

St. Mary's RC Church

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Parish Bulletin: 15 December 2024 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C (I); Psalter: Week 3)

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Saturday 14 November / Sunday 15 December	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C) GAUDETE / BAMBINELLI SUNDAY	Confession / Saturday Vigil Mass Sunday Morning Mass	5 pm / 6 pm 11.30 am
Monday 16 December	Monday of Week 3 in Advent	Holy Mass	10.00 am
Tuesday 17 December	Tuesday of Week 3 in Advent	Holy Mass	10.00 am
Wednesday 18 December	Wednesday of Week 3 in Advent	Holy Mass	10.00 am
Thursday 19 December	Thursday of Week 3 in Advent	Holy Mass	10.00 am
Friday 20 December	Friday of Week 3 in Advent Mass Intention: Mark Renton, RIP (Anniversary Recently)	Exposition & Confession Chaplet of Divine Mercy Holy Mass	9.00 am 9.45 am 10.00 am
Saturday 21 December / Sunday 22 December	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)	Confession / Saturday Vigil Mass Mass Intention: Rita Hely (Anniversary Recently) Sunday Morning Mass	5 pm / 6 pm 11.30 am

NEWS

TODAY! Sunday 15 December is Baminelli Sunday! Please bring in your Baby Jesus figures and Fr Domenico will bless them at both the Saturday Vigil and the Sunday Morning Masses.

ALSO this Sunday 15 December – The Children's Christingle Service. Children to arrive at the church hall at 2.30pm for a practice and to assemble the oranges for the service at 4pm.

Deanery Advent Talks: Each Wednesday evening, over three weeks of Advent, 6.00pm – 7.30pm. Wed 1 December at St. Mary's Inverness – Reflection by Fr. Max Nwosu. More information on the poster at the back of Church.

First Holy Communion June 2025: Children of P3 age or above are invited to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Please speak to Bridget Gordon or Maria McPherson for further information.

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

Thank you! Gift Aid: St. Mary's has just received a **windfall of £4,340.38**, for 2023-24. It is a wonderful surprise, and underlines the importance of Gift Aid contributions - at no extra expense to yourselves!

The Catholic Mothers' 2025 Diary Planner: a hardback full colour illustrated book, with hints, tips, recipes, arts and craft ideas, quotations, saints' days, Scripture Readings, prayers, devotions, reflections and much more. See <https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/read/68762073/catholic-mothers-planner-2025> for an example of the artwork. **Each volume costs £25.00.**

Christmas Mass times:

Tuesday 24 December: Christmas Vigil

St. Mary's Nairn – 6.00pm: Carols; 6.30pm: Vigil Mass; St. Columba's Culloden – 9.00pm: Carols; 9.30pm: Vigil Mass

Wednesday 25 December: Solemnity of the Nativity

St. Columba's Culloden – 9.30am: Mass of Christmas Day; St. Mary's Nairn – 11.30am: Mass of Christmas Day

PARISH FINANCES

Parish Collection for 8/9 December: £703 Christmas Fayre: £1700 Bank Statement, as of 29 November: £64,816.82

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Dorothy Ahern, Bruce Lamont, Ann Stewart, Austin Birks, Siobhan, Freddie Brown, Shirley Mackay, Fr. Peter Kelly, Hannah Davies, Giuseppe Balistreri, George Thompson.

RIP: Maddie Fox, Mary Baker

Anniversaries: Rita Healy, Mark Renton, Thomas Cullen (15 December 1926), Peter Mason (17 December 2021), Teresa McNeil (18 December 1924), Eric King (19 December 2011), James Smith (19 December 1923), Iñas Balzanelli (20 December 1996), John Joseph Higgins (20 December 1993), Katherine Wallace (20 December 1986), Patrick O'Donnell (20 December 1963)