

Parish Bulletin, St Mary's Inverness

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Sunday 29 March	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	Mass 09.00 Mass 11.00 Mass 18.30
Monday 30 March	Weekday in Holy Week	Confessions & Rosary 11.30 Mass 12.00 Adoration 12.30
Tuesday 31 March	Weekday in Holy Week	
Wednesday 1 April	Weekday in Holy Week	
Thursday 2 April	THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	Morning Prayer 10.00 Mass 20.00
Friday 3 April	FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD A Day of Fasting and Abstinence Collection for Holy Places	Morning Prayer 10.00 Stations of the Cross 12.00 Confession 13.30-14.30 Liturgy of the Passion 15.00 Polish Liturgy 19.00
Saturday 4 April	HOLY SATURDAY AT THE TOMB OF CHRIST	Morning Prayer 10.00 Confession 10.30-11.30 Vigil Mass 21.00
Sunday 5 April	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	Mass 09.00 Mass 11.00 Polish Mass 13.00 Mass 18.30

Children's Liturgy today at 11am

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 +

+ James Kelly + Jessie Forbes + Anne MacDonald + Catherine Campbell +
+ Alice Rasche + George MacLennan + Alexander Sharp + Margaret Cumming +
+ Thomas Roberton + Elizabeth Chisholm + Laurence Hasson + Margaret Dow +
+ Thomas McMaster + Jack Kearns + James McKendry + William Byrne +
+ John Watt + Sarah Fraser + Alexander Shewan + James MacDonald +
+ Helen Hasson + Thomasina Murray + Stuart Stocks + Colin Stocks +

We continue to pray for our Seminarians

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

Station Mass at St Mary's: Many thanks to all those who contributed in any way to make our Station Mass a success on Friday evening.

RCIA: The next meeting will be on Monday 30th March at 6.30pm.

Inverness Churches Together: Good Friday Gathering 3rd April at 11am. Gathering outside Marks & Spencer (Eastgate) . A shared time of Good Friday hymns, reading, silence and prayer. Please try and join us.

Choir Practice: Practice this Tuesday at 6.30pm.

Readers: Could all readers please advise us of your availability to read over Holy Week and Easter Sunday as soon as possible so that the rota can be drawn up. Many thanks.

Decorum during Mass: Several people have noticed that conversations are taking place, which are quite audible, during Mass and especially during the distribution of Holy Communion. Obviously, there are times when we have to talk but it is disrespectful and very distracting for the Priest. Father hates to complain but incidences are increasing.

House Blessings: This is the traditional time for house blessings, if you would like a house blessing during this time, please let us know.

Reception of Holy Communion: It is important that communion is received worthily in the manner that the Church envisages. This means that we should say ‘Amen’ audibly and if communion is received in the hands, both hands should form a ‘throne’ for the host and it should be consumed immediately. Of course, most people receive reverently, but again, this is something that is happening more frequently.

A huge ‘thank you’ to all who have generously carried out jobs during Lent, some of which are clearly visible, others have been done in secret. Your Father who sees all that is done will reward you in heaven!

Easter Flowers: Thanks to SDVP who have kindly donated money to purchase flowers for Easter. Their generosity is much appreciated. If anyone is able to help arrange the flowers on Easter Saturday morning, please speak to Trish.

Sunday Vigil Mass times: Sunday Vigil Mass is due to re-commence in May and the current time is 6pm. However, Father would like to consult on whether a time of 6.30pm would be better for people. This would make it easier as it can be difficult to explain to non-English speaking tourists that the two evening Masses are at different times – there is often confusion with people appearing at the wrong times and it would also have the advantage of being an hour after the St Ninian’s Vigil and would give people the choice about the best time for them to attend Mass. Father is keen not to introduce this without consultation, so if this will be a problem, please let us know. However, if there is clear agreement, Vigil Masses will commence on the first Sunday in May.

40 hours of Devotion: After First Holy Communions and Confirmations in June it is hoped to have 40 hours of devotion either 19th-21st June or the following week. This will finish on a Saturday with Mass and breakfast.

Memory sticks: For those who handed in memory sticks for a copy of the Mass viewed a few weeks ago, these are now ready to collect.

Childcare over the Summer: Father is keen to help families with childcare provision over the summer holidays. If anyone is registered and able to help, please contact us. It is hoped to have a different activity each week, held in the hall. Activities such as baking etc. would be a big help to families who might struggle with childcare costs. These activities would be free.

Church Opening: On rare occasions there is no-one to open and close the Church,. Going into warmer months, it is extremely important that our Church is open to visitors from around the world. If you are able to help open the Church on weekdays once in a while, please contact the office.

Defibrillator: we are still waiting for the Order of St John to finalise a time for the installation and training.

Pluscarden Pentecost Lectures: Heaven, Earth and Jesus: The Mysteries of Christian Eschatology – a series of four talks by Fr Simon Francis Gainé OP.

Tuesday 26th May at 3pm – Lecture 1

Wednesday 27th May at 10.30am - Lecture 2

Wednesday 27th May at 3pm – Lecture 3

Thursday 28th May at 10.30am – Lecture 4

There is no charge for these lectures and all are welcome to attend. To register for the talks, make enquiries, or book accommodation, please write to: Pluscarden Lectures, Pluscarden Abbey, ELGIN, IV30 8UA enclosing a SAE; or via the website for online forms: www.pluscardenabbey.org. For full details please see the poster at the back of the church.

Forthcoming Youth Events for 2026:

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

Offertory Procession: It is important that the offertory procession is representative of the whole community to take up the gifts. If you are willing, or indeed unable, to take up the gifts, please let us know as you will have the opportunity during the year.

Broken Sacred Heart statue: there is a statue which was given to the parish, which needs to be repaired. If anyone would like to give this a new home please let us know, bearing in mind you will need to repair it.

Donations machine: the machine is quite fragile so please do not try and remove it from the stand. Please let us know if there are any problems. Since it's installation last year it has been a valuable source of income to the parish.

SCIAF Wee Boxes are available at the back of the Church so please take one. There are also Gift Aid envelopes if you wish to gift aid your offering. This is an obvious way to fulfil our Lenten obligation to give Alms.

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: 22/03/2026 £1114

Many thanks for your generosity to the Parish