

St. Mary's RC Church

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Parish Bulletin: 3 December 2023 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B (II); Psalter: Week 1)

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Saturday 2 December / Sunday 3 December	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)	Confession / Saturday Vigil Mass Sunday Morning Mass	5 pm / 6 pm 11.30 am
Monday 4 December	Monday of Week 1 in Advent	Holy Mass	10.00 am
Tuesday 5 December	Tuesday of Week 1 in Advent	Holy Mass	10.00 am
Wednesday 6 December	Wednesday of Week 1 in Advent Mass Intention: 'Private Intention'	Exposition & Confession Holy Rosary Holy Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am 10.00 am
Thursday 7 December	Thursday of Week 1 in Advent	Holy Mass	10.00 am
Friday 8 December	Friday of Week 1 in Advent	Exposition & Confession Chaplet of Divine Mercy Holy Mass	9.00 am 9.45 am 10.00 am
Saturday 9 December / Sunday 10 December	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)	Confession / Saturday Vigil Mass Sunday Morning Mass	5 pm / 6 pm 11.30 am

NEWS

A warm St. Mary's welcome to our visitors! – Toilets are available in our hall. Join us for tea/coffee & cake after Sunday Mass!

'Thank You!' to everyone who helped in any way to make our Christmas Fayre such a success! It was a wonderful day for the parish!

Highland Foodbank Reverse Advent Calendar – if you have been collecting for the Highland Foodbank throughout the month of November, would you be so kind as to hand in your items as soon as possible, please? Many thanks.

Advent Reflections: each Wednesday evening during Advent, from 6.00pm-7.30pm, the Priests of the Highland Deanery have arranged reflections in different parishes. Here are the dates, locations, and speakers:

Wednesday 06 December (St. Nicholas) – St. Ninian's Inverness – Fr. Justin Edathil

Wednesday 13 December (St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr) – St. Mary's Beauly – Fr. Dominic Nwaigwe

Wednesday 20 December – St. Columba's Culloden – Fr. Andrzej Niski

Mary's Meals: 'Double the Love' Appeal – from now until 22 January, any donations made to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous donors, up to £1 million. A donation of just £19.15 can feed a child every day for an entire school year. Because your gift will be matched by our benefactors, the same donation will feed a second child, too!

Saturday 9 December, 10am-3pm: Day of Recollection at Stratherrick – for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. With two talks, Rosary, Mass, opportunities for the Sacrament of Confession, lunch, Adoration and Benediction. All welcome!

Sunday 17 December: Children's Christingle Service, 4.00pm – All children are welcome to take part; simply speak to Maria or Bridget, or Fr. Domenico. All participants meet in the church hall at 2.30pm 'on the day', to prepare before the Service.

Gift Aid: we have received from HMRC our Gift Aid payment for 2022-2023, which is **£3654.85**. As you can see, Gift Aiding your contributions to the parish is a wonderful way of increasing your support for St. Mary's.. at no extra cost to yourselves!

St. Mary's 90 Club: November Winners! – First Prize: Catherine Mackenzie; Second Prize: Eddy Quinn; Third Prize: Marie Cruickshank. Congratulations to all our winners! **Next Draw on Sunday 24 December!**

PARISH FINANCES: 27 NOVEMBER 2023 -

Parish Collection: £ 615.00

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Dorothy Ahern, Bruce Lamont, Ann Stewart, Austin Birks, Siobhan, Freddie Brown, Christina, Ann Mackinnon

Anniversaries: Marion Horton (4 December 1966), Veronica Stuart (6 December 1999), Patrick McCulloch (6 December 1993), John Belby (6 December 1987), William Collier (7 December 1991)