

Parish Bulletin, St Mary's Inverness

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Sunday 4 October	27th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Second collection for Parish shop upgrades	Mass 09.00 Mass 11.00 Mass 18.30
Monday 5 October	Memorial of St Faustina	Confessions & Rosary 11.30 Mass 12.00 Adoration 12.30
Tuesday 6 October	Memorial of St Bruno	
Wednesday 7 October	Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary	
Thursday 8 October	27 th Week of the Year	
Friday 9 October	Memorial of St John Henry Newman	
Saturday 10 October	Memorial of St Francis Bergin	Confessions & Adoration 09.45 Mass 10.30
Sunday 11 October	28th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	Mass 09.00 Mass 11.00 Polish Mass 16.30 Mass 18.30

Children's Liturgy at 11am Mass

Tea and Coffee in the parish hall after the 11am Mass

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

+ SICK +

+ Ann Cameron + Isobel Kelly + Roddy Corbett + Marjory Trace + Lennie Stirling + + Heather Taylor + Teresa Graczykowska + David Reid + Ralph Stewart + Jakub & Emily Akacki + Sr. Anne Marie + Jane McMaster + + Graham Grant + Leila Molona-Allen + Ishbel McKenna + Valentina Nicogda + + William (Billy) Fraser + Gordon Skillin + Christine Bainbridge + + David Baillie +

+ ANNIVERSARIES +

+ Joseph Margery + George Nicol + William Campbell + Brian Cole + + John Stewart + Sheila Kay + John Campbell + Anne McLaughlin + + Jonathan Pryce + Susan Blackwell + Margaret MacKenzie + + Mary Ann McMillan + Alexandrina Quinn + Jessie MacRae + + Callum Laing + Agnes Smith + Hugh Coyle +

We continue to pray for our Seminarians

Anh Tuan Nguyen, Richard Webster, Jason Nunes and Victor Ezeajughu

New beginnings: We welcome Fr Rene who is now resident at St Ninian's and, for the time being, will be supported by St Mary's. We are also delighted to announce that Fr Aidan will be remaining with us and as part of this, certain things can be changed. Over the next couple of months Fr Laurence will be absent for three Sundays. This week he will be on retreat (returning on Saturday 10th) and in November will be away from 3rd - 20th November.

This Sunday 4th October marks the end of the Season of Creation with the feast traditionally of St Francis of Assisi. This is therefore a day to give thanks to God for the beauty of creation and assume once again our responsibility of our stewardship of our world and the environment.

The Litany of Loreto will be recited at the end of the Rosary each day during October.

There will be a Deanery meeting on Thursday 15th October and the Assembly of Priests meeting on Thursday 22nd October. Mass times will be altered accordingly and will be highlighted in the bulletins.

Saturday 24th October - Pro-Life talk by Lucy Walker from SPUC at 11am, after the 10.30 Mass, in the Marian Room. The talk will take about 45 minutes and there will be time for questions. Fr Andrzej Niski would like to invite people to the monthly Mass for Life on the first Saturday of every month at St Lawrence's Dingwall.

November: Remembering our dearly departed. It is our normal practice during the month of November to pray for the deceased of our parish by name. If you would like any friends or family members to be included, please pass on this information in good time.

The visits to the graves will take place on Monday 2nd November (All Souls Day) after the school Mass at 10am. Our annual Mass for those who have died within the Parish this year will be slightly later on, **Saturday 21st November at 10.30am.**

Both Fabric and Finance and Pastoral Council meetings are now overdue, however given how packed the next few weeks are, and absences of clergy and clerical staff, these will take place at the end of November. If you have previously been invited to participate in these meetings, please try to come along. Further details of days and times will be provided nearer the time.

New Rotas: Please be advised that the new rota board for readers, teas, servers and Sunday meals is now situated at the back of the extension. Please check frequently.

SVDP: The SVDP have a new donations machine which can be used for card donations. Please note that they are still very happy to accept cash!

Second collection this weekend: This is to acquire stock for the Parish shop. We realise this project has been much slower than anticipated and that the visitor season is almost over. However, it is important that this is done well. We now plan to have bespoke lockable cabinets to replace the second-hand ones.

Altar Server's Outing: This is planned for Tuesday 13th October commencing at 2pm. Please note slight change of time, this is to allow time for some training. There will be food and refreshments in the Hall followed by a trip to Eden Court to the cinema. Please let us know if your child is coming and we will have forms for parental consent to be signed.

Youth Activities: Please note there will be no planned activities at St Mary's during the month of October as it is half-term at the school and also the St Andrew's Community are unable to come. However all of our young people are invited to come to Keith for the evening Mass as advertised. However, please note that any young people will have to be accompanied by their parents for safeguarding reasons.

Catechist classes: For those who missed registration, forms are available from the parish office.

It is imperative that you register and provide contact information for both of the above for safeguarding purposes.

Filipino Mass: Many thanks to everyone who attended the Filipino Mass last Sunday.

RCIA: Next meeting will be on **Monday 12th October** at 6.30pm in the Marian room. Subject– John XXIII. Opening of the Council.

Friday 6th November: The Kilcoy Community who animated our 40 hours, will be returning for a mini day of Adoration and outreach, therefore there will be continued Adoration after the mid-day Mass until 7pm when there will be a First Friday Mass. Outreach will continue until 10pm. As before a sign-up sheet will be provided to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never unattended. Please be generous and give an hour of your time.

50th Anniversary of the Canonisation of St John Ogilvie: St Thomas' Keith is holding a special Mass on Saturday 17 October at 11.00. However, this coincides with Fr Max's 15 years ordination. Therefore to allow us to mark both occasions, we are hoping to lead a pilgrimage to Keith on the evening of Friday 16 October, to visit his rooms and to celebrate Mass in St Thomas'. Please let us know if you are interested in going.

Men's Retreat at Kilcoy Castle: Men's Philip's Retreat 30 Oct – 1 Nov. Further details on the poster at the back of the Church.

Craig Lodge 'Living Waters' Retreats: – 6-8 October; 20-22 October; 3-5 November; 10-12 November; 17-19 November. To book go to: www.craiglodge.org/events or email: mail@craiglodge.org.

Parish Finances: If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider Gift Aid for any contributions to the parish. For further information please speak to Carol. If you wish to make any payments/donations to the parish, cheques should be made out as follows:

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Collection: 27/09/2026 £1309

Many thanks for your generosity to the Parish