those who have sent in Cash donations to the Parish Office or by way of the Donation Box.

Please consider creating a Regular Standing Order of 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.

You can also help by using the Gift Aid Scheme if you are a UK taxpayer. It costs you nothing, but the parish receives 25p for every £1 you contribute no matter how small your contribution. Further information is available from Carol as above.

**+ 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 +  
 + Ann Cameron + Alexandra (Sandra) MacDonald + Isobel Kelly + Winifred Kelly +  
 + Roddy Corbett + Tommy Robertson + Hazel Collins + Lynne Williams + Tom Gillan +  
 + Marjory Trace + Ian Mackenzie + Mary Macdonald +  
 + Dale Swanson + Mary Mackinnon + Eilidh Gillespie + John and Mary Bell + Mary Fraser + Helen Mulgrew +  
 + Brian Kearney + Andrew + Norah Hardie +

**+ Anniversaries +**

+ Jane Blackie + Helen Stuart + Peter Lamont +  
 + Thomas Cassidy + Rodger George + Sylvia Smith + Sr Bethina Marie Ihekerem + Sheila McCree +  
 + Jeanette Wrangles + Daniel Patterson + Sr Maria Ngozichukwu-Asika + John Macintyre +  
 + Marianna Davis + Williamina MacCallum + James McDonald + Adam Bielas + George Gordon +  
 + Timothy McFadden + Cecilia Henderson + Jane McKenzie + Virla MacLennan + Thomas Cairns +  
 + Donald Mackenzie + Alexander MacDonald + John MacKay + Hugh Fyffe + Winefride Forbes +

**~~FOR YOUR PRAYERS~~**

**Please continue to pray for vocations to the Priesthood; 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 Details

**~~CONTACT DETAILS~~**

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**During summertime, let us learn how to take a break, turn off the mobile phone to gaze into the eyes of others, cultivate silence, contemplate nature, regenerate ourselves in dialogue with God.**

**Gospel Of The Day Mk 6:30-34**

Pope Francis – Pontifex Twitter

**Please pray for our Holy Father,  
Pope Francis, as he  
recovers from surgery**

### **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.**



**Oh Church of God, you are the best mother,  
you alone can rear a soul and cause it to grow.  
Oh, how great is my love and respect for the  
Church, that best of all mothers.**

**DIARY:- 197**