

## **7<sup>th</sup> April 2024, Divine Mercy Sunday, the Year B**

Today we are celebrating **the Divine Mercy Sunday**.

### **SCIAF Boxes**

Now, when the time of Lent has ended, please bring your SCIAF box to the church

### **LIGHT OF THE NORTH**

The latest issue of our diocesan magazine is available following the link <https://rcda.lightofthenorth.org/LOTN%20Spring%20Issue%2055%202024/> The main point of interest from Aviemore parish perspective it is an article about awarding our parishioner Nick Thompson papal award Benemerenti. You'll find plenty in this Easter issue to inspire and to celebrate including Bishop Hugh Gilbert's impressions of the new Diocesan Icon-Cross (p3); an opportunity to influence the future of Catholic education in Aberdeen (p12). Also, Fr Patrick Rice SJ explores how to have a real encounter and relationship with the risen Lord (p20); Eileen Grant asks the question, "Does God sing?" (p23); Lidia Konar explains the tradition of the blessing of the Easter baskets and Fr Benedict Hardy extols the art of bee keeping at Pluscarden Abbey (32).

### **PLUSCARDEN PENTECOST LECTURES**

The Abbot and Community of Pluscarden Abbey are pleased to announce this year's Pluscarden Pentecost Lectures which will take place in St Scholastica's Guesthouse, Pluscarden Abbey, from the afternoon of Tuesday 21 – the morning of Thursday 23 May 2024. This year's lecturer will be Dr Linden Bicket from the Edinburgh University School of Divinity. She will give four lectures on the theme of Scottish Catholic Literature and the 'transfiguration of the commonplace'.

### **MARRIAGE COUNSELLING SERVICE**

The Diocese now offers a Marriage Counselling Service for Catholic couples in need of Couples Counselling. The Service offers a supportive unbiased and non-judgemental space that enables couples to identify and resolve their interpersonal issues and disagreements, while building on the strengths of their relationship. The contact person for this service is Ms Rosaline Nain Chia, (MBACP, Accred). You can contact Rosaline by using the referral form on the Diocesan website ([https://www.rcda.scot/?page\\_id=34139](https://www.rcda.scot/?page_id=34139)) or by emailing her directly at [counsellor1@rcda.scot](mailto:counsellor1@rcda.scot)

### **➤ St. Aidan's, Aviemore**

#### **Teas and coffees**

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

### **The Solemnity of the Annunciation of our Lord**

25<sup>th</sup> of March usually is celebrated the Solemnity of the Annunciation of our Lord. This year because of Holy Week it has been transferred to Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The Mass for the Solemnity of the Annunciation of our Lord will be in Aviemore at 10.00hrs.

Easter Sunday Masses collection was £408

Mass attendance 157

### **Maintenance Collection**

In our church we have a monthly maintenance collection on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month which is next week. If you don't plan to be with us next week, you may consider supporting us today. The basket dedicated for maintenance is at the rear of the church. Current project is the redecoration of the Sanctuary here in the church. Last 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month maintenance collection was £30. Thank you for your support.

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

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

Easter Sunday Mass collection was £132

Mass attendance 25

February direct debit payments £240

### **Holy Mass times:**

Saturday Vigils, Grantown-on-Spey 17.00 hrs

Sundays, Aviemore 11.30 hrs

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 hrs Aviemore,

Solemnity of the Annunciation of our Lord

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**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. This week my day off will be Tuesday. 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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