

3rd December 2023 1st Sunday of Advent, Year B

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8th December we are Celebrating the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass in Aviemore at 6 pm. The following day in Stratherrick there will be a retreat 10am -3 pm. Details in the attachment.

Advent and New Mass Books

Today is the First Sunday of Advent, Year B. Therefore, we need new Mass books, which change every six months and they cost £5 each. We require 60 copies, 40 in Aviemore and 20 in Grantown, so any help towards the cost would be appreciated. There will be a basket for donations at the back of the church. Thank you for your support.

Oplatki

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

Rosary for Life

Please join us at 7.45pm any Monday in **Advent** for our **Rosary for Life**. We'll pray with Mary as she makes her way to Bethlehem carrying our unborn Saviour, and we'll join with St Joseph, silently protecting Our Lord from the first moment of His conception. It's a great way to start your Advent preparations. Register for all or some of the events here: bit.ly/archprolifeevents

This year 3 priests, including Archbishop Cushley will give us their reflection and a blessing on our pro-life work. Just click the dates below to register:

1. [4 December](#) à **His Grace, Archbishop Cushley**
2. [11 December](#) à **Fr Gerard Hatton**. Fr Gerard is based at St Patrick's parish in Edinburgh and is part of the Edinburgh Oratory Project. 11 December is the vigil of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a major Pro-Life Feast day so Fr Gerard will speak about this.
3. [18 December](#) à **Mgr. Allan Chambers**. Mgr. Allan is parish priest of St Mary's, Bathgate and a Vicar General of the Archdiocese.

Scottish Covid-19 Inquiry

If you would like to share your opinion, at the back of the church there are forms and envelopes.

4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Vigil Mass

This year 4th Sunday of Advent falls on 24th December and, in the evening, it will be the Christmas Vigil. Both Sunday Mass and Christmas Mass are considered Holy Days of Obligation. It is very unlikely that many parishioners would like to come twice in the same day for a Mass. Therefore, this year there will be one Christmas Vigil Mass only, celebrated in Grantown on Spey at 5 pm. **The Sunday obligation is not fulfilled by coming to the Christmas Vigil Mass.**

Christmas Program 2023

Sunday 24th December - Christmas Vigil Mass

St Annes's, Grantown: 5pm (Carols & Mass)

Monday 25th December – The Nativity of the Lord

St Aidan's, Aviemore: 11am Carols & 11:30am Mass

Tuesday 26th December - Feast of St Stephen

St Aidan's, Aviemore: **11:30am Polish Mass**

➤ **St. Aidan's, Aviemore**

Teas and coffees

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

Last Sunday's collection was £111.80

Mass attendance 47

Donations towards new Mass Books: £50.40

Maintenance Collection

In our church we have a monthly maintenance collection on the 2nd Sunday of each month, it is next Sunday. If you do not plan to be with us next Sunday, you may consider supporting us today. Donations should be placed in the basket dedicated for maintenance at the back of the church. Current projects are: the painting and repair of the eaves and the refurbishment of the porch area to the house and the redecorating of the Sanctuary here in the church. Last 2nd Sunday of the month maintenance collection was £123. 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 £53.20

Donations towards new Mass Books: £50

Mass attendance 21

October direct debit payments £150

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 18.00 hrs / The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday Vigils, Grantown-on-Spey 17.00 hrs

Sundays, Aviemore 11.30 hrs

Weekday Masses will be in the hall over the heating season due to the spiralling cost of heating the church. Weekday Masses when bigger attendance is expected will be in the church.

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 priest's 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: RCD of Aberdeen Sort Code 80-05-40 Account number 00836987 and our Grantown on Spey Catholic Community bank account details are: RCD of Aberdeen 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.