

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

12th February 2023, 6th Sunday of the Year A

Mass times:

Monday, private Mass
Tuesday, Kingussie 10.00 hrs
Wednesday, Grantown-on-Spey 10.00 hrs
Thursday, Aviemore 18.00 hrs
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Saturday Vigil, Grantown-on-Spey 17.00 hrs
Sunday, Kingussie 10.00 hrs
Sunday, Aviemore 11.30 hrs

Syria and Southern Turkey Earthquake Appeal

Both SCIAF (Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund) and Mary's Meals have launched emergency appeals for the victims of the earthquakes which have devastated northern Syria and southern Turkey. If you would like to donate, please follow one of the links:

SCIAF <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/get-involved/appeals/475-2023-syria-turkey-earthquake-appeal>

Mary's Meals <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

Finances in Aviemore and Grantown

It is never good time to talk about money, but it seems we cannot escape from this subject. On Tuesday 24th January we had in Aviemore the Fabric and Finance Committee meeting to reflect on our parish finances and fabric. Our Aviemore and Grantown communities create one parish and have one book keeping.

On 31st December 2022 between our two places of worship we had £5,050. In the last 9 months we have spent between our two places £4522 pounds more than our income. Additionally, we have spent on our maintenance works £561 more than we collected for maintenance works. Recently our rent for use of the Grantown church was increased from £200 to £300 a month. (Full details why were the increase you may find in the minutes attached).

Every parish has to pay about 50% diocesan levies on Sunday collections and Direct Debits. Our average monthly collection and Direct Debit donations in Grantown are about £300 before diocesan levies. After levies it leaves us about £150. It means that we have money only for about 50% of our rent, but every parish has additional costs to run.

Every parish has to pay a priests' mileage, office costs, maintenance of the parish house, insurance, costs of supply priests, energy costs, costs of priest's meetings, retreats, conferences and because priests do not have a salary also their council tax, energy and provisions to mention only some usual expenses of every parish.

Some options could be that you may support our parish through a direct debit. It means when you are away you still support your parish. Other options could be to increase your level of giving, make a one-off donation to a parish or remember about it in your will.

You may ask where priests receive money? Every priest in Scotland receives from his diocese a priestly allowance £264 a month. Therefore, priests are supposed to be supported financially by their parishioners. The most common way of supporting them are Mass Intentions which goes with a donation. Parishioners are expected also to support priests with donations on occasions like baptisms, weddings, funerals, sick visits, house blessings, asking for baptism certificate, on Christmas, Easter or without any reason, if they wish.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Ash Wednesday this year falls on 22nd February. Masses will be:
Grantown on Spey 10.00 hrs, Kingussie 18.00 hrs, Aviemore 19.30 hrs.

The Highland Deanery Station Masses will be on Fridays of Lent at 19.00hrs

24 Feb – St Mary’s Beaully

3 Mar – St Mary’s Inverness

10 Mar - St Aidan’s Aviemore with Bishop Hugh

17 Mar – St Anne’s Thurso

24 Mar – St Ninians’s Inverness

31 Mar – St Columba’s Culloden

➤ **St. Aidan’s, Aviemore
Parish Hall Heating Control**

Last week we had two plumbers putting new pipes to connect Fr John Room with a new hall under the same heating control. Old radiators in Fr John Room were also flushed. The bill for this work to be paid is £848.40

Maintenance Collection

Today is the 2nd Sunday of the month, a day for our monthly Maintenance collection. You may give your donation today into the basket dedicated for maintenance at the rear of the church. Thank you for your support.

The last Sunday collection was £132.50

Mass attendance 52

➤ **St. Anne’s, Grantown**

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

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

It is with great sadness that we have heard about the death of our parishioners Isobel MacKellaig. Her funeral will be on 14th February at 10 am in Caol near Fort William. We will celebrate a Mass for the repose of her soul the same day and hour in Kingussie, it is 14th February 10 am.

COLUMBA CLUB.

As 1st February is the start of the new Columba Club membership year, this is an ideal time to join. Attached is a letter of explanation together with an enrolment form for your consideration.

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

I am happy to visit any parishioner who is **sick, housebound, in hospital or care home**. Please let me know contacts details of anyone you are aware of who may like priests visit.

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

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.

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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