

Parish Bulletin, St Mary's Inverness

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Sunday 17 May	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER World Communications Day Second collection	Mass 09.00 Mass 11.00 Mass 18.30
Monday 18 May	7th Week in Eastertide Memorial of St John I	Confessions & Rosary 11.30 Mass 12.00 Adoration 12.30
Tuesday 19 May	7th Week in Eastertide Memorial of St Dunstan	
Wednesday 20 May	7th Week in Eastertide Memorial of St Bernardine of Siena	
Thursday 21 May	7th Week in Eastertide Memorial of St Christopher Magallanes & Companions	
Friday 22 May	7th Week in Eastertide Memorial of St Rita of Cascia	
Saturday 23 May	7th Week in Eastertide Memorial of St Andrew Bobola	Confession & Adoration 09.45 Mass 10.30 Vigil Mass 18.30
Sunday 24 May	PENTECOST SUNDAY	Mass 09.00 Mass 11.00 Mass 18.30

**Children's Liturgy this Sunday at 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 +
+ Valentina Nicogda + Tommy Robertson +

+ ANNIVERSARIES +

+ James Anthony Kennedy + Dorothy Blair + Kathleen Graves + Neil MacLaren +
+ Morag McAllister + Margaret MacDonell + Maisie Miller + Margaret MacDonald +
+ Winifred Kelly + Mary Sutherland + Hugh MacIver + Mary Anderson +
+ Alexander MacDonald + Jessie Margaret Stewart + William Cuthbert +
+ Isabel Hastie + Anne Gavin + Hugh Jones + Frederick Carr + Thomas Campbell +

We continue to pray for our Seminarians

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

Communications Sunday: This weekend, the Church marks Communications Sunday, a day to reflect on how the Gospel is shared through media, digital platforms, broadcasting and communications. From parish social media pages and livestreamed Masses to Catholic television, videos and news coverage, communication plays an important role in helping people stay connected to the life of the Church. The second collection will support the work of the Office of Communications and Evangelisation of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland as it continues to share the Gospel through digital media, press, social media, broadcasting and evangelisation initiatives across the country. Please pray for all those working in Catholic communications and for all who encounter Christ through digital media. A copy of the Pastoral Letter for Communications Sunday 2026 is available at the back of the church.

Meetings for the parents of those children receiving the Sacraments will be held on: Friday 22nd May at 2.15pm for First Holy Communion and Monday 1st June at 2.15 for Confirmation. Both meetings will take place in the school. Details about rehearsals, dress and decorum, etc. will be provided at the meeting. Please inform us if, for any reason, you cannot make the meeting. **It is extremely important that you attend if at all possible.**

Defibrillator Update: After a long application process, we can now confirm that the St John's Ambulance have approved the installation of a defibrillator on our premises and will also provide training for its use.

The planned forty hours of devotion is now beginning to take shape. It will begin with Mass at 7pm on Thursday 18th June and will be animated by the new lay community based at Kilcoy, who will also do street evangelisation during the night on the Thursday and Friday. It is hoped that the first twenty hours of watching can be fulfilled by parishioners, perhaps even community groups – it would be lovely to have an hour of Filipino or Polish or Syro-Malabar prayers and singing, for example – and the second half offered by our young people and their families. The 40 hours will end at 12 o'clock on Saturday 20th June with a special Mass of welcome, especially for the sick and housebound of our parish and those who have met over the two nights, followed by soup and sandwiches in the hall, kindly provided by the SVP. More specifics of the programme will be provided nearer the time, and the Kilcoy team will come and speak at Sunday Mass, but I would be especially keen to hear already from those who might be prepared to spend an hour with the Lord during the night of the Thursday or the Friday. It is essential that at least one person remains with the Lord at all times while the Blessed Sacrament is exposed.

We are delighted to announce the appointment of a new **deanery pro-life officer – Ewelina Gehrke**, who will be responsible for liaising with pro-life charities, keeping parishes up to date about campaigns and legislation and pointing people who might be struggling in this area to organisations who can offer assistance. We thank Ewelina for taking on this important responsibility. Her new email address is: hdlife@rcda.scot.

BT Email: We are seeking to discontinue this email so that all parish business is conducted with a single reference point. Please use the 'rcda' email address as follows:- stmarysinverness@rcda.scot.

Choir practice: The next practice will be on Tuesday 19th May at 6.30pm in the Marian room.

May – the Month of Our Lady: May is the month of Our Lady and at daily Mass the Litany of Loreto will be added to the Rosary. Given that we now have a canopy at the back porch, Rosaries at Our Lady's Shrine can be prayed at any time.

Saturday 30th May, Stratherrick 10.30-4.30: A day retreat of Prayer, talks, Rosary, Confessions, Adoration and Lunch (contributions welcome). Vigil Mass of the Sunday will conclude the day at 3.30pm (outdoors, weather permitting). For further details please see the poster at the back of the church or contact Fr. Laurence 01463 233519 or stmarysinverness@rcda.scot.

One of our practising families are urgently looking for rental accommodation, ideally two bedrooms, but one if necessary. If you are able to help please contact the parish office.

Pluscarden Pentecost Lectures: Tuesday 26th May at 3pm - Thursday 28th May at 10.30am. For full details please see the poster at the back of the church.

Scalan Annual Mass: On Sunday 14th June at 4pm – Scalan, Braes of Glenlivet, AB37 9JS. The site will be open for an hour before and after the Mass. Please note the area in front of the Seminary where the seating is placed is uneven ground and care should be taken. See poster at the back of the church for more details.

Pluscarden Pilgrimage and Family Day – Sunday 28th June. The theme this year is **“In the footsteps of the Apostles”**. For full details and programme for the day, 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.

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: 10/05/2026 £1107

Many thanks for your generosity to the Parish