

# 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, the Year C

## Holy Mass times this week:

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

Sundays, Kingussie 10.00 am

Sundays, Aviemore 11.30 am

Wednesday, Grantown-on-Spey 10.00 am

Thursday, Aviemore 10.00 am

### SCIAF Collection

Today there will be an annual second collection for the works of SCIAF, the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund.

### Chrism Mass:

Chrism Mass this year will be on Thursday, 10 April 2025 at St Mary's Inverness at 6 pm.

**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.

4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stmarysinverness@rcda.scot) The price depends on how many people would like to travel.

11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March collection was £64.30

Mass attendance 57

### Fabric and Finance Committee announcement

We have had two accidents involving the steps outside the parish hall, thankfully there were no serious injuries. Following a safety review, we will be installing handrails to prevent such accidents in future. This will cost £852. This means we will need to delay the painting of the altar wall until the funds are replenished. This is disappointing but we must put safety first.

### Maintenance Collection

In our church we have a monthly maintenance collection on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. The current projects are the redecoration of the walls at the altar end of the church and the installation of handrails leading to the parish hall. The last 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 £59

January Direct Debit Payments: £290

Attendance: 16

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

#### Supply Priest during Easter Time

I'm pleased to inform you that Bishop Brian found a priest ready to supply in Easter Time in Kingussie. Fr. Peter Scally SJ is working at Mount St Mary's College, Spinkhill, Derbyshire.

## Fundraising 2024

We are proud to confirm that for the 12-month period ending January 2025, parishioners raised the sum of £2363, of which £500 was donated to Mary's Meals for our Christmas Almsgiving. The remaining balance of £1863 was given to the church. A huge thanks to everyone for their participation.

## Lenten Almsgiving

This year our children are focusing on the joy of giving of their time and handcrafting efforts, rather than fundraising. We are visiting the Wade Centre in Kingussie after Mass on Palm Sunday, 13th April, taking blessed palms and handmade baskets of little chocolate eggs for the residents and staff. It would be perfect if parishioners would take part by donating small eggs for their baskets and if anyone would like to join us on the day, they would be most welcome. Egg donations are needed by next Sunday please! See full details in the attachment with the newsletter.

## Parish Health and Safety Coordinator

I would like to express my gratitude to Paul Mathewson, who agreed to be our Parish Health and Safety Coordinator. According to our diocesan rules, every parish has to have Health and Safety Coordinator.

## 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, 12<sup>th</sup> March 6pm.

Last Sunday collection was £53.70  
Heat/lighting £33  
Attendance 23

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

## Holy Mass intentions:

Saturday: available

Sunday: 10 am: For Parishioners

Sunday: 11.30 am For Jan Frydrych RIP

Monday: available

Tuesday: available

Wednesday: available

Thursday: available

Friday: available

Saturday: available

Sunday: 10 am For Parishioners

Sunday: 11.30 am For Waclaw RIP

**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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