

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 24: 1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Collect

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand,
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.
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

Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down!
– at your Presence the mountains would melt.

No ear has heard,
no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

Psalm

Psalm 79:2-3,15-16,18-19

Lord of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

Second reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation

Ps84:8

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

Gospel

Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

Communion Antiphon

Ps 84: 13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and the earth shall yield its increase.

Sunday 11.15am Mass		
Introit		Unto you have I lifted up my soul. O my God, I trust in you, let me not be put to shame; do not allow my enemies to laugh at me; for none of those who are awaiting you will be disappointed.
Proclamation	316	Hark! a herald voice
Responsorial Psalm		God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.
Offertory	418	Let all mortal flesh keep silence
Communion Antiphon		The Lord will bestow his loving kindness, and our land will yield its fruit.
Communion	461	Love divine
	867	Holy God
Recessional	521	O Jesus Christ remember

Sunday Bulletin


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St. Mary's Cathedral

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Meditation

"Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down..." Once again, at the beginning of Advent, this cry rises to God, borne up by the certainty of a kingdom already among us but not yet completed. For our God is a God who comes: "He who was, and who is, and who is to come!" (Rv 4:8)

Once again, we must situate ourselves properly before this mystery which draws near. It would be useless to speculate about the moment of the final manifestation of the Lord. That is an old temptation to which troubled societies regularly succumb. Even today many sects set themselves up as prophets of doom. It is not the date of the Parousia but its character which must concern us. It will pronounce judgement on all of history and on our personal lives.



In the face of this coming of the Son of Man which no one can foresee or prevent, in the face of this long vigil through the night of this world, it is best to remain always on the alert, to be aware of our responsibility toward the present, and to recognize the eternal significance of every moment.

Paul calls the vigilant Christian to give thanks without ceasing. Thanksgiving is not an expression of smug complacency. With this awareness of what we are not yet and do not yet do, we turn toward the One who is the beginning and the end of all things. We renounce what delays and announce what hastens his coming. Then, like a thorn in the world's flesh we become a goad to the world's vigilance, triumphing over sleep and stirring up hope: "Come, Lord Jesus!" (Rv 22:20).

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Notices

Rosary:

Saturdays

10.30pm

Confessions:

Tuesdays

6pm

Saturdays

10.30am & 6pm

Adoration:

Monday - Friday

7.30am to 7pm

standrewscommunity@cathedral-abdn.org

Morning Prayer:

Monday - Friday

7.30am

Saturdays

9.40am

Evening Prayer:

Thursdays

6.30pm (Sung)

Housebound:

Trudy Coker (See above)

To arrange communion visits

Coeliacs

Please speak to a member of the clergy

before Mass to arrange communion

Family Planning Nature’s Way

Margaret Hammond:

07891) 358 114

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Children

Mass is screened live to the Main Hall should your child be-

come restless during Mass.

Children should always be accompanied to the toilet by a

parent or guardian.

Cathedral Car Parking

Open outside office hours & for midday Mass on Mondays,

Wednesdays and Fridays at 12.00 - 1.15pm (if available).

Mass Times

Date	Details	Service	Time	Mass Intentions
Sun 30th	1st Sunday of Advent	Mass Mass-Polish Solemn Mass Mass-Polish Mass	8.00am 9.30 am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Int. of Pricilla & Jonathan Fink For the Diocese For the Parish
Mon 1st	Saint Andrew, Apostle Solemnity	Mass Mass Solemn Mass	7.00am 12.30pm 7.00pm	Private Intention Agnelo Silvia Raju & family RIP
Tue 2nd		Mass Mass	7.00am 7.00pm	Souls in Purgatory Apolonia R Fernandes
Wed 3rd	Saint Francis Xavier, Priest	Mass Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	Samantha Brady RIP Margaret Eze & Thomas Onuh
Thu 4th		Mass Mass	7.00am 7.00pm	Thanksgiving Dieseru family Timothy Edwards RIP
Fri 5th		Mass Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	Mary Dieseru RIP Eduardo Sanchez
Sat 6th	Saint Nicholas, Bishop	Rorate Mass Mass Mass	8.00am 10.00am 7.00pm	Thanksgiving Holy Family Maurice G. Soord
Sun 7th	2nd Sunday of Advent	Mass Mass-Polish Solemn Mass Mass-Polish Mass	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Thanksgiving all Saints For the Parish

Mass Intention Envelopes

At the back of the Church. Print details and post through Clergy House letter box.

It may not always be possible for Mass to be celebrated on your preferred date or at the

Recommended offering for each Mass is £5.

Sunday 11:15 Mass is normally reserved for the Administrator’s or Bishop’s Intentions for the Parish or Diocese

Offertory 23/11/14: £2505.87

Polish: £1038.70

Coffee after Mass

St Vincent de Paul

Thanks to everyone for your donations!

