

15th December 2024, 3rd 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
Tuesday, Kingussie 10.00 am
Wednesday, Grantown-on-Spey 10.00 am
Thursday, Aviemore 6.00 pm
Friday, Aviemore 10.00 am

Oplatki

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

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>

Christmas Program 2024

Tuesday 24th December - Christmas Vigil Mass

Grantown on Spey: 5pm (Carols & Mass)

Wednesday 25th December – The Nativity of the Lord

Kingussie: 10.00 am Mass

Aviemore: 11:30 am Mass

Thursday 26th 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.

Additional time for confession before Christmas

Since next Sunday 22nd December Bishop Brian will be celebrating Sunday Mass in Kingussie, I would like to offer additional possibility for confession next Sunday. I will be available in the sacristy from 11.00 am. If needed I will be available also after the Mass. Confessions generally are also possible before and after every weekday Mass.

Christmas Wafers and Mince pies

We will be holding a special Oplatki and mince pies coffee morning after Mass on Sunday 22nd December, all are welcome.

Volunteers Needed

Currently we have a very small group of people who are Cleaning, reading, serving coffee and altar serving, just one or two hours a week from 1 or 2 extra people would greatly reduce the burden on the few. Maybe you as a couple

could do the cleaning or serve coffees. Jan has a sign-up sheet for cleaning and reading and potential altar servers should speak with Ramon.

Musical Group

If you play or sing, please have a chat with Kevin to see how we could enlarge our musical group and widen our repertoire of Hymns.

Last Sunday's collection was £206.60
Mass attendance 64

Maintenance Collection

On the 2nd Sunday of each month in our church we have a monthly maintenance collection. The current project is the redecoration of the walls at the altar end of the church. The maintenance collection for December was £104.00. If you were not with us last Sunday you may consider supporting us today into the basket at the back of the church. 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 £50
Mass attendance 16
November 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**

Bishop Brian in our parish

Next Sunday 22nd December we expect to have Bishop Brian for a 10 am Mass. He will stay also after the Mass for teas/ coffees and friendly chat.

Sunday, 15th December – Christmas Super Sunday

Today 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.

Parish boiler

Last week we discovered that our house boiler serviced two weeks ago is once again not working. The heating engineer was called and now the boiler is working again. It was a big stress for all those involved since temperatures recently were minus 7. Now we expect a bill for this.

1st collection. £44.70
2nd collection £19.35

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 Guy Dembour RIP
Sunday: 10 am For Parishioners
Sunday: 11.30am For Gabriela on her 17th birthday, for God's blessing and care of the Our Lady.
Monday: available
Tuesday: available
Wednesday: available
Thursday: available
Friday: available
Saturday: For Parishioners
Sunday: 10 am available
Sunday: 11.30 am For Parishioners

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.

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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