

Entrance Antiphon

Dn 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, 42

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Collect

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning
and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon
us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the
treasures of heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who
lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever.

First reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You object,
“What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what
I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright
man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of
this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed.
When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and hon-
est, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous
sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.

Psalm

Psalm 24:4-9

Remember your mercy, Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord.

In you I hope all day long
because of your goodness, O Lord.
Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me.

Remember your mercy, Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor.
Remember your mercy, Lord.

Second reading

Philippians 2:1-5

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at
all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and
sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your
love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the
one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be
no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self

-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than
yourself, So that nobody thinks of his own interests first but every-
body thinks of other people’s interests instead. In your minds you
must be the same as Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, ‘What is
your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first,
“My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I
will not go,” but afterwards thought better of it and went. The
man then went and said the same thing to the second who an-
swered, “Certainly, sir,” but did not go. Which of the two did the
father’s will?’ ‘The first’ they said. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you
solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into
the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern
of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax
collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused
to think better of it and believe in him.’

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, O merciful God,
that this our offering may find acceptance with you
and that through it the wellspring of all blessing
may be laid open before us.
Through Christ our Lord.

Sunday 11.15am Mass		
Introit		At the name of the Lord let every knee bend, in heaven, on earth and under the earth; for the Lord became obedient unto death, even death on the Cross; that is why Jesus Christ is the Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
Proclamation	576	Praise my soul
Offertory	131	Amazing grace
Communion Antiphon		Be mindful of your word to your servant, O Lord, in which you caused me to hope; this has been my comfort in my affliction.
Communion	461	Love divine
	250	Father, in my life I see
Recessional	521	O Jesus Christ, remember

Sunday Bulletin

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MEDITATION

The prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel introduced a
new insight. It is not only the nation as a whole that
must make moral choices and suffer their
consequences. Every person must decide to obey or
disobey the word of God spoken in the Law and the
prophets; and every person must take the
consequences. In that sense, judgment belongs to
the one who makes the choice, not to the God who
accepts it. We are fair or unfair to ourselves.

Both prophet and evangelist remind us that no
choice is definitive except the final one. The son may
say one thing now and do another later. In fact,
most of us have played both the first son and the
second: we have made commitments we have not
kept and kept commitments we had not made. Our
lives are always in the making through the process
of decision. Yet we shape ourselves gradually into
one consistent pattern of obedience or
disobedience by the choices we make.





The gospel, echoing many an Old Testament
passage, suggests that it is not we alone who are
affected by the outcome. In the parable, the man is
father to both sons. In the story of Jesus, God is
parent to the chief priests and elders as well as to
the tax collectors and prostitutes. He sends the
word of salvation to them both. We can imagine the
father standing at his door awaiting the return of
both the sons he sent to the vineyard. And only one
appears.



Whatever our past choices, today's message is clear:
now is always the time to repent and believe. No
one is so urgent about our decision as the God who
has given us both the choice and the power to make
it in Christ Jesus. "Do I indeed derive any pleasure
from the death of the wicked? Do I not rather
rejoice when he turns from his evil way that he may
live?"
(Ezk 18:23).

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Confessions Tuesdays: 6pm Saturdays: 10.30am & 6pm	
Prayer of the Church Morning Prayer Monday—Friday: 7.30am Saturday: 9.40am Evening Prayer Thursday (Sung) 6.30pm	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Monday to Saturday —1 hour before Mass Monday to Friday — 7.30am to 8.30am	
Communion for Sick and Housebound Trudy Coker (See above)	
Family Planning Nature’s Way Margaret Hammond (07891) 358 114 mgthammond13@yahoo.co.uk	

