

# Parish Newsletter – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

## Sunday, 11 January 2026

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### Holy Mass Times

**Saturday** – Grantown-on-Spey, 5.00 pm (*Vigil Mass – fulfils Sunday obligation*)

- **Sunday** – Kingussie, 10.00 am
- **Sunday** – Aviemore, 11.30 am
- **Tuesday** – Aviemore, 10.00 am
- **Wednesday** – Grantown-on-Spey, 10.00 am
- **Thursday** – Kingussie, 6.00 pm
- **Friday** – Aviemore, 6.00 pm

### Parish News & Notices

#### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on **Saturday, 18 January**. Please remember this important intention in your prayers.

#### Kolęda – House Blessings

*Kolęda* is the traditional Polish post-Christmas visit and blessing of homes by a priest. If you would like to arrange a house blessing, please contact Fr Andrew.

#### Ogilvie Centre Online Bible Study

Join a six-week online Bible study entitled “**The Bible and the Mass**”, led by Martin Gray. **Begins:** Tuesday, 20 January **Time:** 7.00–9.00 pm (weekly) **Details:** For Zoom information, please contact [biblestudy@rcda.scot](mailto:biblestudy@rcda.scot).

### St Aidan's, Aviemore

#### Tea & Coffee

Tea and coffee are served after the **11.30 am Sunday Mass**. All are very welcome. Donations are appreciated.

#### Blessing and Unveiling of the Portrait of Saint Maximilian Maria Kolbe

Everyone is warmly invited to the blessing and unveiling of the new portrait of **Saint Maximilian Maria Kolbe**, patron of the new Polish School in Aviemore. Saint Maximilian Maria Kolbe was a Polish Franciscan friar, priest, and missionary, known as a “*martyr of charity*” for offering his life in place of a fellow prisoner at Auschwitz during the Second World War. He was canonised by Pope John Paul II in 1982. The blessing will take place in the church on **Sunday, 18 January**, immediately after Holy Mass, and will be celebrated by Fr Andrew Harden.

#### Polish Christmas Carols Concert – SCIAF Collection

On behalf of **St Maximilian Maria Kolbe Polish Community School**, heartfelt thanks are offered to everyone involved in organising the Polish Christmas Carols Concert. The raffle raised £140, which has been donated to **SCIAF** as an act of solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world.

#### Maintenance Collection

Last Sunday was the second Sunday of the month, our customary day for the maintenance collection. The current project concerns the replacement of the parish hall door and frame, as the existing handle cannot be repaired and poses a safety risk. A quotation of £2,800 has been received (excluding masonry work and possible painting). As this cost appears high, a second quotation will be sought. **January maintenance collection:** £64.20 If you were not with us last Sunday, you may wish to contribute using the basket at the back of the church or the payment terminal. Thank you for your continued support.

#### Last Sunday (Aviemore)

- Collection: £63
- Attendance: 47
- Standing Orders (December): £660

**Bank Details** Sort Code: 80-05-40 Account No: 00836987 Cheques payable to: *RCD St Aidan's*

## Grantown-on-Spey Catholic Community

(Masses celebrated at St Columba's Episcopal Church, PH26 3LD)

### Maintenance Collection

The monthly maintenance collection takes place on the second Sunday of each month and supports repairs to the parish house. If you were not with us last Sunday, you may support us today. Donations may be placed in the basket or made via the payment terminal. Thank you for your generosity.

### Last Sunday (Grantown-on-Spey)

- Collection: £5
- Maintenance: £22.50
- Attendance: 5
- Standing Orders (December): £320

**Bank Details** Sort Code: 80-05-40 Account No: 00171333 Cheques payable to: *RCD St Anne's (Grantown-on-Spey)*

## Our Lady of the Rosary & St Columba, Kingussie

### Tea & Coffee After Mass

All are warmly invited to the church house for tea and coffee after Sunday Mass.

### Christmas Decorations and Church Cleaning

Sincere thanks to everyone who stayed behind after Mass last Sunday to take down the Christmas decorations—a great job completed in double-quick time!

### Last Sunday (Kingussie)

- Offertory: £69.50
- Justice & Peace Collection: £38.00
- Attendance: 17
- Standing Orders (December): £160

**Bank Details** Sort Code: 83-91-25 Account No: 65628045 Cheques payable to: *RC Diocese of Argyll & the Isles – Kingussie*

### Holy Mass Intentions

- **Saturday:** For Drew Robertson (intention)
- **Sunday 10.00 am:** Jan & Józefa Niemiec RIP
  - **Sunday 11.30 am:** For Waleria RIP
    - **Monday:** Donor's intention
    - **Tuesday:** For Holy Souls
    - **Wednesday:** Parishioners
    - **Thursday:** Waleria RIP
    - **Friday:** For Holy Souls

**Masses Available:** Saturday • Sunday 10.00 am • Sunday 11.30 am

**Sunday 11.30 am** – For Bronisław Berowski RIP on his 11th anniversary

Please give as much notice as possible when requesting a Mass intention. Donations are gratefully received.

### General Information

#### Confessions

Available approximately 20 minutes before each Mass, where possible, or by appointment. *Please note: there are no confessions before the Sunday Mass in Aviemore.*

**Pastoral Visits** If you know of anyone who is sick, housebound, in hospital, or living in a care home, please contact Fr Andrew to arrange a visit.

#### Newsletter Submissions

Items for inclusion should be emailed to [aviemore@rcda.scot](mailto:aviemore@rcda.scot) by Thursday. To receive the newsletter by email, please send a request.

#### Supporting Our Parishes

Our parishes depend on the generosity of parishioners, friends, and benefactors. Support may be given by standing order, bank transfer, or by remembering the parish in your Will. Thank you for your continued generosity.

#### Priest's Day Off

Monday is usually Fr Andrew's day off. Please contact him only in the case of an emergency.