

St. Mary's RC Church, Nairn

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Parish Bulletin: 18 September 2022 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C (II); Psalter: Week 1)

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Saturday 17 September / Sunday 18 September	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Special Collection: Sick & Retired Priests	Saturday Vigil Mass Sunday Morning Mass	6.00 pm 11.30 am
Monday 19 September	Monday of Week 25 in Ordinary Time	** NO MASS TODAY **	---
Wednesday 21 September	St, Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist – Feast	** NO MASS TODAY **	---
Friday 23 September	St. Pio of Pietrelcina Mass Intention: Clark Robert Cossin (Health & Intentions)	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Divine Mercy Holy Mass	9.00 am 9.45 am 10.00 am
Saturday 24 September / Sunday 25 September	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Saturday Vigil Mass Sunday Morning Mass	6.00 pm 11.30 am

NEWS

Today's Special Collection is for our Sick and Retired Priests. Priests are required to hand in a letter of resignation at the age of 75, though the Bishop is not required to accept it! We have a number of dedicated men who are still working beyond this age, and even a few hardy octogenarians! At least a dozen of our own clergy will reach the age of retirement within the next ten years, but there is no diocesan provision for them. Please consider supporting them, after their years of selfless service to the People of God.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) – this is available **from 9.00am to 9.30am, at each weekday Mass, and from 5.00pm-5.45pm on Saturday**, and by appointment; simply e-mail Fr. Domenico to arrange a suitable day and time.

Wednesday 21 September, at 7.00 pm – “CATHOLICISM”: Episode 3: “That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought: The Ineffable Mystery of God” – Bishop Barron explains St. Thomas Aquinas' arguments which support the claim that God truly exists. He also speaks about the nature of God and the challenging question of evil and the existence of God. We travel to the Sinai desert and to Istanbul, walk the streets of Paris, and then are captivated by the glories of the Sistine Chapel in Rome.

Adoration and Prayer Group – this begins on **Friday 30 September at 7.00pm**, and takes place on the last Friday of each month. The evening will involve a period of Eucharistic Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, in the church, with suitable worship music, followed by prayer and meditation on passages from Holy Scripture in the St. Mary MacKillop Hall. Everyone is welcome.

St. Mary's Christmas Fayre: Saturday 3 December – keep this date free! Our parish Christmas Fayre takes place in the British Legion, from 10.00am until 12 noon. There will be stalls, tombola, good raffle prizes, and SANTA himself has promised to make an appearance! He is looking forward to meeting all of the children of the parish, and beyond.. Ho Ho Ho!! **Admission: £3 per Adult** (including tea, coffee.); **£1 per child**, which includes a visit to Santa, as well as a little gift from him! We require the following: a selection of home bakes, as well as jams, chutneys, plants, lots of bottles (!), and raffle prizes. Please hold on to items, and bring them to the Fayre, or see Marie. Many thanks.

Rotas: Readers, Counters, and Hospitality rotas from this weekend (18 Sept) until 8 January are now on display. Please check them!

Parish Piety Stall – Marie is placing her order for Christmas; if anyone would like her to order a crib, please speak to Marie directly. We will be ordering Christmas cards, 2023 Catholic diaries, and a variety of spiritual gifts for the festive season and beyond.

PARISH FINANCES

Sunday Collection, 10/11 September 2022:

£ 490.00

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Dorothy Ahern, Edith Grant, Bruce Lamont, Ann Stewart, Pat Usher, Roger Cooper, Hilda Pirie, Austin Birks, Freddie Brown
RIP: Brian Higham, Mavis Gensler, Joe Telfer

Anniversaries: Helen Mackenzie (19 Sept. 2002); Alexander MacKellay (19 Sept. 1964); Dolce Maria Speir (22 Sept. 2005)