Mass Times				
Date	Details	Service	Time	Mass Intentions
Sun 28th	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass-Polish Solemn Mass Mass-Polish Mass	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Dieseru Family Parish Intentions
Mon 29th	Feast of Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael	Mass Com. Service	7.00am 12.30pm	Private Intention
Tue 30th	Memorial of St Jerome	Mass Mass	7.00am 7.00pm	Jessica Ajufoh Birthday
Wed 1st	Memorial of St Teresa of the Child Jesus	Mass Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	Priests of Aberdeen Parish Intentions
Thu 2nd	Memorial of the Guardian Angels	Mass Com. Service	7.00am 7.00pm	Gjoseph McNamara
Fri 3rd		Mass Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	Maureen Buchanan Margaret Adamaszek RIP
Sat 4th	Memorial of St Francis of Assisi	Mass Mass	10.00am 7.00pm	Priest's of Aberdeen Nathan Emanuel RIP
Sun 5th	Diocesan Solemnity of the Dedication of St Mary's Cathedral	Mass Mass-Polish Solemn Mass Mass-Polish Mass	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Special Int. Jessica Ajuroh Private Intention Kay Crow
Mass Intention Envelopes			Mass Intentions	
These can be found at the back of the Church. Add details & post through Clergy House letter box (please do not put into the Offertory basket). Recommended offering for each Mass is £5.00.			Due to the large number of intentions it may not be possible for Mass to be celebrated on your preferred date or at the Cathedral itself. The Sunday 11.15 am Mass is normally reserved for the Administrator's Intentions for the Parish.	
Offertory 21/09/14: £3,812.25			Polish: £1,070.70 Mary's Meals: £1797.00	
<div><div><div>Coffee after Mass</div></div><div><div>St Vincent de Paul</div><div>Collection: £90.02</div><div>Donation: £10.00</div><div>Food Bill (23/09/14): £168.09</div></div><div></div></div> <p>£4,000 Donation</p> <p>Our thanks to all 104 members of the 200 Club for your generosity. You raised £7,245 during the year ending 31st March 2014 and were able to donate £4,000 to the parish renovation fund.</p> <p>Diocesan Choir rehearsal dates: October 28th; November 18th,25th;December 2nd, 9th, 16th in the Cathedral Upper Hall at 7.30pm</p>				
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE CHRISTIAN PEOPLE IN IRAQ				
We ask Our Blessed Virgin Mary to protect all Christians around the world who are oppressed or persecuted because of their Faith in her son Our Lord Jesus Christ.				
Youth				
<div>ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP (12-17's)</div> <div></div> <div>This new group will begin on Friday 10th October from 6.30 to 9 pm in the Chapter Room for prayer, Pizza & games. Contact: (07754) 891808 or standrewscommunity@cathedral-abdn.org</div>			<div><div></div><div>MONASTIC EXPERIENCE WEEKEND A special opportunity to see at first hand what monastic life at Pluscarden Abbey is about, from 7th to 10th Nov. No charge for the weekend. For single young Catholic men who practise their faith, aged 18 - 35. Contact Fr. Benedict Hardy OSB: novicemaster@pluscardenabbey.org</div></div>	

