

Parish Bulletin, St Mary's Inverness

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Sunday 18 October	29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Mission Sunday – second collection	Mass 09.00 Mass 11.00 Mass 18.30
Monday 19 October	Memorial of St Paul of the Cross Funeral 09.30	Confessions & Rosary 11.30 Mass 12.00 Adoration 12.30
Tuesday 20 October	29 th Week of the Year	
Wednesday 21 October	29 th Week of the Year	
Thursday 22 October	Memorial of St John Paul II	Mass 09.00
Friday 23 October	Memorial of St John of Capistrano	Confessions & Rosary 11.30 Mass 12.00 Adoration 12.30
Saturday 24 October	Memorial of St Anthony Mary Claret	Confessions & Adoration 09.45 Mass 10.30
Sunday 25 October	30th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	Mass 09.00 Mass 11.00 Mass 18.30

NO Children's Liturgy during 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 +
+ Ralph Stewart + Jakub & Emily Akacki + Jane McMaster +
+ Graham Grant + Leila Molona-Allen + Ishbel McKenna + Valentina Nicogda +
+ William (Billy) Fraser + Gordon Skillin + Christine Bainbridge +
+ David Baillie +

+ ANNIVERSARIES +

+ Sarah Cuthbert + Robert Mathieson + John McLaughlin + Michael Shaw +
+ Jane MacDonald + John O'Connor + Mieczyslaw Lis + Jean Foy +
+ Czeslaw Pocwiardowski + William McMonagle + Nicola Donnelly +
+ Peter Pasieka + Derek Mill + A Smith + Elizabeth McTier +
+ Antonina Margos + William Grigor + Ronaldo Bonici + Elizabeth Bloczynski
+ Sr Teresa McNaughton + Warren Findlay + Fr Stanley Bennie +

+ R I P +

+ Ciaran Hugh James Davidson + Sr Anne Marie +

We continue to pray for our Seminarians

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ciaran Davidson whose funeral service will be held on Monday for family and friends (not a Mass). Also, Snr Anne-Marie's funeral will be held on 30th October in Brora at 11am. Bishop Hugh will celebrate. Reception of the body at 10.30am

Fr Laurence has been appointed Administrator of St Ninian's while Fr Rene is residing there. This is intended to be temporary while Fr Rene finds his feet and gains experience as a Priest. However, this will mean that Fr Laurence will be required to be present occasionally at St Ninian's, even sometimes on Sundays. It also means that Fr Rene will come here occasionally as well so please make him welcome.

Congratulations to Fr Max, our Dean, who celebrated his 15 years of Ordination on Saturday.

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

There will be an Assembly of Priests meeting on **Thursday 22nd October**. Mass time will be altered accordingly and will be highlighted in the bulletin.

Server's Outing: This was very successful and thanks to all who helped with the arrangements.

This Sunday we celebrate **World Mission Sunday**, joining Catholics throughout the world in supporting the Church's mission. Pope Leo XIV's theme, **One in Christ, United in Mission**, reminds us that our faith unites us with our brothers and sisters everywhere. Through your prayer and generous offering to Missio Scotland, you bring hope to mission communities by supporting pastoral care, evangelisation, education and essential healthcare. There is a letter from Fr Vincent Lockhart, National Director of Missio Scotland copies of which are available at the back of the Church, together with the latest magazine. Please take one home with you.

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. Forms are available from the sacristy or the parish office.

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 now take place on Tuesday 24th November for Fabric and Finance and Thursday 26th November for the Pastoral Council, both meetings at 6.30pm in the Marian Room. If you have previously been invited to participate in these meetings, please try to come along.

RCIA: Next meetings will be on **Monday 19th October** and **Thursday 22nd** at 6.30pm in the Marian room. Subject on 19th – Paul VI – A difficult papacy. Subject on 22nd - JP II – Theology of the Body. Encyclicals.

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.

Craft & Tabletop Sale: On Saturday 7th November in the church Hall from 10am to 2pm. Raising funds for the church - come along and browse the goodies on sale and enjoy a tea or coffee.

Please be aware as the weather is getting colder and the heating is on in the Church, as in previous years we will be moving to the Marian Room in a few weeks time. The obvious date to start this is after the Feast of All Souls, so on Tuesday 3rd November. While we realise that the Marian Room is not the Church, it is very important for us to be able to balance the books and not have an enormous heating bill.

Knights of St Columba: There will be a meeting on Wednesday 28th October in St Columba's, Culloden at 6.30pm. All those men over the age of 18 with an interest in joining are greatly welcome, also past and present Knights. Contact Angus: asinclair59@outlook.com or Mobile: 07887 817742.

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.

Although this is well in advance, we plan to organise a **Christmas Day meal service**. If anyone would like to come along who would otherwise be alone, or to help serve, wash up or tidy up or indeed would like to make a contribution towards the cost of the meal, this would be greatly appreciated.

Craig Lodge 'Living Waters' Retreats: – 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.

Made for Communion: A three-day conference for young Catholics aged 16-30 at Stonyhurst College 2-4 January 2027. Prices £180 (£170 students/unwaged). Deadline 6th December 2026. Please see the poster at the back of the Church.

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: 11/10/2026 £1028

Many thanks for your generosity to the Parish