

<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	
Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.	
<b>Collect</b> O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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.	
<b>First reading</b>	<b>1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13</b>
The Lord said to Samuel, ‘Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.’ When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, ‘Surely the Lord’s anointed stands there before him,’ but the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Take no notice of his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.’ Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, ‘The Lord has not chosen these.’ He then asked Jesse, ‘Are these all the sons you have?’ He answered, ‘There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.’ Then Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.’ Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, ‘Come, anoint him, for this is the one.’ At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.	
<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Psalm 22:1-6</b>
<i>R. The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.</i>	
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. <i>R.</i>	
He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. <i>R.</i>	
You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. <i>R.</i>	
Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. <i>R.</i>	
<b>Second reading</b>	<b>Ephesians 5:8-14</b>
You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:  Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.	
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	<b>Jn8:12</b>
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!	
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>John 9:1-41</b>
	As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, ‘Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?’ ‘Neither he nor his parents sinned,’ Jesus answered ‘he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him.  ‘As long as the day lasts I must carry out the work of the one who sent me; the night will soon be here when no one can work. As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world.’  Having said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, ‘Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam’ (a name that means ‘sent’). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.  His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, ‘Isn’t this the man who used to sit and beg?’ Some said, ‘Yes, it is the same one.’ Others said, ‘No, he only looks like him.’ The man himself said, ‘I am the man.’ So they said to him, ‘Then how do your eyes come to be open?’ ‘The man called Jesus’ he answered ‘made a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said to me, “Go and wash at Siloam”; so I went, and when I washed I could see.’ They asked, ‘Where is he?’ ‘I don’t know’ he answered.  They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man’s eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, ‘He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.’ Then some of the Pharisees said, ‘This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.’ Others said, ‘How could a sinner produce signs like this?’ And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, ‘What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?’ ‘He is a prophet’ replied the man. However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first sending for his parents and asking them, ‘Is this man really your son who you say was born blind? If so, how is it that he is now able to see?’ His parents answered, ‘We know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but we do not know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself.’ His parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, ‘He is old enough; ask him.’  So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, ‘Give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner.’ The man answered, ‘I don’t know if he is a sinner; I only know that I was blind and now I can see.’ They said to him, ‘What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?’ He replied, ‘I have told you once and you wouldn’t listen. Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want to become his disciples too?’ At this they hurled abuse at him: ‘You can be his disciple,’ they said ‘we are disciples of Moses: we know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.’ The man replied, ‘Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes, and you don’t know where he comes from! We know that God doesn’t listen to sinners, but God does listen to men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn’t do a thing.’ ‘Are you trying to teach us,’ they replied ‘and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!’ And they drove him away.  Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, ‘Do you believe in the Son of Man?’ ‘Sir,’ the man replied ‘tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.’ Jesus said, ‘You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.’ The man said, ‘Lord, I believe’, and worshipped him.  Jesus said: ‘It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind.’ Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, ‘We are not blind, surely?’ Jesus replied: ‘Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, “We see,” your guilt remains.
<b>Communion Antiphon</b> The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.	

# Sunday Bulletin

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TOGETHER  
IN CHRIST



## Meditation

*“I only know that I was blind and now I can see”*

"I came into this world to divide it, to make the sightless see and the seeing blind" (John 9:39). The parables of Jesus propose the paradox of a faith perceived by the simple and disregarded by the wise. Under the gaze of Christ, the light of the world, people choose either for or against him. Some pretend to see and know him. But they keep to their limited views, and it is by the measure of their narrow wisdom that they gauge the works of the divine envoy. If they refuse to believe in him, they can base their case only upon the blindness of their hearts: "We have no idea where this man comes from" (John 9:29).

