

22nd December 2024, 4th 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

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

I wish you a Happy and Holy Christmas.

I would also like to wish you and your families a very Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Thank you very much for all good wishes, cards and gifts.

Fr Andrew

Christmas Collection

This year at Christmas Masses the main collection will be for maintenance in our parish.

The Feast of the Holy Family

Next Sunday 29th December, there will be the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Merry Christmas from all at SCIAF

The time of Advent often brings with it a time of reflection. We would like to extend our gratitude of our supporters in Parishes across Scotland for their unwavering support of SCIAF throughout the year. As we prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ, our King, we pray that your Christmas surrounded by love, light, joy, and peace and wish you all the best for 2025

➤ St. Aidan's, Aviemore

Teas and coffees

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

Fire inspection

I think that our parishioners would be interested that recently we had Fire inspection and service in Aviemore. The bill for this is £419.38

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 Oplátky 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 Roman.

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 £141

Mass attendance 43

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 recently 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 £27
Mass attendance 13
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

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

Parish Christmas Almsgiving

Our raffle and tombola session last weekend were a great success, and we are delighted to announce that a fabulous £1, 036.60 was raised. Subject to final confirmation, parishioners will donate £500 to Mary's Meals, with the remaining funds being offered to the church to meet recent central heating servicing and repair costs. Tremendously well done everyone!

DECEMBER COLUMBA CLUB DRAW

1st. 225 Riley. £100
2nd. 173 Frances O'Connell. £ 70
3rd. 113 Joe Reilly. £ 30

Parish boiler

Recently we discovered that our house boiler serviced three 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. The bill for the second arrival was £54.

1st collection. £62.60
2nd collection, for heating £36.45
Mass attendance 28

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 Parishioners
Sunday: 10 am available
Sunday: 11.30 am For Parishioners
Monday: available
Tuesday: For God's protection and blessings for Adriana, Gabriela, Jasmin, Jason and Abramczyk Family
Wednesday 10 am: For Parishioners
Wednesday 11.30 am: For Mary and John RIP
Thursday: available
Friday: available
Saturday: For Sean Sullivan RIP
Sunday: 10 am For the McLean - Briche Family
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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