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The Parish Bulletin **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY**

Mass Readings.

1stReading: Isaiah 66: 10-14

Psalm: 65: 1-7, 16, 20

2ndReading: Galatians 6: 14-18

Gospel: John 15:15

Sunday 3 July	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY Second Collection: Peter's Pence	Mass 09.00 Live Stream Mass 11.00 Mass 18.30
Monday 4 July	Memorial of St Elizabeth of Portugal	Mass 10.00
Tuesday 5 July	St Anthony Zaccaria	Mass 10.00 Vigil Mass 19.00
Wednesday 6 July	St Maria Goretti	Mass 12.30 Baptism 17.00 Mass 19.00
Thursday 7 July	14 th Week of the Year	Mass 10.00
Friday 8 July	14 th Week of the Year	Mass 12.30
Saturday 9 July	Our Lady of Aberdeen	Confession 09.45 Mass 10.30 Vigil Mass 18.00 Stratherick Vigil 18.30
Sunday 10 July	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY Second Collection: Sea Sunday	Mass 09.00 Live Stream Mass 11.00 Mass 18.30

Dear friends,

Friday, 1 July 22

1. Christine Clifford's Funeral on Thursday last, two weeks to the day after her death, was well attended by parishioners and priests. We made our farewells to a much-appreciated parishioner. The Choir made their distinctive contribution in the haunting beauty of the Kontakion of the Departed which was the Prelude to the Mass. Her sister Cath, and niece Heather, have asked me to thank all involved, particularly Marvia and the sacristans, Eddie and the Choir, and Carol who read, and everyone else who made the funeral liturgy a fitting tribute to a dear person who gave so much, and asked for so little.

2. From time to time we receive Prayer Requests, sometimes for Masses with a stipend, sometimes just a quiet mention, and inclusion in the Bulletin lists. We encourage all forms of request. It helps to give a little information, and a name [a Christian name is enough, but more is welcome if appropriate].

This week I had one such asking for 'private prayers' for a young former NHS worker who is ill and in need of prayer. If the anonymous writer of the request reads this, then please be reassured our prayers are joined with yours.

3. Fr Damien Martell has now arrived in London and will be based there for some time working for the Kiltegan Fathers in UK before he returns to the missions in East Africa. Please give thanks to God for his years of service in the Parish of St Mary's Nairn, and as the Catholic Chaplain at Raigmore. He will be much missed locally.

Fr Domenico Zanre will hold the Parish of St Mary, Nairn in plurality with that of St Columba, Culloden.

Fr Laurence Gambella is now thoroughly 'in place' at the Hospital Catholic Chaplaincy.

We will continue to pray for them and all in local pastoral ministry.

Clearly, we need more priests. We are thankful that we have three men in formation: Aidan from Elgin who is at Scots College in

Rome, and the two Vietnamese seminarians Aang and Quinnh who are at Oscott College, Birmingham. We pray for them each week, in fact almost daily. Please continue with that spiritual support. It may be that a Catholic man reading this may feel moved to consider where his vocation may be. 'Every day we need to encourage each other' are sentiments from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Pray for more priests please, and pray also for the working priests, giving thanks for the ministry of priesthood.

4. **Second Collections** : Yes! We are faced with the necessity of taking second collections.

Peter's Pence is 'mandatory', in that we are required to make this collection by the Holy See. It is the annual ingathering of funds for the Holy Father's own charitable purposes. This week-end at all Masses the second collection will be to support the Holy Father in Peter's Pence.

Sea Sunday - 10 July 22 - if not mandatory it is requested to be taken by the Scottish Bishops to support the work of the Apostleship of the Sea.

A statement from the Apostleship of the Sea [Stella Maris] :

"Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health".

Second Collections will be taken.

Further information may be obtained by visiting the website :www.stellamaris.org.uk

The Community of St Andrew [CSA] The outstanding work among young people by the six members of the CSA deserves to be better known. Every Friday from 1830 until 2130 these six devout women are at St Mary's engaging large numbers of young people from many different backgrounds and parishes. A key part of their work is in taking young people on pilgrimages, recently a Quiet Week-

end in Girvan, and pilgrimages to Ireland and to Italy are in different stages of planning. This work is supported and encouraged by Fr Andrew Niski, in collaboration with Fr Christopher Doig and others. It is really very moving to be at Exposition with sometimes up to forty youngsters with the CSA. The young priests and the CSA are making big differences to youth formation.

The CSA Pilgrimage to Italy : In July-August the CSA and others are taking over fifty young people on a Pilgrimage to Italy. This kind of opportunity can be defining in a young person's life, deepening faith and extending the horizons of hope. We will be taking Second Collections towards the work of the CSA on Sundays 17 and 24 July.

I know that the CSA are looking to raise over £10,000 in support of their Young People's Pilgrimages. Many of the families could simply not afford the costs, and many will need to be subsidised. This is our opportunity to make a contribution, and I invite your generous support.

5. Security and thefts : We are confident and happy to be welcoming and keeping our beautiful church open day by day. Our visitors are much appreciated. It is good to be able to provide an oasis of cool where prayers may be said and candles lit. Many find that St Mary's is a good place to pray.

Yet our 'open doors' encourage some people with difficult personalities and differing attitudes to property. In short we are vulnerable at times to marauders and thieves.

We have CTV surveillance of many areas in and around the Church and adjacent premises. The Police have found the CTV footage helpful in identifying people suspected of suspicious behaviour in and around the church.

In recent weeks we have had different people trying to gain by theft- attempted break-ins at the Cash Donation Box [unsuccessful, suspect warned and later apprehended by the Police], and the theft of personal belongings [later recovered].