The healed blind man knows only one thing: the man who opened his eyes must come from God. For him and for us, all of life depends upon this humble certi-

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<b>Hall Bookings:</b>	<a href="mailto:halls@cathedral-abdn.org">halls@cathedral-abdn.org</a> Call between 9am & 1pm only Terms & Conditions see Parish website
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Notices	
<b>Way of Cross:</b>	½ hr. before weekday Masses (not Thurs.)
<b>Rosary:</b>	Saturdays 10.30pm
<b>Confessions:</b>	Tuesdays 6pm Saturdays 10.30am & 6pm
<b>Adoration:</b>	Monday to Friday 6.30am to 7pm 1 hour before Masses on Saturday
<b>Morning Prayer:</b>	Monday - Friday 7.30am Saturdays 9.40am
<b>Evening Prayer:</b>	Thursdays 6.30pm
<b>Night Prayer:</b>	Thursdays 8.30pm
<b>Housebound?</b>	Trudy Coker (See above) To arrange communion visits
<b>Coeliacs:</b>	Please speak to a member of the clergy before Mass to arrange communion
<b>Family Planning Nature’s Way</b> Margaret Hammond: 07891 358 114 <a href="mailto:mgthammond13@yahoo.co.uk">mgthammond13@yahoo.co.uk</a>	
<b>Children</b> If restless: Mass screened live in Main Hall To be accompanied to the toilet by a parent or guardian	


Mass Times				
Date	Details	Service	Time	Mass Intentions
Sun 15th	4th Sunday of Lent	Mass Mass-Polish Solemn Mass Mass-Polish Mass	8.00am 9.30 am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.00pm	For God's Blessing Uti Ebiken Yen  For the Diocese
Mon 16th		Mass Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	Sam Raphael Mathew Mrs. Maclaren RIP
Tue 17th	Feast of St Patrick	Mass Mass	7.00am 7.00pm	Intentions of Cowan Watson For Easter Retreat
Wed 18th		Mass Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	Isabella Doherty RIP Michael Hughes & Dalgarno Family
Thu 19th	Solemnity of St Joseph	Mass Mass	7.00am 7.00pm	Josephina Dorrell RIPFor God's Intentions of Vivienne Okonta
Fri 20th		Mass Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	Raymond Kelly RIP
Sat 21st		Mass Mass	10.00am 7.00pm	Intentions of Gina Chiegboka For Easter Retreat
Sun 22nd	5th Sunday of Lent	Mass Mass-Polish Solemn Mass Mass-Polish Mass	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.00pm	For God's Blessing Uti Ebiken Yen  For the Parish  Holy Souls/Victims of the Holocaust
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 Cathedral itself.		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		





‘Real’ Coffee after Mass

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**  
March 8th: £259.14  
Donations:£6.00 (Mystery Donor);  
£20.24 (Aberdeen Students);  
£25.00 (Power Motion).  
Food Expenses: £220.05



Youth	
<b>POWER OF GRACE</b> A day retreat for Teens (12-16) at Greyfriars Convent Elgin, IV30 1DA. On Saturday 6th June. Time 11am-6pm. Free but registration is required. Contact <a href="mailto:dominican.sisters@dioceseofaberdeen.org">dominican.sisters@dioceseofaberdeen.org</a> <b>NEW EVANGELIZATION RETREAT</b> 19th-21st June at St. Michael’s Centre in Tomintoul. For all teens (15-18). Please contact Sister Christina, O.P at <a href="mailto:dominican.sisters@dioceseofaberdeen.org">dominican.sisters@dioceseofaberdeen.org</a> <b>THE DOMINICAN WAY</b> A walking pilgrimage for Catholics aged 18-35. 29th July - 9th August. £199 (full board). Financial support is available. For more information/booking: <a href="http://www.facebook.com/TheDominicanWay">www.facebook.com/TheDominicanWay</a> or <a href="mailto:thedominicanway@english.op.org">thedominicanway@english.op.org</a>  <a href="http://nazareth.dioceseofaberdeen.org">http://nazareth.dioceseofaberdeen.org</a> Diocesan youth website: latest news on events, pilgrimages, retreats and youth groups for teenagers.	<b>ST. MARY’S YOUTH GROUP</b> (12-17’s)  <b>Friday</b> 6.30 Departure for Station Mass Contact: St. Andrew’s Community  <b>PLUSCARDEN ABBEY HOLY WEEK</b> 1st to 6th April  The Abbot and monks of Pluscarden Abbey invite young people (aged 18-30) to celebrate the Liturgy with them from Wednesday of Holy Week until Easter.  If you are interested in joining the Pluscarden community in celebrating Easter, contact Fr Bede Kierney OSB by email at: <a href="mailto:guestmaster.pluscarden@gmail.com">guestmaster.pluscarden@gmail.com</a>

