

# 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year B

## **The Week of Prayer for Christian**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January and lasts until Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January. Please pray for Christian Unity. As part of Christian Unity week, I met recently with Rev Richard Gillings from the Episcopal Church and Rev Charles Finnie from the Church of Scotland.

## **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 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. 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 28<sup>th</sup> January, which Steve will facilitate to get things moving. Your help to promote our parish is appreciated.

## **Station Masses**

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

## **An Annual Leave**

I plan to be away on my annual leave from 26<sup>th</sup> January until 7<sup>th</sup> February. Sunday Masses will be celebrated as usual. In Grantown on Spey by Fr Cameron Macdonald and in Aviemore by Fr Emmanuel Alagbaoso. If an emergency arises during this time, please contact Fr Cameron in Nairn 07413739459 or Fr Emmanuel in Kingussie 01540 667263. If in an unlikely situation they are unavailable, next person to contact is our Dean Fr Maximilian Nwosu in Beaulieu 01463 782 232. Having a visiting priest could be a good opportunity for confession with a different priest.

## **Ash Wednesday**

This year Ash Wednesday is on 14<sup>th</sup> February. It is a day of fasting and abstinence. Holy Masses with distribution of ashes will be celebrated:  
Grantown on Spey 10.00 hrs  
Aviemore 18.00 hrs.

## **SCIAF Wee Boxes**

SCIAF Wee Boxes arrived now. They are ready to collect at the exit. More about SCIAF work and Wee Box appeal you may find on: <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/>

## **Burns Night**

A Burn's Night Celebration Will take place at 7.30 pm on 25th January 2024, at St Mary's Church Hall, Inverness, including the traditional haggis, neeps and tatties and a ceilidh. This is also the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, so the evening will begin with a service of prayer beforehand at 6.30 pm, welcoming our non-Catholic Christian brothers and sisters. Booking is essential due to the limit on numbers. A suggested donation of £10 is requested, but not required, as we want everyone to be involved, regardless of personal financial circumstances. It seems that the hall is in need of substantial repairs, so any funds received for this event will go to supporting this. To book call the parish office at St Mary's, Inverness on 01463 233519

## **➤ St. Aidan's, Aviemore**

### **Teas and coffees**

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

Last Sunday collection was £96.90

Mass attendance 44

### **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 recently, 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 £116.40. Thank you for your support.

#### ➤ **Grantown on Spey Catholic Community**

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

On Wednesdays 31<sup>st</sup> January and 7<sup>th</sup> February there will be a Liturgy of the Word at 10am.

Last Sunday's collection was £35.50 Mass attendance 11

November direct debit payments £150

#### **Holy Mass times:**

Saturday Vigils, Grantown-on-Spey 17.00 hrs

Sundays, Aviemore 11.30 hrs

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, Aviemore 10.00 hrs

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, Aviemore 18.00 hrs

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January, Grantown-on-Spey 10.00 hrs

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February, Aviemore 18.00 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.

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

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