

Calypso Cave Charity Thrift Shop (Burnside Road—former Test Centre)

Our Charity Shop is open. Please do visit the shop when you can, surely you will find some interesting things to buy for yourself or for your dear ones.

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Christmas with a difference!

Can you make some room for an international student over the Christmas period? HOST UK arranges for international students to enjoy brief homestays with UK hosts. If you should like to know more, go to our website www.hostuk.org or leave us a message on <http://visits.hostuk.org/Public/ApplyToBecomeAHost>

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St Vincent de Paul Society Group—E-mail: stbridessvdp@yahoo.com

St Vincent de Paul Society Group meets every second Thursday of the month at 10 am in St Bride’s Church. New members welcome.

Mass for the Sick and Elderly—Healing Mass: The SVDP group will also this year organize a mass for the sick and elderly with the possibility of receiving the Sacrament of the Anointing of the sick. All those who are over the age of retirement or that are sick can receive this special sacrament which is a prayer for healing. This mass will take place on **Thursday 6th December at 11 am in St Bride’s Pitlochry**. A light lunch will be provided afterwards.

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St. Andrew’s Children’s Society—Adoption and Foster Care

There are many children across Scotland who need stable, loving families to care for them on a long term or permanent basis. Could you provide the stability and love these children deserve? Would you like to hear more about whether adopting or fostering a child could be an option for you? **Contact us on 0131 454 3370 or info@standrews-children.org.uk**

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Volunteers in our Parish: We as a community can never be grateful enough to our volunteers, without them our parish cant function. Have you ever thought of volunteering something for our parish: Welcoming group before mass, teas and coffees, Catechists, helping with upkeep of the church. This community needs you and you will feel the joy of serving others as the Lord very often commended us.

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Collections **17th & 18th November / 24th & 25th November**

St Bride’s	£229.05	£256.00
Our Lady of Mercy’s	£194.79	£78.00
St Columba’s	£105.00	£43.50
Total	£528.84	£377.50

A big thank you to all of you who were generous with needy families by helping CAP provide them with a hamper and food voucher for this coming Christmas. Apart from the shopping we passed on to CAP a cheque of £296.22.

If you can offer to be *a volunteer* at the *Three Churches Charity Shop* in Dundeld, please contact Cathy Reid on 01350727327 or mobile 07871107467.

Our Parish Safeguarding co-Ordinator is **Liz Douglas** and can be reached on Tel: 07754121629, e-mail: lizdouglas03@gmail.com

Christmas Parish Lunch

It is a very nice tradition in our parish that each year before Christmas we have a Parish Lunch. The idea is to bring parishioners together to celebrate and get to know each other more. This year’s Christmas Parish Lunch will take place at Victoria’s in Pitlochry on Sunday 16th of December. You can see the menu on the notice board and book your place on the sheet provided. This lunch costs £21.95 and we appreciate it if payments are made before hand. There is also a children’s Menu that you can see on the notice board which cost £10.95 Please do not lose this opportunity of joy in our parish’s yearly calendar. **Next Sunday is the last day for selecting from the menu and paying.**

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ORDER OF MALTA PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Friday 3rd May to Thursday 9th May 2019

For further information and an application form, please contact Mrs Kim O’Connor, our Head Nurse, before 14 January 2019: Mrs Kim O’Connor, 32 Scalebor Gardens, Burley in Wharfedale ILKLEY, LS29 7BX; E-mail: k6oconnor@aol.com

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Poor Missions Fund—Second Collection on Sat 1st and Sun 2nd Dec

This weekend we will have a Second Collection which will go to support various diocesan and national Charities. Me we all be as generous as we can to support those who are in need.

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Loneliness

Loneliness is something which can happen to any of us at some time in our lives. Perhaps because we’ve moved somewhere new or lost someone dear to us. Maybe friends or family have moved away or maybe there’s just us left. Whatever the reason, it’s a pretty desperate situation to be in. And it’s one of the most difficult challenges many of us will face at some time in our lives. In our own community there are people who need someone to befriend them right now. Someone who can offer a little companionship or give them a little practical support. All it takes is a little time once a week or maybe even once a fortnight. To visit them, chat with them or perhaps go for a short walk with them. If you think you could spare even an hour or so every week or two please get in touch. There are people not far from here who need your support . You can contact us on gien_a_haund@yahoo.com or call 07754099939. (John) or 07830402407 (Lindsay). Please get in touch.

