

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

19th February 2023, 7th Sunday of the Year A

Mass times:

Monday, private Mass

Tuesday, Kingussie 18.00 hrs

Wednesday, Grantown-on-Spey 10.00 hrs

Wednesday, Kingussie 18.00 hrs

Wednesday, Aviemore 19.30 hrs

Thursday, Aviemore 18.00 hrs

Saturday Vigil, Grantown-on-Spey 17.00 hrs

Sunday, Kingussie 10.00 hrs

Sunday, Aviemore 11.30 hrs

New Resident Priest in Kingussie

From Ash Wednesday care for Kingussie parish will be taken by Fr Emmanuel Alagbaoso. On Tuesday at 18.00hrs we will have welcoming Mass and a reception afterwards.

Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. Masses will be: Grantown on Spey 10.00 hrs, Kingussie 18.00 hrs, Aviemore 19.30 hrs.

SCIAF Wee Boxes arrived now. They are ready to collect at the exit. More about SCIAF work and Wee Box appeal you may find on: <https://www.sciaf.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.

Aviemore

RCDA St Aidan's

Sort Code 80-05-40 Account number 00836987,

Grantown-on-Spey

RCDA St Annes

Sort Code 80-05-40 Account number 00171333

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.

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**

Stations of the Cross will be on every Thursday of Lent after 18.00hrs Mass starting 23rd February.

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

In our church we have monthly maintenance collection on the 2nd Sunday of each month which will be the next week. 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. Thank you for your support.

Last Sunday collection was £192.80

Maintenance fund collection £181.50

Mass attendance 67

➤ **St. Anne’s, Grantown**

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

Diocesan Pastoral Fund

The annual Second Collection for the Diocesan Pastoral Collection will take place over the weekend of 18th/19th February. This Fund supports various pastoral initiatives throughout the diocese. One example is the Led by the Spirit Discernment Programme through which we will communally discern the future of the diocese. The recent introductory meetings, led by the bishop, revealed a deep hunger within parishioners and clergy alike for the process. A second example is Safeguarding. Ensuring that children and vulnerable adults are safe is a core Christian virtue. An independent Safeguarding body (Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency) has been recently established to support all the dioceses, including Argyll and the Isles. We are grateful for your financial support towards these and other initiatives. Bishop Brian.

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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