

Newsletter of St Aidan's Aviemore, <https://aviemore.rcda.scot>
St Anne's Grantown on Spey (Masses held in St Columba Episcopal Church) &
Our Lady of the Rosary and St Columba, Kingussie

Sunday 27th November 2022

1st Sunday of Advent, Year A

Mass times:

Thursday 8th December, Aviemore 18.00 hrs

Saturday Vigil, Grantown-on-Spey 17.00 hrs

Sunday, Kingussie 10.00 hrs

Sunday, Aviemore 11.30 hrs

Today we begin Advent and the new liturgical year which is called Year A.

Advent Retreat

Each Wednesday evening of Advent, priests of the Highland Deanery are inviting you for an Advent Retreat, each time in a different location. It will be also a good opportunity for confession with different priests before Christmas:

30th Nov, St Lawrence Dingwall

7th December St Mary's Beauly

14th Dec St Mary's Inverness

21st December, St Columba Culloden.

The program of the day will be:

6.15 pm Exposition / confessions

7.00 pm Conference

7.20 pm Night Prayers

7.30 pm Benediction and Reposition

7.45 pm Depart

I plan to be away from my parishes on **my annual priestly retreat** from Wednesday 30th November until Wednesday 7th December. Sunday Masses will be celebrated as usual. If an emergency arises during this time please contact St Mary's Inverness, tel. 01463 233519.

November is the Month of the Holy Souls.

It is good to remember in our prayers about those who passed away. One possibility of this remembrance is asking a priest to say a Mass for their intention.

Polish **Christmas wafers** (in Polish **Oplatki**) are available in the sacristy. Thank you very much for your donations for having them.

➤ St. Aidan's, Aviemore

From a Maintenance to a Missional Parish

Today after the Sunday Mass you are invited for our **Parish Gathering & Soup**. This will be an exciting time for the Parish as we plan for the future. We are extending invitations to Parishioners who have been away for a while.

Thank you to Kasia Kwiczala for help in emptying parish shed into the dump.

Maintenance Collection

In our church we have monthly maintenance collection on the 2nd Sunday of each month. If you do

not plan to be in our church on the next 2nd Sunday of the month, you may consider supporting us today into the basket dedicated for maintenance at the rear of the church. Recently the footpath behind the parish hall was resurfaced. Along one wall of the chapel house was installed damp proof course and a board fence was built. The bill for this is £1070 Last week also the parish oil boiler was serviced. The bill for this was £192. Thank you for your support.

The last Sunday collection was £132.50

The Scottish Catholic Education Service collection £42.10

Mass attendance 39

➤ **St. Anne's, Grantown**

Masses are held in St Columba Episcopal Church in Grantown on Spey

On Wednesdays, 30th November and 7th December there will be **Liturgy of the Word** at 10am.

Warm Place at the YM Community Centre, Grantown, Mondays and Fridays, 10.30 till 4.00pm, starting Friday 25th November. Refreshments, library corner, quiet space, board games, play area, and a film on Fridays. A rota of volunteers is needed to support this venture, mornings from 10 till 1.00pm and afternoons 1.00pm till 4.00pm. For more information, or if you can help, please contact Elspeth at St Anne's, or email Lorna at the YMCommunity Centre, grantowncommunitycentre@gmail.com with the times and dates you can offer.

➤ **Our Lady of the Rosary and St Columba, Kingussie**

Pastoral Letter Regarding the Diocese

Please take home with you a copy of Bishop Brian's Pastoral Letter. The bishop is reflecting on our diocese and how we can best grow in the direction God desires for the future. The bishop invites us all to join in this process of discernment. We begin with a two-month spiritual preparation during which the bishop will visit every parish to explain in person his vision and to listen to your comments and questions. He will visit our parish on Sunday 18th December for a 10.00hrs Mass and a meeting thereafter. More details can be found on the Diocesan Website at www.rcdai.org.uk

Carols Round the Christmas Tree

We would like to invite parishioners and friends to join us along with the Church of Scotland on December 10th at 4pm to sing carols around the Christmas tree in Kingussie. Contact Ellen on 07730654616 for more information.

The next weekday Mass in Kingussie is planned on Tuesday 12th December at 10.00 hrs.

Confession will be available 20 minutes before each Mass, if possible or by appointment.

Your support is very much appreciated. If you would like to support our parish with a standing order or a bank donation, please contact Fr Andrew for bank details.

Any contribution for the **parish newsletter** by Thursday please.

Mass Intentions. Thank you for supporting me and other priests with Mass intentions. Please submit any requests for a Mass with as much notice as possible. Any donations for this would be most gratefully received.

Mondays are usually a **day off** for the priest. I would be grateful if you would respect it, unless it is an emergency.

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