

St. Mary's RC Church, Nairn

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Parish Bulletin: 4 December 2022 Second Sunday of Advent (Year A (I); Psalter: Week 2)

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Saturday 3 December / Sunday 4 December	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday Vigil Mass Sunday Morning Mass	5.00 pm 6.00 pm 11.30 am
Monday 5 December	Monday of Week 1 in Advent	Holy Hour Holy Mass	9.00 am 10.00 am
Wednesday 7 December	SOLEMNITY OF ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Rosary Holy Mass	9.00 am 9.30 am 10.00 am
Friday 9 December	Friday of Week 1 in Advent	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Divine Mercy Holy Mass	9.00 am 9.45 am 10.00 am
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

NEWS

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.

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

Wednesday 07 December (St. Ambrose/Eve of the Immaculate Conception) – St. Mary's Beauly – Fr. Laurence Gambella

Wednesday 14 December (St. John of the Cross) – St. Mary's Inverness – Fr. Domenico Zanrè

Wednesday 21 December (St. Peter Canisius) – St. Columba's Culloden – Fr. James Bell

Each evening will consist of the following programme:

6.15pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, & opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession

7.00pm Reflection, followed by Night Prayer, Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Christmas Flowers – we are blessed with the generosity and talents of parishioners, who always provide us with such beautiful flowers for Christmas. Would you consider helping us with a donation, which will go towards making our church even more beautiful, and fitting for celebrating the birth of Our Saviour?

St. Mary's Christmas Fayre: a big 'Thank You' to all of you for your support of our successful Christmas Fayre, and a special word of thanks to Marie for her great organisation, and to all those who assisted on the day.

Day of Mission Retreat: Saturday 10 December, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stratherrick. See the poster for details.

Bambinelli Sunday: Sunday 11 December – 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.'*

Christingle Service: Sunday 18 December at 4.00pm – more details to follow – watch this space!

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

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

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)