

Parish Bulletin, St Mary's Inverness

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Sunday 12 July	15th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR SEA SUNDAY – Second collection	Mass 09.00 Mass 11.00 Holy hour 17.15 Mass 18.30
Monday 13 July	Memorial of St Henry	Confessions & Rosary 11.30 Mass 12.00 Adoration 12.30
Tuesday 14 July	Memorial of St Kateri Tekakwitha	
Wednesday 15 July	Memorial of St Bonaventure	
Thursday 16 July	Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Mass 09.00
Friday 17 July	Memorial of Carmelite Martyrs of Compiègne	Confessions & Rosary 11.30 Mass 12.00 Adoration 12.30
Saturday 18 July	15 th Week of the Year	Confessions & Adoration 09.45 Mass 10.30 Confessions 18.00-18.20 Vigil Mass 18.30
Sunday 19 July	16th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	Mass 09.00 Mass 11.00 Holy hour 17.15 Mass 18.30

NO Children's Liturgy during the school holidays
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 +
+ Jakub & Emily Akacki + Sr. Anne Marie + Jane McMaster + Ralph Stewart +
+ Graham Grant + Leila Molona-Allen + Ishbel McKenna +
+ Valentina Nicogda + Tommy Robertson + William (Billy) Fraser + Vi Muir +

+ ANNIVERSARIES +

+ Henry Seich + Peter Baird + James Burns + Paul Carroll + Nan Ward +
+ Alexsnder Chisholm + Rose Ann MacIntyre + Ingeborg Monaghan +
+ Martha Currie + Anita Zychowicz + Catherine Degney + Santina Bonici +
+ Mirabelle Kennedy + Roseanne McEntee + Kevin Shields + Geraldine Gathings +
+ Thomas Johnstone + Annie MacPhee + Annie Chisholm + Izydor Szmytkowski +
+ Lilian Eden + Jean Allan + John Reddigan +

We continue to pray for our Seminarians

Dcn Rene De Los Reyes, Anh Tuan Nguyen, Richard Webster,
Jason Nunes and Victor Ezeajughu

We welcome Fr Richard Swyder who will be with us for approximately 3 weeks.
Please feel free to invite him for a meal.

Sea Sunday: Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is today – 12th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church; by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting ‘SEA’ to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously.

Saturday 25th July: Mass at Stratherrick at 4.30pm, weather permitting Mass will be held outside at the Shrine of Our Lady.

This week we will have several visiting priests staying – on 14th Fr Andrew Kingham from Orkney will be staying for a few days; on the 16th until 20th, Fr Justin Lee from the Community of St John and his father and on 17th Fr Ambrose from Shetland staying for one night, so it’s going to be a busy week!

Ordination of Rene De Los Reyes: Deacon Rene will be ordained into the Priesthood on 28th August in Aberdeen. This will be held in the evening so it is hoped that we may be able to do a group booking on the train for that event. Please let us know if you are interested in going.

Parish Music and Dancing Social – Friday 7th August at 7.30pm on the Feast of St Mary MacKillop. We hope to be joined by parishioners from Nairn and Stratherrick. Entertainment will include John the ‘Prof’, Joe Campbell and others. Tickets are £10, payable on the door, in aid of Our Lady’s shrine at Stratherrick. Bring and share food and drink. Prizes for the raffle and volunteers to help set up, man the door and wash up will be greatly appreciated. Also, if anyone has any photos of memories at Stratherrick it would be nice for a slide show.

Sacred Heart Banner: We have found a beautiful banner of the Sacred Heart, but it is in desperate need of some restoration. Is there anyone who has embroidery skills who would like to take on this small project? Please speak to Fr Laurence if you can help.

Help in laying paving slabs: help is requested in clearing the area at the rear of the sacristy and the laying of paving slabs. Please speak to Frank or Fr Laurence if you can help.

Adjustments are underway to certain benches within the Church to make it compliant with current regulations. This will allow better access for wheelchairs and mobility aids in the main part of the Church.

During the summer months, when we have adequate Eucharistic cover, Communion under both kinds will be offered during the weekday Masses.

Holy hour and Benediction has been re-introduced on Sundays at 5.15pm for the months of July and August.

Hymn Singing: We would like to integrate our various communities more fully within the Church especially the Sunday Mass at 11am. The initial thought is that one of the Communion hymns could be sung in their various languages. Father will speak to those who might be involved.

Also, we plan to **move the choir** to the front of the church next week at the 11am Mass, so please leave the first two benches free in the extension.

Organ training: It is planned to hold a meeting in August for those who have expressed an interest in undertaking training on the organ. Those interested should already be reasonably proficient in the piano. Training will commence in September.

Meals Service: Volunteers and/or contributions will still be most welcome.

The SCIAF Shield: Returns on Saturday 1st August - The SCIAF Shield is a 5-a-side tournament that brings together 16 teams for an exciting afternoon of community and sport – all in support of SCIAF's life-changing work overseas. This year, funds raised by the SCIAF Shield will go towards our Emergency Hunger Appeal, to provide emergency food packages and help people grow more food in places devastated by floods and droughts in Africa. For more information: <https://www.sciag.org.uk/get-involved/events/799-the-sci-f-shield>.

Korea and Japan – World Youth Day Seoul 2027: Pope Leo XIV is inviting youth, aged 18-35, from all around the world to join him in Seoul, South Korea, in August 2027 for World Youth Day. The Diocese of Aberdeen will be hosting a pilgrimage to Korea and Nagasaki, Japan; if you are interested in joining us for WYD, please register your interest via the link so we have an idea of numbers, and you can weigh in to help us create our pilgrimage package: <https://forms.gle/XzZAcqBVKZkPffjK7>.

Fundraising for the Cathedral: You may have noticed the banner beside the War Memorial. This is at Bishop Hugh's behest to raise money for improvements at the Cathedral. Please feel free to donate.

'Gaudi: God's Architect': A special performance of 'Gaudi: God's Architect' - a new play, written, produced, directed and performed by Stephen Callaghan, together with members of the AGAP theatre company. On Wednesday 15th July at 7.30pm in St Columba's, Culloden. Tickets available from the parish after Masses or 'on the door'. See poster at the back of the church for more information.

Highland Foodbank July & August Appeal: Please see the poster at the back of the church with details of items they are needing during July and August. Please help if you can.

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:

RCD – Inverness St Mary's

Collections: 05/07/2026 £1195

Many thanks for your generosity to the Parish