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Youth

ST. MARY’S YOUTH GROUP

(12-17’s)

Fridays 6.30 to 9 pm

Chapter Room

Prayer, Pizza & games

Contact: 07754 891 808 or

standrewscommunity@cathedral-abdn.org

FAITH FORMATION SEMINARS

“Advent Parables” &
“Jesus in the Early Councils”

Saturday 6th December

Led by Bishop Hugh.

As usual we will begin with adoration from 7pm and end with Night Prayer. For Catholics between 18 and 35. Bring a Bible and a friend

Bishop’s House 3 Queen’s Cross AB15 4XU

11, 13 and X17 Buses - Queen’s Cross stop, in grounds of St Joseph’s Primary School

<http://nazareth.dioceseofaberdeen.org>

Check out the new diocesan youth website for the first edition of Northern Lights - our online newsletter, including the latest news on recent and upcoming events, pilgrimages, retreats and youth groups for teenagers.

Cathedral News

Aid to the Church in Need

Please join Aid to the Church in Need in prayer this Advent and ask God to protect the Christian people in the Middle East who are suffering persecution because of their faith:
Almighty and everlasting God we ask that you comfort the millions of Christians who are unjustly discriminated and persecuted against for simply believing in you and proclaiming your name.
We ask especially this Advent that your Holy Spirit will be with our Christian brothers and sisters in the Middle East, bringing healing, relief and hope to them and their families.
We thank you Lord for the work of ACN, that this Christmas will be delivering food, shelter, medicine and gifts to the children.
We know that Christians who live in the Middle East, the birth place of our Lord, are particularly vulnerable to attack during their special Christmas celebrations and so ask that you to bless and protect your people.
Heavenly father we also ask you to change the hearts of those who persecute and convert them to a life of love. Amen.
For further information about ACN and our work please contact Lorraine McMahon on (01698) 337 470 or email lorraine.mcmahon@acnuk.org

THANK YOU

to all who helped set up, clear away, donated and sold for the Parish Jumble sale on a rather wet and dreich Saturday morning. Your help was very much appreciated.
We made over £300!!
Pixie Mather

BOOK OF THE MONTH

Through the year with Pope Francis £12.99
Beautiful icons by Maria Gurreria, including Our Lady of Aberdeen
Advent Calendars & Candles, Christmas Cards & Liturgical Calendars also available

CHRISTMAS TOMBOLA

In Aid of Cathedral Renovation Fund to be held on the 4th Sunday of Advent In the Porch after each Mass
Donations of items for the tombola are required from:
• a Bottle of Whisky to a hot water bottle
• a box of chocolates to a box of crackers toys to toiletries
Please bring your items to Mass with you over the next two weekends

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

Consecrated Life in the church today

A dove supports on one wing a polyhedral globe, and while resting on the water, it safeguards with the other wing three stars that arise from the water.

Begins 1st Sunday of Advent

The Logo for the Year of Consecrated Life expresses through symbols the fundamental values of consecrated life. In it we recognise the “unceasing work of the Holy Spirit, who in every age shows forth the richness of the practice of the evangelical counsels through a multiplicity of charisms. In this way too he makes ever present in the Church and in the world, in time and space, the mystery of Christ” (VC 5).

In the lines that outline the form of the dove one can intuit the word ‘Peace’ in Arabic: this is a reminder that consecrated life is called to be the

CATHEDRAL PARISH MANAGER VACANCY

20 hrs./week £15,600 PA

Please see poster at the back of the church

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HEALING SERVICE

Thursday 4th December at 7.30pm

St Columba’s, Bridge of Don

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

Thursday 4th December at 7.30pm

Bishop’s House, 3 Queen’s Cross. Dr Shelagh Noden will give a presentation entitled “And they say our Choir is not a bad one”. Seasonal refreshments provided. Minimum donation of £1.50.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Saturday 6th December 3.00—6.00 pm

St Mary’s Chapel, Blairs. Adults £5 and Children £2. Refreshments included
• Performance by Rock Choir At 4pm
• A forest of decorated Christmas trees
• Fun games for the children
• Community carol singing
• Homemade cakes and cookies
• Access to Blairs Museum
Trees on sale at the end of the event

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Friday 19th December at 7pm

The Diocesan choir would like to invite singers to join their rehearsals for this event on Tuesdays at 7.30 in the Cathedral Upper Hall. A selection of Christmas music to suit all singing abilities.
secretary@aberdeendiocesanchoir.org.uk

VACANCY

Senior Nursery Practitioner, Fersands Family Centre. See poster at the back of the church.

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 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 07901 851 526

Youth Group

For teenagers between 11 & 17

Lower Hall from 6.30 to 9pm

Contact: St. Andrew’s Community

07754 891 808

standrewscommunity@cathedral-abdn.org

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

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