It is appropriate that we should all be vigilant, having protective attitudes to our own and our neighbours' property. Bags left in

pews or on coat-pegs are a temptation to some. Please take care as it is unlikely that stolen items may be recovered or compensation paid as banks and insurance agencies set a high value on personal liability. Take care, and be cautious!

We are beginning to enjoy a somewhat belated summer. Our personal Presbytery seagull, now a feathery fledgling is taking observational walks on a nearby roof. He [she] sees me and we are wary of each other. I look forward to meeting him [or her] when he/she becomes a pedestrian. I like seagulls except their dawn chorus, truly raucous, an exasperating 'morning call'.

With every good wish that you may have a joyous summer.
Every Blessing,
Fr James

THE IGNATIAN YEAR 20 May 21 Until 31 July 22.

FIFTY-NINTH IGNATIAN REFLECTION

IGNATIUS : HIS IMPACT ON MISSIONS - TO MEXICO



Highland Catholic Men

A group of men from around the deanery meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month to discuss life, faith, and Catholic masculinity. Next meeting: 12th July from 630pm - 9pm in the Marian Room. Please contact Eric Hanna at erhan1845@duck.com

St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP)

Requests for assistance and support can be made by contacting Mark Jones in confidence or any SVDP member. Mobile number: 07988 670 997 Visit www.ssvpscotland.com

~PARISH FINANCES~

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:

St Mary's no.1:	£790
Second Collection:	ACN £529

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

Balance as of 30/04/22	£2,610.25	<u>Expenditure</u>	
<u>Income</u>		Diocesan Expenses	2,375
Offertory	4,095	Power Costs	991.56
Direct Debit & Standing Orders	1,990	Council Tax	369
Cash Donations	645	Office Expenses	370.39
Donation box	265	Insurance	195.30
Clergy Support	495	Church Expense (Altar bread, Live stream books, lock for donation box)	218.94
Endowment Dividend	1227.93	House expense	43.37
Tax rebate (SGADS)	2000	Provisions	861.12
Highland Council (School use of hall)	3000	Hospitality	25.50
DDL payment for Convent gas	216.10	Salaries	1,992.93
Bible Alive	6	Priest's Retreat	350
Piety Stall	30	Mileage	912.49
Scottish Catholic Magazine	17	Scottish Catholic Magazine	80
Candles	271	Piety Stall	259.62
CTS	20	Health & Safety Materials	146.59
Donation for Printing costs	3	Hall Cleaning Materials	13.25
Funeral fee	120	Total Expenditure	£9,205.06
Total Income	£14,401.03	Balance as of 31/05/22	£7,806.22

As of 31/05/22 our No. 2 Account for Fabric has a balance of £2,000.87, along with a balance of £990.91 for General expenses, along with a balance of £1648.42 for Presbytery and Church repairs.

We have recently had problems with the bank accepting cheques for our account, this has now been resolved but going forward they will only accept cheques made out as follows:

RCD – Inverness St Mary's

If you wish to make any payments or donations to the Parish in future, please ensure the wording is correct. The Parish Office will credit the appropriate account (1-general; 2-collections and fabric;3 -Hall). Donations may still be made in cash! 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 Cash donations to the Parish Office or by way of the Donation Box. 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. 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.



Let us listen together to what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
 Let us safeguard our communion.
 The Paschal Mystery has been given to us.
 Let us allow ourselves to be embraced by the desire that the Lord
 continues to have to eat His Passover with us.

Pope Francis – Pontifex Twitte

St. Faustina.

The Lord said to me,
 My daughter, do not tire of proclaiming My mercy. In this way you will refresh this Heart of Mine, which burns with a flame of pity for sinners. Tell My priests that hardened sinners will repent on hearing their words when they speak about My unfathomable mercy. about the compassion I have for them in My Heart. To priests who proclaim and extol My mercy, I will give wonderful power; I will anoint their words and touch the hearts of those to whom they will speak. DIARY:- 1521

OUR LADY’S MEDJUGORJE MESSAGE TO VISIONARY MARIJA FOR JUNE 25th 2022.

“Dear children I rejoice with you and thank you for every sacrifice and prayer which you have offered for my intentions. Little children, do not forget that you are important in my plan of salvation of mankind. Return to God and prayer that the Holy Spirit may work in you and through you. Little children, I am with you also in these days when Satan is fighting for war and hatred. Division is strong and evil is at work in man as never before. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

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~~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 +

+ 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 + Ann Cameron + Alexandra (Sandra) MacDonald + Isobel Kelly +
+ Winifred Kelly + Roddy Corbett + Tommy Robertson + Hazel Collins +
+ Lynne Williams + Marjory Trace + Ian Mackenzie + Mary Macdonald +
+ Dale Swanson + Mary Mackinnon + Eilidh Gillespie + Mary Fraser +
+ John and Mary Bell + Helen Mulgrew + Norah Hardie + Mary Dryden +
+ Fr Joachim Zok + Fr Stanley Bennie + Mo Horne + Lennie Stirling +
+ Pauline Livingstone + a young lady +

+ Anniversaries +

+ Joseph Gunn + Jan Yunker + Stephen Tinney + Mary Glass + William Fox +
+ Mona McCulloch + Mary Gordon + Ronald Middleton + Charles Pieracinni +
+ Hugh Sheilds + Catherina MacKintosh (Rena) + Herbert Anderson +
+ John Knight + Anne Grant + Julia Edwards + Anne Robertson + Colin Isaac +
+ Ernest Snape + Hilda King + Elizabeth MacIver + Henry Seich + Peter Baird +

+ R.I.P. +

+ Christine Mary Clifford + Deacon John McEwan +