

10th September 2023

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Holy Mass times:

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

Parish Priest Concerts

I just wanted to let you know about two forthcoming concerts in which I will be involved. The first concert will take place on Friday 15th September at 7.30 pm at the British Legion in Grantown. It is part of the Fiddler of Strathspey Festival and involves Scottish folk music. The second is on the following day, Saturday 16th at 7pm and will take place at the Old Kerk in Nethy Bridge. This will be more traditionally classical music and will be performed to raise funds for the church building.

Polish Masses

The next Polish Mass in Aviemore will be on Sunday 17th September in Aviemore at 10.00 hrs. Please pass this information to those who might be interested.

Buffer Zone Bill

You have eight MSPs. (one constituency and 7 regional) who represent you at Holyrood. Contact all 8 at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/nobufferzonesScotland>.

Enter your postcode which will bring up your MSPs with an editable template. Explain in your own words why you oppose this Bill. Press submit and your email will go to your MSPs.

Reminder:

- It will be illegal to influence or persuade a person concerning their access or employment in connection with abortion services. It would even prevent a family member or social worker expressing an opinion.
- Catholics will be penalised for “persistently, continuously, or repeatedly occupying a safe access zone” so even silent prayer would not be allowed.
- Anyone taking part in a pro-life vigil would be subject to a six-month prison sentence for a first offence and up to two years for subsequent breaches.

Mary's Meals – Inverness Open Day

Mary's Meals provides school meals to over 2.4 million children in some of the world's poorest communities. We warmly invite you to attend the charity's **Open Day** in Inverness from **1.30-3.30pm on Saturday 16th September**, at the Spectrum Centre, 1B Margaret Street IV1 1LS.

Join us to hear updates on the impact of the work of Mary's Meals from our local Supporter Engagement Officer, meet our volunteers and browse our stalls, featuring home-baking, crafts, bric-a-brac and a raffle. To book your free place, please visit <https://marysmealsinverness.eventbrite.co.uk> or contact Sue Dalton: sueatharlosh@gmail.com 01470521570.

➤ **St. Aidan's, Aviemore**

Teas and coffees

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

Adoration and Confession

On Saturday 16th September there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and an opportunity for confession from 10.00 am until 10.30 am.

Last Sunday's collection was £119

Collection for Sick and Retired Clergy £49

Mass attendance 49

Maintenance Collection

In our church we have a monthly maintenance collection on the 2nd Sunday of each month, which is today. Now we are collecting for repairs of wooden parts of the roof on the parish house, like fascia boards and soffits, which are in bad shape and need to be repainted. Last 2nd Sunday of the month maintenance collection was £101. Thank you for your support.

➤ **St. Anne's, Grantown**

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

Last Sunday's collection was £58

Collection for Sick and Retired Clergy £36.30

Mass attendance 16

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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