Cathedral News	
October Rosary October is the month of the Holy Rosary, it is also during this month that the Synod on the Family takes place. We invite you to take up the rosary this month and pray together each day in the Cathedral at 6.30pm (Thursdays at 6pm) for the synod and your own intentions.	ACCOMMODATION WANTED University students seeking accommodation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Nigerian post-graduate Joseph Amaechi: (07459) 156 928Lucrezia Dalcarlo, a Catholic, requires accommodation for coming year: (00 393) 485 151 849Mary Hardy, American postgraduate starting 5th January 2015: mhardy20@gmail.com If you can help please get in touch with the parish office. Thank you.
Please note that Fr Keith will be absent from the Cathedral from the 1st to the 8th October	Book shop sale Lots of great bargains to be had in the great Cathedral Book Shop sale: Sweatshirts; Bags; Books; Candles; DVD's etc. all at knock down prices!
First Friday Adoration Friday 3rd October from 7am to 7pm in the Chapter Room. Please sign up for an hour using the form provided at the back of the church. All welcome.	GRAND JUMBLE SALE Saturday 22nd November from 10.30am to 2.30pm in the Main Hall. Help us to raise funds to keep the church up. Men's, woman's and children clothes including many designer garments for sale as well as books, toys, a bake stall and Bric-a-brac. Come buy your Christmas presents and win a Christmas Cake!!!!
Our Lady of Aberdeen Prayer Group The Prayer Group will lead the Rosary during Adoration on Friday 3rd October at 1.30pm in the Chapter Room. Please join us.	Deanery & Diocese NEWMAN ASSOCIATION Next meeting on Thursday 2nd October at 7.30 pm. Fr Peter Barry will talk on “How to dialogue with growing World Faiths”, on the 50th anniversary of <i>Nostra Aetate</i> , the Vatican II document on inter-faith. Tea/coffee served. All are welcome; donation of £1.50 to cover costs. APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA CONCERTS Favourite songs and arias sung by Jackie Lawrence, soprano Friday 3rd Oct., 7.30pm at St Peter's, Castlegate. Saturday 4th Oct., 7.30pm at St Mary's Blairs, South Deeside Road Tickets £10 available from John Murray Tel: (01224) 483 667 MONTHLY AFRICAN MASS Every Second Sunday of the month at St Columba's, Braehead Way, Bridge of Don, AB22 8RR at 12:30 pm (Bus Nos 1 & 2). All enquiries to Vincent Amu: vincent.amu@btinternet.com or Divine Ikenwilo: lkdivine@yahoo.com METHODS OF TEACHING WORKSHOP Methods of Teaching Workshop for all Catechists at Bishop's House on Saturday November 15th from 10.30am to 3pm. To book a place: (01224) 638 675 or gilviecentre@dioceseofaberdeen.org SVDP DANCE AND BUFFET Friday 21st November @ 7.30pm Fund-raiser in the Parish Hall, Church of Our Lady of Aberdeen, Kincorth. Live music with Ronnie Sinclair. Tickets £10.00, available from Jack Finnie at the back of the church or call (01224) 645 940. COELIAC If you are a Coeliac with an intolerance to gluten please speak to a member of the clergy before Mass.
Discovery Day - Saturday 4th October An opportunity to learn more about Godly Play and experience the stories and theory behind the practice. St Devenick's Church Hall, Bielside AB159AP from 10am - 4pm. To reserve a place, please contact: admin@godlyplayscotland.co.uk	
Sunday 5th October Next Sunday is the Diocesan Solemnity of the Dedication of St Mary's Cathedral. The Sunday Masses will be celebrated by the Franciscan Friars from the Friary of Duns Scotus which has recently been established at the University of Aberdeen's Catholic Chaplaincy.	
JOURNEY OF FAITH A new series of presentations on the Catholic faith for those who want to deepen their understanding of their faith or for those who are not Catholic but interested in learning more about it. Tuesdays at 7.30pm in the Lower Hall This week: 'The Incarnation' and 'The Eucharist' <i>Begins with supper!</i> Contact: Ann Ryans (07545) 615 198	
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  Monday to Friday 7 am to 7 pm Starting from October 13th to December Commit one hour each week to the Lord Contact: (07754) 891 808 or standrewscommunity@cathedral-abdn.org	
CONFIRMATION CLASSES (For P7 – S2 and not attending a Catholic School) Classes begin on 7th November and will be held each Friday from 4.00pm to 5.00pm in the Cathedral House. Register before November on Cathedral website and read about our new, exciting programme.	
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES Parents of Children at non-Catholic schools should Register NOW for the classes this session: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Reconciliation for pupils in P3 (and over)Holy Communion for pupils in P4 (and over) For more information and the Registration Form: www.stmaryscathedralaberdeen.org	

Weekly Calendar	
Mon	Credo Community Meeting Polish charismatic prayer group. Main Hall at 7.30pm . Contact: Fr Tomasz Klin SJ
Tue	Magnificat Prayer Group Main Hall after Mass Contact: Paul Akagwu (07574) 103 852 St. Vincent de Paul Feeding the homeless Contact: Evelyn Murray Journey of Faith For those interested in learning more about the Faith or becoming Catholic Lower Hall after Mass Contact: Fr. Keith
Wed	Light Exercise Class for all Main Hall—10:00am Contact: Laura Walker (0777 3) 021 851 laura@laurawalkerlimited.co.uk Seniors Club Speakers, fun & fellowship Main Hall at 2 pm every 2 weeks Contact: Winnie on (01224) 632 465. African Choir For Africans and anyone else. Upper Hall from 6 - 8.00pm Contact: Kingsley Emeye (07956) 039 763
Thu	Healing of Memories Prayer for the healing of painful memories of the past so as to bring peace to the present. Clergy House at 2.30pm (by appointment) Contact: Deacon Tony Legion of Mary Members serve the Church as needed Lower Hall at 5.30pm Contact: Nogie Osula nogisula@yahoo.com Flower Arrangers Contact: Pixie Mather (01224) 321 953 Cenacolo Prayer Group Exposition & Rosary praying for healing of those with addictions. Church after Mass Contact: Liam Sharkey (07774) 931 996 liam.sharkey@fsmail.net 6pm Music Group Contemporary music for the Sunday 6pm Mass Upper Hall after Mass Contact: Margaret Spence mag.m.spencer@btinternet.com
Fri	Our Lady of Aberdeen Prayer Group Gentle prayer & praise Chapter Room from 1.30 - 2.30pm Contact: Teresa Coyne 07901851526
Sat	Church Cleaning Church at 10.30am Contact: Joyce Webster (01224) 319 154 African Choir As above Upper Hall from 6 - 8.00pm
Sun	11:15 Choir Leading the music for 11.15 Sunday Mass Upper Hall 10.00am Contact: David & Liz Meiklejohn