

19th February 2024, 1st Sunday of Lent Year B

Lenten group

The first meeting was well attended last Monday evening and focussed on the meaning of the Mass. Next meeting 1900 on 26th Feb, come along and enjoy the fellowship.

Preparation for Station Mass & Easter

Good work has been done on the preparation for this special event, we also need to plan our Easter celebration. Progress meeting after mass this Sunday in the hall. Please attend even if you missed the first one.

Station Masses in our Deanery

This year Station Masses will be on Fridays of Lent at 7pm. Next Masses will be:
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
22nd March St Ninian's Inverness.

Help to change abortion law

Bishop Hugh asks us to support an amendment to reduce our abortion law from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Babies born prematurely at 22 weeks are thriving and there is a contradiction in our abortion law. Collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP in support of this amendment!

We Are Mission

New copies of We Are Mission arrived now. They are ready to collect at the exit.

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).

Behold the Lamb of God: Reflections for Holy Week

A Day of Recollection at St Mary's, Nairn. Saturday 23rd March, from 11.00 am. Details on the noticeboard.

➤ 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. The Mass will be in the parish hall.

Last counted Sunday collection was £151.70
Mass attendance 57

Maintenance Collection

Last Sunday in our church we had a monthly maintenance collection. If you were not with us recently, you may consider supporting us today into the basket dedicated for maintenance at the rear 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 counted 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 £27 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 18.00 hrs
Wednesday, Grantown-on-Spey 10.00 hrs
Thursday, Aviemore 18.00 hrs

Weekday Masses will be in the parish 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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