

Newsletter of St Aidan's Aviemore, <https://aviemore.rcda.scot>  
St Anne's Grantown on Spey (Masses held in St Columba Episcopal Church)  
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**17<sup>th</sup> December 2023**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year B**

**Advent and New Mass Books**

Recently we started a new liturgical year, Year B. Therefore, we needed new Mass books, which change every six months and they cost £5 each. We require 40 copies in Aviemore and 20 copies 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.

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent and Christmas Vigil Mass**

This year 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent falls on 24<sup>th</sup> 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 in Aviemore. 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 24<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Vigil Mass**

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

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December – The Nativity of the Lord**

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

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 £138

Mass attendance 61

Donations towards new Mass Books: £81.90

**Maintenance Collection**

In our church we have a monthly maintenance collection on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. If you were not with us last 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month maintenance collection was £92. 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 £52

Donations towards new Mass Books: £50

Mass attendance 14

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 10.00 hrs

Friday, Aviemore 18.00 hrs

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.

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**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.