

Parish Bulletin, St Mary's Inverness

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Sunday 1 March	2nd SUNDAY OF LENT	Mass 09.00 Mass 11.00 Mass 18.30
Monday 2 March	2 nd Week of Lent	Mass 09.00
Tuesday 3 March	2 nd Week of Lent	Confessions & Rosary 11.30 Mass 12.00 Adoration 12.30
Wednesday 4 March	2 nd Week of Lent Memorial of St Casimir Stations of the Cross 18.30	
Thursday 5 March	2 nd Week of Lent	Mass 18.00
Friday 6 March	2 nd Week of Lent Station Mass – St Aidan's, Aviemore 19.00 (Bishop Hugh presiding)	Confessions & Rosary 11.30 Mass 12.00 Adoration 12.30
Saturday 7 March	2 nd Week of Lent Memorial of St Perpetua & St Felicity	Confession & Adoration 09.45 Mass 10.30
Sunday 8 March	3rd SUNDAY OF LENT	Mass 09.00 Mass 11.00 Polish Mass 16.30 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 + + Danuta Jaskolka +
+ Jakub & Emily Akacki + Sr. Anne Marie + Jane McMaster + Ralph Stewart +
+ Graham Grant + Leila Molona-Allen + Ishbel McKenna

+ ANNIVERSARIES +

+ Elizabeth McGuinness + Agnes McCuish + Mike Sutherland + Warren Findlay +
+ Flora MacDonald + Christina Clyne + Florence Melville + William Deans +
+ James McBride + Douglas Taylor + Jureczku Michalski + Iain MacLellan +
+ Doreen Sutherland + John Heydrich + Mary Cameron + Edith Smith +
+ Ann Provis + Joseph Gribbins + Margaret Sherreffs + Paul Langan +
+ Sylka Edgar + Mary Helen Hendry + Theo Crampsey +

We continue to pray for our Seminarians

Dcn Rene De Los Reyes, Anh Tuan Nguyen, & Richard Webster

SCIAF Wee Boxes are available at the back of the Church so please take one. This is an obvious way to fulfil our Lenten obligation to give Alms.

RCIA: The next meeting will be on Thursday 5th March at 6.30pm. Thereafter, meetings will resume on Mondays. Next Sunday and the following two Sundays at the 11am Masses, the candidates to be received at the Easter Vigil (and there will be others on the Feast of Corpus Christi) will make public their intention to be received into full Communion with the Catholic Church, 'The Scrutinies'. This is an opportunity for the parish to get to know our Catechumens and more importantly to pray for them during this important time in their lives.

A new resident priest for Orkney has been announced, Fr Andrew Kingham, from St Andrews and Edinburgh Diocese who will take up residence on 5th Sunday of Lent. We are delighted to welcome him to the Deanery.

Justice and Peace: Will meet on Monday 2nd March at 7.30pm at St Columba's, Culloden. The speaker is Anne-Marie Clements, Catholic Social Teaching officer will speak about her recent trip to Jerusalem and the West Bank as part of the Holy Land Co-ordination Group, made up of Bishops from across Europe. Everyone welcome.

Watoto Children's Choir – live in 'Better Days' – an inspiring, joyful celebration of hope! On Tuesday 3rd March in Ness Bank Church . 7pm – 8.30pm. Admission free, with donations welcome.

Forthcoming Youth Events for 2026:

S2-3 'Power of Grace' Retreat - 6 – 8 March – Tomintoul

S1-aged 15 Generation Hope Camp – 8 -12 June venue to be announced

Please contact Sr Angela Marie to register for these events – op@rcda.scot

Defibrillator – We are delighted that just over £2,000 has been raised through very generous donations. Fr Laurence has written personal letters of thanks to those who have given so generously, but there is one mystery donor who we have been unable to write to, so please, if you donated £200 and have not received a letter of thanks, please let us know!

Parish first-aiders Thank you to those who have come forward so far. Volunteers are still needed for extra cover at weekends and especially weekday Masses. We have a number of medical professionals in the parish, so please consider volunteering.

Part II of the Study Course – What We Believe continues on Wednesday 4th March in St Columba's at 7pm. This is the final week of the course.

Please find a list of Lenten works at the back of the church. Thank you to those who have volunteered so far. Fr Laurence will be contacting you in due course. A number of gaps remain!

Please see details of the Friday Station Masses below: If anyone can provide transport for these Masses, particularly those further afield, please contact the office.

Friday 6th March – St Aidan's, Aviemore (**Bishop Hugh presiding**)

Friday 13th March – St Vincent's, Tain

Friday 20th March – St Martin's, Ullapool (**Bishop Hugh presiding**)

Friday 27th March – St Mary's, Inverness

All Masses commence at 7pm with confessions from 6pm – 6.45pm

Station Mass at St Mary's: Volunteers are required to help ensure our guests are fed and watered! If you are able to help with cooking, setting up tables or washing up afterwards, please let us know.

Chrism Mass at which the priests renew their promises and the sacred oils are consecrated for all the parishes, will this year take place in St Peter's Church in Buckie at 6pm. For those who haven't been to a Chrism Mass before this is a wonderful celebration of the sacramental life of the Diocese and it would be good to have a decent representation from St Mary's. If you plan to go please let us know so that those who require a lift may be catered for.

Carfin Pilgrimage: this is fast approaching and we still have a lot of places on the coach. This is a rare opportunity for us to go on pilgrimage as a parish and it will be disappointing if we can't fill a coach. A reminder that the price of £30 includes the coach fee and a light lunch. Please consider joining us! For those who might struggle with the cost, please speak to Fr Laurence.

Lenten Rosary Initiative: This Lent the Commission for Marriage, Family and Life invite families to enter the desert with Christ. Come and join families and couples across the country in praying a nightly decade of the rosary. This way, we will support one another in our effort to walk with Jesus these 40 days. When you sign up, you will receive materials guiding you in setting up a designated place for prayer in your homes. Those who have signed up will be invited to a retreat day with focused talks for married couples and families.

Link to Sign Up: <https://forms.office.com/e/vwQ1ha28N7>

Mass times for Easter

There will be Morning Prayer at 10am each morning during the Triduum

Holy Thursday - 8pm

Good Friday - Stations of the Cross 12.00 - Passion of the Lord – 3pm

Easter Vigil – 9pm

Easter Sunday – 9am; 11am; 6.30pm

Confessions - Good Friday 1.30 – 2.30pm

Saturday 10.30 – 11.30am

(Stratherrick Palm Sunday Mass Saturday 28th March at 4.30pm)

Easter Monday at 4.30pm

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: 22/02/2026 £883

White Flower Appeal £607

Many thanks for your generosity to the Parish