Cathedral News	
<b>SUNDAY COFFEE SHOP</b> ‘Real’ Coffee, tea and cakes being sold from 9am to 5pm & after 6pm Mass for Building Fund.	<b>SHORT TERM PLEDGE PRAYER FOR LENT</b> I promise, in honour of the Sacred Heart, and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to abstain from all intoxicating drink until Easter Sunday. Amen.
<b>SCIAF SUNDAY</b> Mothers around the world are struggling to provide for their families and give their children a better chance in life. Please give what you can to today’s Special Collection and remember the women of Africa in your prayers.	<b>BECOMING A CATHOLIC</b> If you are thinking about becoming a Catholic or would like to find out more then you are invited to our weekly discovery sessions beginning on Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April in the Lower Hall. <b>ADULT CONFIRMATION</b> If you are an adult who has not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation then sign up for the course which begins on Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April via the parish website. <b>ALPHA</b> Alpha is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life and the Christian faith in an open, friendly and informal environment. We are begin with a special introductory celebration supper on Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April in the Lower Hall. Please register via the parish website or fill in a form at the back of the church and put it in the collection basket.
<b>NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES</b> The new weekly offertory envelopes for 2015-16 are available at the back of the cathedral, sorted in alphabetical order with name & address. Each pack also now contains monthly envelopes for renovation donations. Please contact John Costello in the cathedral office or via email at <a href="mailto:finance@cathedral-abdn.org">finance@cathedral-abdn.org</a> if any of your address details are incorrect, or if you want to join the Gift Aid scheme and use weekly envelopes.	
<b>THE MAGNIFICAT PRAYER GROUP</b> Invites you to a Lenten/Easter Retreat with a teaching (DVD) this week by Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa on the topic, "The Passion of Christ and the Power of the Cross" Tuesdays in the Main Hall from 3rd March for 8 weeks. Time: 7.45pm. All Welcome.	
<b>Book of the Month</b> Ron Smith, “St John Ogilvie-The Story of Scotland’s only Post-Reformation Saint” only £3.00. Cards for St. Patrick’s day, Easter, Confirmation and Baptism. Don’t forget today is Mother’s Day. Get your card from the bookshop. Also, Easter cards will be on sale at the back of the church after Mass.	
<b>MOTHER’S DAY CELEBRATION CAKE SALE</b> All mothers to be blessed by Fr. Keith at the Altar as they come with their thanksgiving offerings. There will be flower and cake raffles and other fun activities.	
<b>ABERDEEN AFRICAN CATHOLIC LADIES</b>  All single and married women are invited to Lenten retreat/Quarterly meeting on Saturday 21st March in the Lower Hall from 3.00pm-6.00pm. Rev Brother Andre Jan-Maria Niski will be the chief guest speaker. Please do not miss out on this inspiring opportunity. For more info, contact Mrs Ngozi Amu – 07791294609, Mrs Stephanie Okoye – 07737470036.	
<b>EASTER VIGIL</b>  Please pray for those preparing to receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil in our parish – Natalie Lawrence, Nirmata Paul, Clausel Nzigou-Nzigou, Ebubechi Ude – and those entering into full communion with the Church – Namsi Anarah, James Cleves, Melissa Jack and Alison Runcie and those Catholics being confirmed this Easter Vigil – Henny Gunawan, Michael Afam Anarah and Talent Sidi: that God whose love is boundless, may craft them in mercy, sculpt them in love, and form them into a true work of art. <i>Deacon Tony Schmitz</i>	
<b>BOOKSHOP MANAGER</b>  We are grateful to Barbara Mearns for taking the role of Acting Bookshop Manager until such time as we appoint a permanent Bookshop Manager. Volunteers are to report to her during this interim period.	
<b>KEY HOLDERS</b>  We are updating our register of key holders for the Cathedral and adjoining buildings. Could anyone holding EITHER a key for any part of the Cathedral complex OR an electronic fob for the main car park gates please contact: <a href="mailto:manager@cathedral-abdn.org">manager@cathedral-abdn.org</a> as soon as possible.	
<b>NEWMAN ASSOCIATION DAY OF RECOLLECTION</b> Bishop’s House, 3 Queen’s Cross, Saturday 21st March 2015. 11 am—3.30 pm (coffee from 10.30) Reflections on the Way of the Cross led by Canon Bill Anderson. For more info. Contact Eileen Grant: <a href="mailto:eclareg@btinternet.com">eclareg@btinternet.com</a> , Margaret Smith: 01224 314566 or Fiona Mitchell: <a href="mailto:fiona.j.mitchell@hotmail.co.uk">fiona.j.mitchell@hotmail.co.uk</a> Please bring a packed lunch. Cost for the day: £3	
<b>ALL NIGHT LENTEN VIGIL</b>  An all night vigil will be held in St. Columba’s Church, Braehaed Way, Bridge of Don, Aberdeen AB22 8RR on Friday 27th March from 8:00 pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and concluding on Saturday morning with 7:00 am Holy Mass and a cooked breakfast at 8:00 am. The theme of the evening will be the Stations of the Cross where we will follow the road to Golgotha with readings, meditation, Scripture and music throughout the night. All are welcome, tea and refreshments will be available during the vigil but we suggest you bring some food of your own choice.	
<b>HOST FAMILY WANTED</b>  Prospective 17-year-old Italian exchange student, Giacomo Venara, at Aberdeen Grammar School looking for a host family or families as paying guest for next academic year 2015-16. Please contact Mrs Silvia Mazzia Maggi, Giacomo’s mother, at <a href="mailto:silviamaggi@tiscali.it">silviamaggi@tiscali.it</a> or Mrs Paola Crevola, Exchange Student Adviser, Liceo Ferrari - Borgosesia (Italy), at <a href="mailto:from.mypc@gmail.com">from.mypc@gmail.com</a>	

