

14th January 2024

2nd Sunday of the Year B

First Holy Communion preparation

There will be preparation for Sacrament of Holy Communion starting in January. Our first meeting will be 21st January at 10.30am in the parish hall in Aviemore. Please collect application forms in the sacristy.

Kolęda

Kolęda it is a Polish word for traditional Polish house visit by a priest and **house blessing** after Christmas. If you would like such a visit, please contact me.

Station Masses

This year Station Masses in our Deanery will be as in the past on Fridays of Lent at 7 pm. They will be: 16th Feb St Mary's, Inverness, 23rd Marydale/Cannich, 1st March St Mary's, Nairn, **8th March St Aidan's, Aviemore**, 15th March, St Joseph's, Invergordon and 22nd March, St Ninian's, Inverness.

Volunteers needed for Station Mass in Aviemore!

As a result of the very successful Station Mass last year, we have been invited to host a Station Mass here at St Aidan's on Friday 8th March. We will need volunteer readers, ushers, car park attendants, musician's, cooks and caterers to host this beautiful concelebrated mass. To get organised there will be a short meeting after 11.30 mass on Sunday 28th January, which Steve will facilitate to get things moving. Your help to promote our parish is appreciated.

Bible Course online

The Ogilvie Centre in Elgin would like to invite you for a free Bible course. It will last 7 weeks. Beginning the week of the 15th January. Please visit https://rcda.scot/ogilvie/?page_id=18 to register or email at ogilvie@rcda.scot.

➤ St. Aidan's, Aviemore

Teas and coffees

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

Last Sunday collection was £109.80

Justice and Peace £87.50

Mass attendance 47

Maintenance Collection

In our church we have a monthly maintenance collection on the 2nd Sunday of each month, which is today. 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 £92. Thank you for your support.

➤ **Grantown on Spey Catholic Community**

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

Wanted - Bakers

Members of all the churches in Grantown are involved in running the Community Cafe at the Community Centre every Friday. Home baking is provided each week and we are in need of a few more people willing to go on a cake-baking rota. We are looking for people prepared to bake something like a traybake, or loaf, or 12-15 individual cakes once every 2 or 3 months. Maybe less often, depending on the number of bakers that we get. The next sessions for which we would require bakers are 15th March and 19th April. If you would like to volunteer or require more information, please contact Jo Fry 975589580.

Last Sunday's collection was £30.40 Mass attendance 10

Justice and Peace £26

November direct debit payments £150

Holy Mass times this week:

Saturday Vigil, Grantown-on-Spey 17.00 hrs

Sunday, Aviemore 11.30 hrs

Monday, Aviemore 18.00 hrs

Wednesday, Grantown-on-Spey 10.00 hrs

Thursday, Aviemore 10.00 hrs

Friday, Aviemore 18.00 hrs

Saturday Vigil, Grantown-on-Spey 17.00 hrs

Sunday, 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.

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Grantown on Spey Catholic Community (Masses held in St Columba Episcopal Church)

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