

16th March 2025, 2nd Sunday of Lent, the Year C

Holy Mass times:

Saturdays, Grantown-on-Spey 5.00 pm Vigil - Fulfil Sunday Obligation

Sundays, Kingussie 10.00 am

Sundays, Aviemore 11.30 am

Tuesday, Kingussie 6.00 pm

Wednesday, Grantown-on-Spey 10.00 am

Thursday, Aviemore 10.00 am

The Solemnity of St Joseph

This week we will celebrate the Solemnity of St Joseph on Wednesday 19th of March. There will be a Vigil Mass in Kingussie on Tuesday at 6 pm and a Mass on Wednesday at 10 am in Grantown on Spey.

Consecration of our Families

From Sunday 16th until 23rd March, there will be 7 Day Preparation for Family Consecration to Jesus, through Mary in Union with St Joseph. The Consecration takes the form of a 7-day preparation at home, **gathering the Family together for 20 minutes in the evening**. Followed by the beautiful Consecration of Families in the Parish at the end of Mass on 23rd March 2025. Booklets will be available giving prayers and activities for all ages e.g. building a small home Altar. St Anne's and Our Lady of the Rosary and St Columba Parishioners are very welcome. Contact Gaynoll.craig@gmail.com for Booklets.

The Highland Deanery Lenten Station Masses will be on Fridays of Lent at 19.00hrs If you would like to go in any place, please let me know. Maybe it would be possible to share cars.

21st March (Christ the King, Brora) - With Bishop Hugh.

28th March (St. Ninian's Inverness)

4th April (St. Anne's Thurso) For this station Mass there will be available a bus from St Mary's Inverness. If you want to reserve a seat please contact St Mary's Inverness parish office in office hours: 01463 233519 or stmarysinverness@rcda.scot The price depends on how many people would like to travel.

11th April (St. Peter & St. Benedict, Fort Augustus) - With Bishop Hugh.

Vocations

We continue to pray for Dcn. Aidan Matheson, Anh Tuan Nguyen, Rene De Los Reyes and Richard Webster.

Thinking about Diocesan Priesthood in 2025? The Catholic Church in Scotland is now inviting enquiries from those considering applying for seminary. For more information, please contact Fr. Mark Impson, Director of Vocations Email: mark.impson@rcda.scot

➤ St. Aidan's, Aviemore

Teas and coffees

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

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated every Friday of Lent at 6 pm. They will be run by parishioners.

Fire Inspection and Service

I think that our parishioners would like to know, that recently at St Aidan an annual Fire Inspection and Service was performed. The bill for this was £419.38.

Last Sunday's collection was £138

Mass attendance 67

Himalayan Birch

You may have noticed the sudden sprouting of a new sapling next to the hall ramp. This young birch tree was transplanted from Valerie and Kevin's garden two weeks ago and it is hoped that its branches will grow and flourish as time goes on. Its botanical name is *Betula utilis* var. *Jacquemontii*, commonly known as the Himalayan birch. Interestingly, the parchment like bark, which often turns brilliant white, was used in Kashmir as a surface for the writing of Sanskrit texts. 'Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs.' (St. Francis of Assisi)

Maintenance Collection

In our church on the 2nd Sunday of each month we have a monthly maintenance collection. The current project is the redecoration of the walls at the altar end of the church. The monthly maintenance collection for March was £123. 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 £40

January Direct Debit Payments: £290

Attendance: 18

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**

Stations of the Cross

We will hold Stations of the Cross run by the Parishioners, every Wednesday evening during the Season of Lent, commencing Wednesday, 12th March 6pm.

Offertory. £59

Heat/lighting. £42

Attendance 22

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: Alex Anderson RIP 4th anniversary

Sunday: 11.30 am Maureen Harrison RIP

Monday: available

Tuesday: available

Wednesday: available

Thursday: available

Friday: available

Saturday: available

Sunday: 10 am For Parishioners

Sunday: 11.30 am available

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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