

Parish Bulletin, St Mary's Inverness

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| Sunday 21 December | 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT | Mass 09.00 Mass 11.00 Filipino Mass 14.30 Mass 18.30 |
| Monday 22 December | Advent feria by date School Carol Concert 13.30 Carol Crawl 17.00 starting at Ness Bank | Confessions & Rosary 11.30 Mass 12.00 Adoration 12.30 |
| Tuesday 23 December | Advent feria by date | |
| Wednesday 24 December | Advent feria by date | Mass 09.00 |
| Wednesday 24 December | VIGIL MASS OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD | Carols 21.00 Vigil Mass 21.30 |
| Thursday 25 December | SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD | Mass 09.00 Mass 11.00 Polish Mass 13.30 |
| Friday 26 December | Feast of St Stephen | Confessions & Rosary 11.30 Mass 12.00 Adoration 12.30 |
| Saturday 27 December | Feast of St John the Evangelist | Confessions & Adoration 09.45 Mass 10.30 |
| | Stratherrick | Vigil Mass 16.30 |

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| Sunday 28 December | THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH | Mass 09.00 Mass 11.00 Mass 18.30 |
| Monday 29 December | Memorial of St Thomas Becket | Confessions & Rosary 11.30 Mass 12.00 Adoration 12.30 |
| Tuesday 30 December | Sixth day within the Christmas Octave | |
| Wednesday 31 December | Memorial of St Sylvester | |
| Thursday 1 January | SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD | |
| Friday 2 January | Memorial of St Basil and St Gregory Nazianzen | Confessions & Rosary 11.30 Mass 12.00 Adoration 12.30 |
| Saturday 3 January | Memorial of The Most Holy Name of Jesus | Confessions & Adoration 09.45 Mass 10.30 |
| Sunday 4 January | SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Day of Prayer for Justice and Peace 2nd Collection: Justice and Peace | Mass 09.00 Mass 11.00 Mass 18.30 |

**There will be a collection taken at all Christmas Masses for the following:
Mary's Meals, Aid to the Church in Need and Fr Marcin Krzemien (see
separate info enclosed)**

**A copy of Bishop Hugh's Christmas Message to the Diocese is available at
the back of the Church.**

**THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN DAILY FROM 10.30 TO 13.30 ONLY,
FROM CHRISTMAS EVE UNTIL SUNDAY 4th JANUARY.
AND WILL BE LOCKED AFTER MASS EACH DAY.**

**WEEKDAY MASSES WILL BE IN THE CHURCH FROM CHRISTMAS
DAY UNTIL MONDAY 5TH JANUARY.
FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

+ **SICK** +

+ Ann Cameron + Isobel Kelly + Roddy Corbett + Marjory Trace + Lennie Stirling +
+ Heather Taylor + Justyna Tymecka + Teresa Graczykowska + David Reid +
+ Danuta Jaskolka + Jakub & Emily Akacki + Sr. Anne Marie + Jane McMaster +
+ Bogdan Sikora + Ralph Stewart + Ruth Black +

+ **ANNIVERSARIES** +

+ George Glass + Michele Persichini + Elizabeth MacDonald + Annie MacDonald +
+ Alexander Balfour + Robert Esmonde + Tessa MacLellan + James McCulloch +
+ John Bloczynski + William Byrne + John MacDonald + Anthony Aleena +
+ Joseph Rizza + John Jasinski + Josef Adamiec + Marion Forbes + George Innes +
+ Diana Wallace + Harold Larkin + Edward Grant + James Hastie + Peter Carroll +
+ James O'Neill + Grace Stewart + Frank Doherty + Patricia O'Riorden +
+ Kazimierz Gniadek + Bella Scott + Roseanne MacLennan + Gerald Conolly +
+ Kenneth Young + Thomas Higgins + Bernard McGurk + Edward King +
+ Ishbel MacGillivray MacGregor + Margaret MacKay + Catherine MacDonald +
+ George Matthews + Catherine Greig + Ann Falconer + Heather MacIver +
+ John Scott + James Murray + Steven Mill + Anna Margarita Seath +
+ Robert Cushnie + Catherine MacIver + Tom Waters +

We continue to pray for our Seminarians

Anh Tuan Nguyen, Rene De Los Reyes & Richard Webster

We welcome any visitors to the parish and hope you enjoy your stay here in Inverness. Please come and join us for tea & coffee in the hall after the 11am Mass.

We are delighted that **Fr Aidan** will be coming back for at least part of the Christmas holidays and so will be celebrating the 11am Mass today. If you haven't seen it already, tune into the excellent interview that Fr Aidan gave to Rome Reports:

<https://youtu.be/DiY61AIUhZQ?si=OP0AT8ziWOU73uvo>

We are also delighted that **Fr Stuart Chalmers** will be staying in the presbytery on 27th December and will celebrate the 11am Mass on Sunday 28th.

Filipino Mass: This Sunday - 21st December at 2.30pm, followed by a meal in the Hall.

RCIA: The next meeting will be on 12th January. During January those who have not yet been baptised, received communion or been confirmed will be invited to consider whether they may like to do so at the Easter Vigil.

Youth Groups: Will resume on Friday 9th January.

Hall Bookings: the hall is an extremely important part of our parish life and also provides a lot of income for other things. We really need a dedicated person to take overall responsibility for the bookings and administration of the hall. If you feel you may be able to do this individually or as part of a small team, please speak to Fr Laurence in the first instance.

Christmas Mass Times:

Christmas Eve - Mass at 9.30pm with Carols from 9pm

Confessions 11am-12.00 and 8.30pm-9.15pm (House)

PLEASE DON'T LEAVE IT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!

CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE EVERY WEEKDAY

Christmas Day - Mass at 9am and 11am.

Polish Mass 1.30pm

Saturday 27th December - Vigil Mass, Stratherrick at 4.30pm

(Please note change of time)

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

RCD – Inverness St Mary's

Collections: Offertory 14/12/25

£1123

Many thanks for your generosity to the Parish

