Parish Bulletin, St Mary's Inverness

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Sunday 22 November	**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE Second collection – Scottish Catholic Education Service**	**Mass 09.00 Mass 11.00 Mass 18.30**
Monday **23 November**	Memorial of St Clement	**Confessions & Rosary 11.30 Mass 12.00 Adoration 12.30**
Tuesday **24 November**	Memorial of St Andrew Dung Lac & Companions	
Wednesday **25 November**	Memorial of St Catherine of Alexandria	
Thursday **26 November**	Memorial of St John Berchmans	**Funeral 10.00 Mass 12.00**
Friday **27 November**	Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal	**Confessions & Rosary 11.30 Mass 12.00 Adoration 12.30**
Saturday **28 November**	Memorial of St Catherine Labouré	**Confessions & Adoration 09.45 Mass 10.30**
Sunday 29 November	**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**	**Mass 09.00 Mass 11.00 Mass 18.30**

Children's Liturgy at the 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 + Jane McMaster +
+ Graham Grant + Leila Molona-Allen + Ishbel McKenna + Valentina Nicogda+
+ William (Billy) Fraser + Gordon Skillin + Christine Bainbridge +
+ David Baillie +

+ ANNIVERSARIES +

+ Joseph Lazenby + Mary MacIntosh + Freda Graham + Margaret Fraser +
+ Reginald Grounds + Rhoda Kennedy + John (Jack) Ross + Scott MacDonald +
+ Jane Gleniecki + John Shields + Agnes Alexander + Angela Deans +
+ John Adams + Margaret Hamill + Mary Ann MacDonald +
+ Anne MacDonald + Margaret Kerin + Peter Francis Fitzgerald +

+ R I P +

Bishop Emeritus Peter Moran, **Paul Scott and Wilma Hepburn**

We continue to pray for our Seminarians

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

RCIA: The next meeting will be on **Monday 23rd November** at 6.30pm in the Marian room. Subject – *Lumen gentium.*

Memorial Mass - Saturday 21st November at 10.30am. Thanks to everyone who attended to give thanks for the lives of their departed relatives and friends over the past year.

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 at daily Mass. If you would like any friends or family members to be included, please pass on this information in good time. Forms are available from th e sacristy or the back of the Church and should be returned to the parish office.

Choir Practice: Thursday 3rd December at 6.30pm in the Marian room.

The Association for King James VII and II: An exploration on the life and spirituality of Servant of God King James VII and II. St Lawrence's Church, Dingwall. Thursday 26th November, Mass at 7pm. The talk begins at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Filipino Mass at St Ninian's will be every **third Sunday of the month at 3pm.** Hymns will be in the Filipino language; Mass will be in English. Everyone welcome.

Advent Reflections: Over three Wednesdays of Advent, the deacons and priests of the Deanery will host **Advent Reflections: Confessions and Benediction** in different parishes. Each week, a different speaker will offer a unique and inspiring perspective on Advent or the feast of the day. Each session will include:

- An opportunity for individual Confessions
- Exposition and Benediction

Wednesday 2nd December - St Ninian's, Inverness Led by Dcn. Graham Cumming
Wednesday 9th December - St Mary's, Inverness Led by Fr. Rene Delos Reyes
Wednesday 16th December - St Columba's, Culloden Led by Fr Aidan Matheson
Full details on the poster at the back of the Church.

What to expect at a Catholic Funeral

The purpose of a Christian Funeral is twofold; Firstly, to commend the soul of the departed to Almighty God, and to intercede for them as fellow members of the Body of Christ; Secondly, to console those who mourn and to strengthen each other in the hope of the resurrection which we share in Christ Jesus, who has conquered death.

To that end, this should take place in the Parish Church and may be either a funeral Mass or funeral service (without Mass).
Readings and music should be chosen in light of the Church's instructions for funeral rites and in collaboration with the Priest or Deacon responsible. This necessarily excludes the use of secular music.
Please communicate your wishes for a Catholic funeral with your family members and leave written instructions along with your will.

Fabric and Finance and Pastoral Council meetings: these will 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.

Religious Christmas Cards are available from the piety stall in the rear porch, along with a selection of religious items.

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols: A joint service between The Venerable Order of St John of Jerusalem and The Companions of The Order of Malta. To support the Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem and the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group. **Sunday 6th December at 7.30pm**. All welcome afterwards to the Church hall for mulled wine and shortbread.

Highland Foodbank: Please see the poster at the back of the church for a list of items for their Christmas Appeal. Also their 'reverse Advent Calendar'. Please help if you can.

Day of Recollection – at the Immaculate Conception, Stratherrick: Saturday 5th December. Further details nearer the time.

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.

Monthly Mass for Scotland: On the second Friday of the month, in St Lawrence's, Dingwall. 7.10pm Rosary; 7.30pm Mass. Teas and coffee and fellowship afterwards. See the poster at the back of the church.

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.

New Catholics Men's Retreat: Pluscarden Abbey, Elgin - Friday 29th – Sunday 31st January 2027. Full details on the poster at the back of the Church.

Fairtrade & Climate Action Coffee Morning – Saturday 28th November in Inverness Town House, 10.30am – 1pm. Details on 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:

RCD – Inverness St Mary's

Collection: 15/11/2026 £1008

Many thanks for your generosity to the Parish