Weekly Calendar	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Credo Community Meeting</b> Polish charismatic prayer group. Main Hall at 7.30pm . Contact: Fr Tomasz Klin SJ
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Magnificat Prayer Group</b> Main Hall after Mass Contact: Paul Akagwu 07574 103 852 <b>St. Vincent de Paul</b> Feeding the homeless Contact: Evelyn Murray <b>Cathedral Faith Formation Evening</b> For those interested in learning more about the Faith or becoming Catholic Lower Hall after Mass Contact: Fr. Keith
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Light Exercise Class for all</b> Main Hall—10:00am Contact: Laura Walker 0777 3 021 851 <a href="mailto:laura@laurawalkerlimited.co.uk">laura@laurawalkerlimited.co.uk</a> <b>Seniors Club</b> Speakers, fun & fellowship Main Hall at 2 pm every 2 weeks Contact: Winnie on 01224 632 465. <b>African Choir</b> For Africans and anyone else. Upper Hall from 6 - 8.00pm Contact: Kingsley Emeye 07956 039 763
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Healing of Memories</b> 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 <b>Legion of Mary</b> Members serve the Church as needed Lower Hall at 5.30pm Contact: Nogie Osula <a href="mailto:nogisula@yahoo.com">nogisula@yahoo.com</a> <b>Flower Arrangers</b> Contact: Pixie Mather 01224 321 953 <b>Cenacolo Prayer Group</b> Exposition & Rosary praying for healing of those with addictions Church after Mass Contact: Liam Sharkey 07774 931 996 <a href="mailto:liam.sharkey@fsmail.net">liam.sharkey@fsmail.net</a> <b>6pm Music Group</b> Contemporary music for Sunday 6pm Mass Upper Hall after Mass Contact: Margaret Spence <a href="mailto:mag.m.spencer@btinternet.com">mag.m.spencer@btinternet.com</a>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Our Lady of Aberdeen Prayer Group</b> Join us to pray the Rosary and give praise in song and in word. Chapter Room from 1.30 - 2.30pm Contact: Teresa Coyne 07901 851 526 <b>Altar Servers’ Practice</b> Church from 6.00 to 7.00pm Contact: Andrzej <b>Youth Group</b> For teenagers between 11 & 17 Chapter Room & Clergy House 6.30 to 9pm Contact: St. Andrew’s Community 07754 891 808 <a href="mailto:standrewscommunity@cathedral-abdn.org">standrewscommunity@cathedral-abdn.org</a>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Church Cleaning</b> Church at 10.30am Contact: Joyce Webster 01224 319 154 <b>African Choir</b> As above Upper Hall from 6 - 8.00pm
<b>Sun</b>	<b>11:15 Choir</b> Leading the music for 11.15 Sunday Mass Upper Hall 10.00am Contact: David & Liz Meiklejohn