

# 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year C

## Holy Mass times:

Saturdays, Grantown-on-Spey 5.00 pm Vigil - Fulfils Sunday Obligation  
Sundays, Kingussie 10.00 am  
Sundays, Aviemore 11.30 am  
Monday, Aviemore 6.00 am  
Tuesday, Kingussie 6.00 pm  
Friday, Aviemore 6.00 pm

## The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Solemnity is usually celebrated on 8<sup>th</sup> December, but this year it coincides with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent. Therefore, liturgical celebration is moved to Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December. There will be a Mass in Aviemore at 6 pm. Monday is usually my day off, therefore the following week my day off will be Thursday.

## Oplatki

Polish Christmas wafers (in Polish Oplatki) are available in the sacristy. Thank you very much for your donations for having them.

## Gutters

Recently our gutters and downpipes were cleared. We hope it will keep our buildings water tide.

## LIGHT OF THE NORTH – ADVENT ISSUE WITH LINK BELOW

We hope you'll find plenty in this issue to help you enter more fully into the Advent season including Bishop Hugh's Letter (p3) where he issues a clarion call for Advent-hope. Also, be inspired by Carlo Acutis, the young Italian boy who died at the age of fifteen from leukemia, and who will become the first millennial saint next year (p17). In addition, Kirsten Schouwenaars-Harms warns about the pitfalls of merging the Advent and Christmas seasons (p18), Fr Benedict Hardy reflects on the occurrence of bees and their honey in scripture (p25), and Hilde Bardell recalls the remarkable priest, Fr Theophilus Verstraeten, who saved Lerwick from smallpox (p27). And there's lots more ... <https://bit.ly/LightoftheNorth>

## Justice & Peace Scotland December-February 2024/25 newsletter

See all the latest activities and campaigning across the J&PS network in the latest quarterly newsletter, available at [www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk](http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk). Includes all the information as to how you can become involved and play your part.

## Christmas Program 2024

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Vigil Mass**  
Grantown on Spey: 5pm (Carols & Mass)

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December – The Nativity of the Lord**  
Kingussie: 10.00 am Mass  
Aviemore: 11:30 am Mass

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December - Feast of St Stephen**  
Aviemore: 11:00 am Polish Mass

## ➤ St. Aidan's, Aviemore

### Teas and coffees

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

Last Sunday's collection was £206.60  
Mass attendance 64

## Maintenance Collection

In our church we have a monthly maintenance collection on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month, which is today. The current project is the redecoration of the walls at the altar end of the church. The maintenance collection for October was £112.50. Thank you for your support.

Aviemore bank account details are: RCD of Aberdeen  
Sort Code 80-05-40 Account number 00836987

➤ **Grantown on Spey Catholic Community**

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

Last Sunday's collection was £65  
Mass attendance 10  
October direct debit payments £240

Grantown on Spey Catholic Community bank account details are: RCD of Aberdeen Sort Code 80-05-40 Account number 00171333

➤ **Our Lady of the Rosary and St Columba, Kingussie**

**Sunday, 15 th December – Christmas Super Sunday**

Next Sunday we will have our super raffle draw after Mass, followed by tea and mince pies in the church house and sale of craft, cards and homemade marmalade, tablet and tombola., See full details on the attached poster. Please raffle ticket sales to us at the latest before Mass on 15h December.

**Columba Club November Draw**

1st. 172 Donald Mckinnon £87.00  
2nd 216 Robert Tonner £37. 00  
Church receives £124.00

**Our boilers**

Last Tuesday our broken boiler in the parish house was repaired and serviced. Also, our church boiler was serviced. The bill for this is £332.00. I hope you will our boilers working well until the next service.

1st collection. £31.37  
2nd collection £31.76  
Attendance 17

Kingussie bank account details are: RC Dcese of Argyll the Isles-Kingussie Sort Code 83-91-25 Account number 65628045.

**Holy Mass intentions:**

Saturday: For William Stuart and Benefactors

Sunday: 10 am For Parishioners

Sunday: 11.30am For Isaltina Fernandes and Francisco Bento RIP

Monday: available

Tuesday: available

Wednesday: available

Thursday: available

Friday: available

Saturday: available

Sunday: 10 am For Parishioners

Sunday: 11.30 am For Gabriela on her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday, for God's blessing and care of the Our Lady.

**Holy Mass Intentions.** Please submit any requests for a Mass with as much notice as possible. Any donations would be most gratefully received.

**Confession** will be available 20 minutes before each Mass, when possible or by appointment. There will be no confessions in Aviemore before Sunday Mass.

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. If you would like to receive parish newsletter on your email, please send an email request to: [aviemore@rcda.scot](mailto:aviemore@rcda.scot).

Our places of worship depend on the generosity of our parishioners, friends, and benefactors. Every gift we receive supports our presence. If you would like to support our church with a direct debit/ standing order/ bank donation, please find the bank account details above. **Your support is very much appreciated.** You may consider leaving a gift in your Will. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Mondays are usually **a day off** for the priest. I would be grateful if you would respect it, unless it is an emergency.

Newsletter of St Aidan's Aviemore, <https://aviemore.rcda.scot> Grantown on Spey Catholic Community (Masses held in St Columba Episcopal Church) & Our Lady of the Rosary and St Columba, Kingussie.

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