



Our Holy Redeemer, Stornoway Ar Fear-Saoraidh Naomh, Steòrnabhagh

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Fourth Sunday of Advent 19th December 2021

Mass Times:

Feasts this week.

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Tuesday, St. Peter Canisius

Sunday 11am

Whilst last Sunday's General Absolution was well received, and most people saw it as an appropriate response to the ongoing threat of Covid, and especially with the Omicron variant arriving on our shores, I will still offer confession to anyone who wishes it by appointment this week. You can have Confession in the Confessional, the sacristy or in my house as you wish. Just one at a time (or families/households).

Sunday 2pm (Harris)

Monday 12:30pm

If anyone wants a house Mass, I am very willing to facilitate it. I am thinking mostly of those people who are wanting to avoid crowded areas or who feel that the Church might become too busy for them to feel comfortable. I think this is a way we can reach out to people who are cautious about Covid.

Tuesday, 12:30pm

Wednesday 12:30pm

Thursday, 12:30pm

As an aside to that last point, if anyone would like a visit while my Dad is here, please let me know. He has visited quite a few people already on past visits but in the current climate I would not want to knock on doors without knowing that we were expected first. He will be here until the first week of January.

Friday, 12:30pm

Friday 6pm

Christmas Vigil

As you will know, Christmas falls on a Saturday this year. There will be Midnight Mass (we will begin with a few carols at 11:45pm). On Christmas Day there will be Mass at 11am. There will be no Vigil Mass for Sunday, and then on Sunday (Boxing Day), Mass will be at 11am and then 2pm in Harris.

Saturday 12:00am

Midnight Mass (11:45 carols)

Saturday 11 am

Christmas Day

I have decided to add a Mass at 6pm on Christmas Eve, a Christmas Vigil Mass. I feel that this might suit people with families, and it also gives a bit of extra availability in the event that social distancing rules are reimposed with the arrival of the omicron variant.

(Saturday 2pm

Christmas Day)* if required*

I am considering (and will be available for) a further Mass on Christmas Day at 2pm. This is purely due to the Omicron variant, to allow as much 'temporal spacing' as possible over Christmas. The more Masses that are available, the less density there will be, and the more we can spread out. This Mass will only take place if there is a demand for it, so please let me know if it is something you would be interested in.

Collection:

Offertory £150.00

Votives £18.00

Cards etc. £32

School £310.00

Next Sunday, 2nd January, is the Epiphany, and as usual there will be a Special Collection for Justice and Peace. Thank you as ever for your generosity.

S.O.: £220.00

As last year I am going to put out a sheet for you to indicate which Mass you prefer to go to. Unlike last year there is no absolute maximum. However, with the advent of Omicron, I will impose a 'soft' limit of 40 per Mass using the green pews.

**"The Lord is coming, always coming.
When you have ears to hear and eyes to
see, you will recognise Him at any
moment in your life. Life is Advent; Life
is recognising the coming of the Lord"**

Henri Nouwen

Confession	On appointment only,
Divine Office	Week 4
Sunday readings	Micah 5:1-4; Ps 79
	Heb 10:5-10, Lk 1:39-44
Weekday readings	Fourth Week of Advent