

11th February 2024, 6th Sunday of the Year B

Papal Award of Bene Merenti for Nick Thompson

Congratulations to Nick Thompson for receiving today the Papal Award of Bene Merenti for longtime dedicated service for the glory of God our parish.

Our Lady of Lourdes

On 11th February we celebrate the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. It is also a **World Day of the Sick**.

Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent

With Ash Wednesday on 14th February, we begin Lent. Ash Wednesday 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.

Make this Lent different - Deepen your faith....

Instead of giving up on chocolate, why not deepen your faith? Starting Monday 12th February at 18.30 in the parish hall we will meet every second week of Lent as a laity to deepen our understanding of Lent and the Eucharist. Just turn up no booking required, but for more detail either Gaynol on gaynoll.craig@gmail.com or Steve stevegannon59@gmail.com

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 at 7pm. We will need volunteer readers, ushers, car park attendants, musician's, cooks and caterers to host this beautiful concelebrated mass. Steve is coordinating our preparations. Your help 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: 16th Feb St Mary's Inverness, 23rd Marydale/Cannich, 1st March St Mary's Nairn with Bishop Hugh, 8th March St Aidan's Aviemore, 15th March St Joseph's Invergordon with Bishop Hugh and 22nd March St Ninian's Inverness.

A Biblical Course at St Columba, Culloden

Fr. Domenico Zanrè invites us for a Parish Lenten Course: "No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through the Passion". It was filmed on location in the Holy Land. This course is a biblical pilgrimage, led by Professor Edward Sri, who will guide you through the last hours of Christ's life. You'll walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. This course will take place on alternate Wednesday evenings during Lent, beginning at 7.00pm, in order to give sufficient time for prayer and reflection. The evenings are: 21 February (week 1 of Lent); 6 March (week 3 of Lent); 20 March (week 5).

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/>

➤ **St. Aidan's, Aviemore**

Teas and coffees

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

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be on every Thursday of Lent after 18.00hrs Mass.

Last Sunday collection was £151.70

Mass attendance 57

Maintenance Collection

Today is the 2nd Sunday of the month, a day when we have a monthly maintenance 2nd collection. 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 £116.40. Thank you for your support.

➤ **Grantown on Spey Catholic Community**

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

Last Sunday's collection was £54 Mass attendance 17

January direct debit payments £240

Holy Mass times:

Saturday Vigils, Grantown-on-Spey 17.00 hrs

Sundays, Aviemore 11.30 hrs

Tuesday, Aviemore 10.00 hrs

Ash Wednesday, Grantown-on-Spey 10.00 hrs

Ash Wednesday, Aviemore 18.00 hrs

Thursday, 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.

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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