

Parish Newsletter 3rd Sunday of Lent (Year A) 8th March 2026

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HOLY MASS TIMES

Saturday

- Grantown-on-Spey – 5.00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday

- Kingussie – 10.00 am
- Aviemore – 11.30 am

Weekdays

- Tuesday 10 March – Aviemore, 10.00 am (*Feast of St John Ogilvie*)
- Thursday 19 March – Kingussie, 6.00 pm (*Solemnity of St Joseph*)

PARISH NEWS & NOTICES

SCIAF Collection

Next Sunday, **15 March**, there will be the annual second collection in support of SCIAS (The **Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund**). Further information: www.sciaf.org.uk

Plans to Be Away

I will be on annual leave from **11–18 March**. Sunday Masses will be celebrated as usual by **Fr Peter Ezekoka (Fortrose)**. In the event of an emergency during this time, please contact **St Mary's, Inverness**: 01463 233519. Having a visiting priest may also provide a good opportunity to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** with someone new. The next newsletter is planned for the **Fifth Sunday of Lent (22 March)**.

Station Masses – Fridays of Lent (7.00 pm)

- 13 March – St Vincent's, Tain
- 20 March – St Martin's, Ullapool (*Bishop Hugh presiding*)
- 27 March – St Mary's, Inverness

Chrism Masses

- Diocese of Argyll & the Isles – **Oban Cathedral**, Wednesday 25 March at 12.30 pm
- Diocese of Aberdeen – **St Peter's, Buckie**, Thursday 26 March at 6.00 pm

ST AIDAN'S, AVIEMORE

Tea & Coffee

After the **11.30 am Sunday Mass**. All are welcome.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent at **6.15 pm**, led by parishioners.

Maintenance Collection

Today is the **Second Sunday of the month**, the traditional day for our maintenance collection. Current project: replacement of the parish hall door and frame (£2,800, excluding masonry work and possible painting). A second quotation will be sought. February Maintenance Collection: **£67.70**

Last Sunday

Collection: £134.50 Attendance: 65 Standing Orders (January): £660
Bank: 80-05-40 | 00836987 Cheques payable to: **RCD St Aidan's**

GRANTOWN-ON-SPEY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

(*Mass at St Columba's Episcopal Church, PH26 3LD*)

Maintenance Collection

Second Sunday of each month (for parish house repairs).

Last Sunday

Collection: £41.00
Attendance: 23
Standing Orders (January): £320
Bank: 80-05-40 | 00171333
Cheques payable to: **RCD St Anne's (Grantown-on-Spey)**

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY & ST COLUMBA, KINGUSSIE

Tea & Coffee

After Sunday Mass in the church house.

Stations of the Cross

Every Tuesday during Lent at **6.00 pm**, led by parishioners.

Episcopal Visit

Bishop Brian will celebrate Mass here on **Sunday 22 March**.

Church & House Cleaning

First Sunday of each month after Mass (followed by coffee).

The April session will take place **one week earlier: 29 March**. Volunteers are welcome.

Holy Triduum

• **Liturgy of Good Friday** – 6.00 pm

Maundy Thursday and the Easter Vigil will be celebrated in Aviemore.

Nick will co-ordinate transport.

Parish Almsgiving

Palm Sunday Bake Sale

Organised by our children. Contributions of home baking are welcome. Proceeds will partly support the **Wi'am Conflict Resolution Centre, Bethlehem** (Diocesan Accompaniment Partner). From **8 March** there will be a display of children's photographs and prayers sent to Bethlehem, co-ordinated by Hazel.

Informal Evening – Olive & Pine Group

Thursday 12 March at 6.30 pm (Church House)

An insight into Palestinian heritage and the current humanitarian situation.

All are welcome. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Last Sunday

Offertory: £70.50 Heating: £38.30 Attendance: 22 Standing Orders (January): £160

Bank: 83-91-25 | 65628045 Cheques payable to: **RC Diocese of Argyll & the Isles – Kingussie**

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday – Holy Souls

Sunday 10.00 am – Donor's intention

Sunday 11.30 am – Holy Souls

Monday – Donor's intention

Tuesday 10 March – Parishioners

Thursday 19 March – Holy Souls

Friday 20 March – Donor's intention

Saturday 21 March – Available

Sunday 22 March, 10.00 am – Available

Sunday 22 March, 11.30 am – Available

Please give as much notice as possible when requesting Mass intentions.

General Information

Confessions. Approximately 20 minutes before Mass (where possible) or by appointment.

No confessions before Sunday Mass in Aviemore.

Pastoral Visits. If someone is sick, housebound, in hospital or in a care home, please contact Fr Andrew.

Newsletter Submissions. Email aviemore@rcda.scot by Thursday.

To receive the newsletter electronically, please email a request.

Supporting Our Parishes. You may support the parish by standing order, bank transfer, or remembering the parish in your Will. Thank you for your generosity.

Priest's Day Off

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