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Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary the Mother of Jesus.

Coming Saturday the 8th of December the Church celebrates one of the great feasts to Our Lady, that is her Immaculate Conception: This means that Mary because she was chosen to be the Mother of God was freed from sin from the moment of her conception until the last moment of her life. This is not by her own power but by the power of Jesus her Son. To Celebrate this great day in our parish we will have mass in St Bride’s Pitlochry at 10.00 am. At 9.30 am we say the Rosary as a prayer for our parish.

Welcome to all our Visitors

We are very happy to welcome visitors to our parish as visitors are a percentage of our community throughout the year. Any donations given by visitors who pay tax are worth 25% more if they are Gift Aided. Gift Aid envelopes are provided on the table at the back of the church and all you need to do is fill out the details at the back of the envelope where you put your donation. If you need any assistance, please talk to Fr. Edward. Thanks very much.

Gift Aid: We are very grateful to all those who support our community. If you are a taxpayer and you would like to help our community we suggest you join Gift Aid. To do so all you need to do is to fill up a form provided by the parish. This would mean that the parish will get 25% tax refund on the donation you contribute. You can either donate by Standing Order or by putting your cash donation in a Gift Aid envelope provided. If you need a standing order form to take to your bank, or if you prefer to use weekly envelopes, please contact Father Edward.

The Mustard Seed Bible Group: Every last Thursday of the Month at 7.00 pm you have the opportunity to learn more about the most important book ever written, the HOLY BIBLE, by attending a **prayer/study/reading group** run by Fr. Edward. It's purpose is to implant the seed of God's Word and Love in our Life. **Next prayer group will take place Thursday 3rd January in Our Lady of Mercy's Aberfeldy.** As preparation please read the Book of Exodus.

A Prayer for our Parish

God our Father, we thank you for the place in which you have called us to live, and work and worship. Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon our parish, and may the seed of your grace sown in our hearts grow and bear fruit.

Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word and a new consecration to your service. As you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world to bring the light of your love into our darkness, so may we go in your name to the people amongst whom we live and work, may we be for them the light of your presence.

Guide and protect our bishop and our priest,
and may your love grow among us and your kingdom come.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readers / Eucharistic Ministers

	This Sunday		Next Sunday
St. Columba's	R. Phyllis Ponsonby		Maryanne Blackburn
	E.M. Liz Douglas		Alan Blackburn
Our Lady of Mercy	R. Jason O'Flynn		Barbara Tinto
St. Bride's	R: Jean Igo &	Juergen v. Haldenwang	& Barbara Bright
	E.M. Thomas S. Fotheringham	Jean Igo &	
	& Andrew Holmes	Teddy v. Haldenwang	
Teas and Coffees	Anne & Tim Rogers		Pat Sheppard

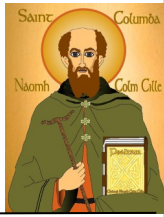


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Sunday Mass Times

St. Columba's Birnam	Saturday Vigil Mass	6.00 pm
Our Lady of Mercy's Aberfeldy		9.30 am
St. Bride's Pitlochry		11.30 am

Weekday Mass Times (Monday no Mass)

Tuesday (First of the Month) Our Lady of Mercy Aberfeldy		9.30 am
	<i>Followed by Adoration Rosary and Benediction at about 10.30 am</i>	
Wednesday	St. Bride's Pitlochry	9.30 am
Thursday	St. Bride's Pitlochry	11.00 am
	<i>Mass for the Sick and Elderly—Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.</i>	
Friday (First of the Month) St. Bride's Pitlochry		9.30 am
	<i>Followed by Adoration until 12.30 pm.</i>	
Saturday	St. Bride's Pitlochry (Immaculate Conception)	10.00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Bride's Pitlochry	1st Friday of the Month	12noon—12. 25 pm
Our Lady of Mercy's Aberfeldy	1st Tuesday of the Month	10.00am—10.25 am
St Columba's Birnam	1st Saturday of the Month	5.30 pm—5.55 pm

If you like to experience God's love and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession please contact Fr Edward on telephone number 01796 472174

First Sunday of Advent—Year C **Sunday, 2nd December, 2018**

Response to the Psalm:

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.

Alleluia!

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