

St. Mary's RC Church, Nairn

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Parish Bulletin: 11 December 2022 Third Sunday of Advent (Year A (I); Psalter: Week 3)

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Saturday 10 December / Sunday 11 December	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 'Gaudete Sunday'	Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday Vigil Mass Sunday Morning Mass	5.00 pm 6.00 pm 11.30 am
Monday 12 December	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Holy Hour Holy Mass	9.00 am 10.00 am
Wednesday 14 December	St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor Reception of Walter Wilson, RIP	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Rosary Holy Mass Reception into the Church	9.00 am 9.30 am 10.00 am 5.30 pm
Thursday 15 December	Funeral Mass for Walter Wilson, RIP	Holy Mass Graveside Committal at Auldearn	11.30 am 1.00 pm
Friday 16 December	Friday of Week 3 in Advent Mass Intention: John Lesslie	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Divine Mercy Holy Mass	9.00 am 9.45 am 10.00 am
Saturday 17 December / Sunday 18 December	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday Vigil Mass Sunday Morning Mass	5.00 pm 6.00 pm 11.30 am

NEWS

This weekend: *Bambinelli Sunday* – Each year on *Gaudete Sunday*, the Third Sunday of Advent, children in Rome bring their Baby Jesus figures from the cribs in their homes to St. Peter's Square where the Pope blesses both them and the figurines during the Angelus. Fr Domenico would like to introduce this custom to St Mary's, and he will bless all 'Bambinelli' at the Sunday Mass. '*This beautiful tradition helps to focus children's minds on the real reason for Christmas: the birth of our Lord Jesus.*'

St. Mary's Christingle Service: Sunday 18 December at 4.00pm – Children should meet in the church hall at 2.30 pm, to practise readings, make Christingles etc. Coffee and mince pies will be served in the church hall after the Christingle service. Readings will be given out and a quick practice will be held on Sunday 11 December after Mass. *If your child is willing to do a reading, please contact Maria (0785 566 1941) or Bridget (07732 998 287). We are also looking for younger children to play the parts of Mary, Joseph, shepherds and angels; again, please contact Maria or Bridget if your child would like to get involved.*

Sunday 18 December, 6-8pm: Variety Concert at Nairn Old Parish Church – with solo performances from West-End musical *Les Miserables*; group and Gaelic Choir singing; fiddle and accordion music; organ recital; youth dance group; and extra surprise acts! All performances by local artistes! Tickets: Adults £10, Children £5 – from Pat Fraser or Strachans, or see Bridget (Vigil) or Iain.

St. Columba's Culloden Christmas Carol Concert: Monday 19 December, 7pm – 8pm – After a three-year hiatus, we will be hosting a service of your favourite Christmas carols, with: community singing; seasonal Scripture readings; the children of St. Joseph's RC Primary School; the St. Andrew Community, with youth musicians; special clerical guests (!); festive food and drink provided (including non-alcoholic mulled wine, *panettone*, and mince pies). Donations at the door – suggested offerings are: £5 for adults; kids go free! Why not invite some friends and come along?! Spread a little festive cheer!

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

PARISH FINANCES

Sunday Collection, 3/4 December 2022: £ 563.00 November Lists: £460 (for the Parish) Christmas Fayre: £1,800

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Dorothy Ahern, Bruce Lamont, Ann Stewart, Pat Usher, Roger Cooper, Austin Birks, Siobhan, Freddie Brown, Willie, Christina

RIP: Walter Wilson, John Lesslie

Anniversaries: James McKenna (13 December 1983); Thomas Cullen (15 December 1926); Eric King (16 December 2011)