

# Parish Bulletin, St Mary's Inverness

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<b>Sunday 31 May</b>	<b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>	<b>Mass 09.00 Mass 11.00 Mass 18.30</b>
Monday <b>1 June</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year Memorial of St Justin	<b>Confessions &amp; Rosary 11.30 Mass 12.00 Adoration 12.30</b>
Tuesday <b>2 June</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year Memorial of St Marcellinus and Peter	
Wednesday <b>3 June</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year Memorial of St Charles Lwanga & Companions	
Thursday <b>4 June</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year	
Friday <b>5 June</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year Memorial of St Boniface	<b>Confessions &amp; Rosary 11.30 Mass 12.00 Adoration 12.30 First Friday Mass 19.00</b>
Saturday <b>6 June</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year Memorial of St Norbert <b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS</b>	<b>Mass 10.30  Vigil Mass 18.30</b>
<b>Sunday 7 June</b>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY &amp; BLOOD OF CHRIST</b>	<b>Mass 09.00 Mass 11.00 Mass 18.30</b>

**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 +  
+ Jakub & Emily Akacki + Sr. Anne Marie + Jane McMaster + Ralph Stewart +  
+ Graham Grant + Leila Molona-Allen + Ishbel McKenna +  
+ Valentina Nicogda + Tommy Robertson + William (Billy) Fraser +

### + ANNIVERSARIES +

+ Leontina Salvadori + Patricia MacDonald + Edward Paradowski +  
+ Margaret Mary Lamond + Mary Masson + John Dow + Thomas Smith +  
+ Anna Jachacy + Harold Hepburn + Dunuta Syske + Neil Munro +  
+ Catherine MacLennan + Alexandrina Grant + Thomasina Robertson +  
+ Edmund Tulloch + Francis Nwaigwe + Cecilia Bottomley + Helen Carroll +  
+ Annie Taylor + James Cooper + Jacqueline Hunter + Evelyn Gordon +  
+ Mary O'Hara + Margaret MacLennan + Bridget MacDonald + Maria MacDonald +  
+ Patricia Greenaway + Francis O'Neil + Ernest Alexander Walker +

### + R I P +

+ Danuta Jaskolka +

### We continue to pray for our Seminarians

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

Please take the time to read Pope Leo's first encyclical on AI and its vast implications on the future of humanity. It can be read online at the Vatican's website. At some point some, probably towards the end of June, we will have a meeting to discuss this.

**Father** had a wonderful time in Rome which included dinner with Fr Aidan and meeting the Bishop of Dunkeld for the first time. Please pray for Fr Patrick Ngwenya from Zimbabwe, a former student of The Bada, who was recently appointed and will be ordained on 4<sup>th</sup> July. Father had the pleasure of accompanying him to buy his Episcopal apparel.

**Painting:** You will have noticed that the back door of the church has now been painted, as well as the external window frames around the church. Many thanks to Colin Skillin for an excellent job. Also, over the summer the piety stall will be dismantled and a diagnosis of what is causing the damp will be carried out. We hope to rectify this over the summer and the Confessional can then be constructed.

**Stratherrick Day of Retreat:** Many thanks to those who attended and contributed towards the lunch.

Thanks to those who attended the **meeting on the future of the Church** a couple of weeks ago. The discussion materials have been fed back but there is still an opportunity for individual replies to be made using the following link to the survey: <https://forms.gle/aYQwdP9RqF93fZgN8>.

**40 hours devotion** (18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> June), further details will be available next week, together with sign-up sheets. Please consider if you can attend for at least an hour or so to ensure the Blessed Sacrament is not left unattended. It might be nice if the communities within our congregation could arrange to watch the Blessed Sacrament for at least one hour together. We have sizeable Filipino, Indian, Polish, Nigerian and Vietnamese communities and this would be an ideal opportunity to hear prayers and hymns in these native languages. We are delighted that the school children will also be joining us for Adoration on the morning of Friday 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Photos of the children receiving the Sacraments** are now displayed on either side of the War Memorial window. Please pray for them and their families on 6<sup>th</sup> June for First Holy Communions and 13<sup>th</sup> June for Confirmations. Volunteers to provide and serve teas after First Holy Communions would be extremely welcome. If you can help please let Father or the office know.

**Meeting for the parents of those children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation** will be held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 2.15pm. The meeting 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.**

**Justice and Peace messages to the Holy Land:** The Justice and Peace group is sending postcards with messages of support and prayerful accompaniment to Our Lady of Fatima parish in the West Bank of the Holy Land. If any parishioners would like to join in writing messages of encouragement during this difficult time, please speak to Jenny Fraser or Jill Kent for more information. The postcards will be gathered together and sent out in early June.

**Starting in mid-June** there will be additional confessions before the Vigil Mass on Saturdays between 6pm-6.20pm to enable those who are unable to manage during the week.

**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](mailto:stmarysinverness@rcda.scot).

**Scalan Annual Mass:** On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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: 24/05/2026      £1191**

**Many thanks for your generosity to the Parish**