

St. Mary's RC Church, Nairn

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Parish Bulletin: 20 November 2022 Solemnity of Christ the Universal King (Year C (II)); Psalter: Week 2)

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Saturday 19 November / Sunday 20 November	SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING	Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday Vigil Mass Sunday Morning Mass	5.00 pm 6.00 pm 11.30 am
Monday 21 November	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Holy Hour Holy Mass	9.00 am 10.00 am
Wednesday 23 November	St. Clement I, Pope, Martyr 'Red Wednesday'	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Rosary Holy Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am 10.00 am
Friday 25 November	St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Divine Mercy Holy Mass	9.00 am 9.45 am 10.00 am
Saturday 26 November / Sunday 27 November	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Second Collection: Aid to the Church in Need	Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday Vigil Mass Sunday Morning Mass	5.00 pm 6.00 pm 11.30 am

NEWS

Highland Foodbank, operated by Blythwood Care, launched the Reverse Advent Calendar earlier this month to help those in need over the festive period. The initiative runs throughout November meaning people can get the much-needed parcel before Christmas. Different items have been suggested for each day throughout November, including festive treats such as a selection boxes, mince pies, and bags of crisps, as well as necessities such as tinned and dried foods and toiletries. If you are able to support the foodbank we have copies of the calendar at the back of church. The parcels will be collected in the Parish Hall on 3 & 4 December.

Wednesday 23 November: 'Red Wednesday' is the day when we pray for all of our Christian sisters and brothers who are being persecuted around the world for their faith in Jesus Christ. Here is a fact for you: more Christians were martyred in the 20th century, than in all the previous 19 centuries put together. Let's take time on this day to stop and offer our spiritual support. Why not show your solidarity by wearing something red? On Sunday we will have a collection for the work of Aid to the Church in Need.

Thursday 24 November: Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Archbishop Emeritus Mario Conti, in Aberdeen Cathedral at 12 noon, celebrated by Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB. All welcome.

Friday 25 November: Adoration and Prayer Group – the next evening gathering takes place on **Friday 25 November at 7.00pm**. The evening will involve a period of Eucharistic Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, in the church, with worship music, followed by prayer and meditation on passages from Holy Scripture in the Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Advent Resources: 'Walk with me' booklets, with reflections for every day of Advent, are available at the back of the church. There are also booklets for children, together with Advent calendars. Only £1 each.

St. Mary's Christmas Fayre: Saturday 3 December – Our parish Christmas Fayre takes place in the British Legion, from 10.00am until 12 noon. Admission: £3 per Adult (including tea, coffee.); £1 per child, which includes a visit to Santa, as well as a little gift from him! **If you have anything for our Fayre, can you bring any and all items to the hall as soon as possible, and leave them on the table, please?** They will be priced and arranged. In addition, we will now be selling raffle tickets after each Mass. Only £1 a strip, of 'five for a fiver'.. it has a better ring to it! There will be books of different colours. Why not collect them all?! If you forget to buy a ticket, don't worry.. we won't forget to ask you! Thank you.

Christmas Mass Times: Vigil (Sat 24 December): 6.00 pm: Mass of Christmas Day (Sunday 25 December): 11.30 am.

PARISH FINANCES

Sunday Collection, 12/13 November 2022: £ 597.00 British Legion Poppy Appeal: £272.00

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Dorothy Ahern, Bruce Lamont, Ann Stewart, Pat Usher, Roger Cooper, Austin Birks, Siobhan, Freddie Brown, Willie
RIP: Margaret Maureen McGonigle, Graham Bushnell-Wye, Archbishop Emeritus Mario Conti