

2nd July 2023

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Mass times:

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

Peter's Pence collection

Today there will be a collection for Peter's Pence. What is Peter's Pence? Peter's Pence is the name for the financial help offered by the faithful to the Holy Father in support of his apostolic and charitable mission in favour of the universal Church and the entire world. Each donation, small or large, also has a powerful symbolic value – it is a concrete sign of communion with the Holy Father.

The Scalan Mass

The Annual Pilgrimage Mass at Scalan takes place this year on Sunday 2nd July, at 4.00pm. It was in 1769, that Bishop George Hay, one of the great names of our Catholic past, was consecrated bishop in the tiny upstairs chapel in the present Scalan building, in secret because of the anti-Catholic Penal Laws. Bishop Hay fought to overturn these laws. It was not easy. On returning to Edinburgh after another round of secret talks with the Government, he found a mob burning his house down and the chapel he had started building. Although English Catholics had a Catholic Relief Act passed in 1779, opposition here was considered so strong that it was 1793 before a similar piece of legislation could be passed for Scotland. Although he died in 1811, much of what he had done laid the groundwork for the Catholic Emancipation Act of 1829.

Scalan can be reached by leaving Tomintoul on the A939 (B9008 Dufftown). Just beyond Auchnarrow, about five miles later, Scalan is signposted on the right on an unclassified but good road, with passing places. For those on satellite systems, AB37 9JS is a useful postcode. It should get you to Chapelton of Glenlivet. After passing the Church of Our Lady, the whisky distillery and the water-bottling plant, all on your right, the road becomes a country track. Coaches have to stop here, but cars and minibuses can continue to within walking distance of the house. Thankfully, like good Christians, those who take their cars along this track can be confidently waved down by those who would like a lift. Sensible shoes are required, and one should be prepared for any weather.

If you would like to go there, please let me know. Maybe it would be possible to travel together.

➤ St. Aidan's, Aviemore

Teas and coffees

Teas and coffees after 11:30 Mass. All donations appreciated.

The First Friday of the month

This week falls the First Friday of the month. The Mass will be in Aviemore at 18.00hrs followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the rosary. (Confessions half an hour before the Mass).

Maintenance Collection

Next Sunday falls 2nd Sunday of the Month. We will have our monthly maintenance collection. If you don't plan to be with us next Sunday you may consider supporting us today into the basket dedicated for maintenance at the rear of the church. Now we are collecting for the quinquennial electrical survey of the Church and associated repairs. The bill was £1,310.45 Thank you for your support

Adoration and Confession

On Saturday there will be an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and an opportunity for confession at 10.00 am until 10.30 am.

Last Sunday collection was £129
Mass attendance 41

➤ St. Anne's, Grantown

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

Last Sunday collection was £53.60
Mass attendance 14

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.

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

Your support is very much appreciated. If you would like to support our parish with a standing order, a bank donation or your will our Aviemore bank account details are: RCDA St Aidan's Sort Code 80-05-40 Account number 00836987 and our Grantown on Spey Catholic Community bank account details are: RCDA St Annes Sort Code 80-05-40 Account number 00171333

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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