10th March 2024, 4th Sunday of Lent Year B

Station Mass in Aviemore

A big **thank you**, to everybody involved in preparation of **the Station Mass** last Friday in Aviemore. Thank you to all involved in preparation of the liturgy, reception after the Mass, tiding up our grounds and caring for parking.

Lenten group

The second meeting was well attended and focussed on the 10 commandments. Next meeting will be 19.00 on 11th March in the hall, come along and enjoy the fellowship and an opportunity to talk about your faith.

SCIAF Collection

Next Sunday 17th March there will be an annual **second collection** for the works of Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund, **SCIAF**.

Chrism Mass

Chrism Mass this year will be celebrated in Aberdeen Cathedral on Thursday 21st March at 18.00

Palm Sunday

In two weeks, 24th March, we will celebrate **Palm Sunday** and the beginning of Holy Week. The palm branches blessed during the celebration will be distributed to the faithful. The liturgy in Aviemore will begin outside the church.

Planned Absence

I plan to be away from 12th March until 17th March. 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, the next person to contact is our Dean Fr Maximilian Nwosu, in Beauly 01463 782 232. Having a visiting priest could be a good opportunity for confession with a different priest. Next newsletter will be in two weeks on the Palm Sunday 24th March.

Holy Week & Easter Services 2024

Palm Sunday 24th March Grantown (Saturdays Vigil Mass 17:00) St Aidan's, Aviemore 11:30

> Maundy Thursday 28th March St Aidan's, Aviemore 18:00

Good Friday 29th March Grantown 15:00 (Community lead Stations of the Cross) St Aidan's, Aviemore 15:00

> Holy Saturday 30th March Polish Blessing of Easter Baskets St Aidan's, Aviemore 11:00

Easter Vigil Mass Saturday 30 March St Aidan's, Aviemore 21:00

Easter Sunday Masses 31st March Grantown 09:00 Aviemore 11:30

Easter Monday 1st April 11.00 Aviemore Mass in Polish

Station Masses in our Deanery

Next Station Masses will be: 15th March 7 pm St Joseph's Invergordon with Bishop Hugh 22nd March 7 pm St Ninian's Inverness

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

Next Stations of the Cross will be on Thursdays at 18.00hrs.

Last Sunday collection was £131 Mass attendance 49

Maintenance Collection

Today is the 2^{nd} Sunday of the month, a day when we have a monthly maintenance 2^{nd} 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 2^{nd} Sunday of the month maintenance collection was £163.50. Thank you for your support.

➤ Grantown on Spey Catholic Community

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

There will be no usual Saturday Vigil Mass at 5 pm on Holy Saturday 30th March. Instead, there will be an Easter Sunday Mass on Sunday 31st March at 9.00 am.

Last Sunday's collection was £50

Mass attendance 14 January direct debit payments £240

Holy Mass times:

Saturday Vigils, Grantown-on-Spey 17.00 hrs Sundays, Aviemore 11.30 hrs Tuesday 19 March 18.00 hrs Aviemore, Solemnity of St Joseph Wednesday 20th March, Grantown-on-Spey 10.00 hrs ***

Confession will be available 20 minutes before each Sunday 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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