

First Reading

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord God who speaks.

Psalm 129:1-8

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. *R.*

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. *R.*

My soul is waiting for the Lord.
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) *R.*

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. *R.*

Second reading

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters, Martha and Mary, sent this message to Jesus, "Lord, the man you love is ill." On receiving the message, Jesus said, "This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified." Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea." The disciples said, "Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?" Jesus replied: "Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him." He said that and then added, "Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better." The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of

Lazarus, but they thought that by "rest" he meant "sleep", so Jesus put it plainly, "Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him." Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, "Let us go too, and die with him."

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you." "Your brother," said Jesus to her "will rise again." Martha said, "I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said: "I am the resurrection. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord," she said, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world."

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, "The Master is here and wants to see you." Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, "Where have you put him?" They said, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept; and the Jews said, "See how much he loved him!" But there were some who remarked, "He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?" Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, "Take the stone away." Martha said to him, "Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day." Jesus replied, "Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: "Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I know indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me."

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, "Lazarus, here! Come out!" The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, let him go free."

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

Sunday 11.15am Mass		
Introit		Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly nation; from wicked and deceitful men deliver me, for you are my God and my strength.
Processional	579	Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore him
Offertory	349	I am the bread of life
Communion Antiphon		When the Lord saw the sisters of Lazarus in tears near the tomb, he wept in the presence of the Jews and cried: Lazarus, come forth. And out he came, hands and feet bound, the man who had been dead for four days.
Communion Hymn	182	Breathe on me, breath of God
	461	Love divine
Recessional	280	Glory be to Jesus

Sunday Bulletin

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St. Mary's Cathedral

20 Huntly Street, Aberdeen

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FIFTH
SUNDAY
OF LENT



Meditation

The raising of Lazarus is the final sign, the final great miracle, in the Gospel of John. Paradoxically, even as the death of Lazarus works for the glory of God, his restoration to life leads to the death of Jesus. The battle lines are drawn for these final weeks of Lent. Death seems to conquer, but the dying itself holds the seed of life.

At the time of the Babylonian exile the people of Israel seemed to be dead. The temple had been destroyed, the land laid waste, and the leaders of the people taken into captivity. But Ezekiel proclaims that the Lord will restore his people. Just as the Lord breathed the breath of life into the moulded clay and Adam became a living being, so now the Lord sends his spirit into the dry bones of Israel that it

may live. The Lord restores his people to life. Jesus, in the power of God, restores Lazarus to life. But these events are only a figure of the gift of life which comes through the death and resurrection of Jesus. In him we have been freed from the law of sin and death. Baptized into his death, we believe that we will live with his life through the Spirit of God dwelling in us. "We are God's children now, what we shall later be has not yet come to light. We know that when it comes to light we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." (1 John 3:2)



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Notices

Way of Cross: ½ hr. before weekday Masses (not Thurs.)

Rosary: Saturdays 10.30pm

Confessions: Tuesdays 6pm
Saturdays 10.30am & 6pm

Adoration: Monday to Friday 6.30am to 7pm
1 hour before Masses on Saturday

Morning Prayer: Monday - Friday 7.30am
Saturdays 9.40am

Evening Prayer: Thursdays 6.30pm

Night Prayer: Thursdays 8.30pm

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
mgthammond13@yahoo.co.uk

Children
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 22nd	5th Sunday of Lent	Mass Mass-Polish Solemn Mass Mass-Polish Mass	8.00am 9.30 am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Uti Ebiken Yen For God's Blessing For the Parish Holy Souls/Victims of Holocaust
Mon 23rd		Mass Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	Intention of Mr. Paul's family Private Intention Gini Chiegboka
Tue 24th		Mass Mass	7.00am 7.00pm	Hamish Fraser RIP Canon John Flannery RIP
Wed 25th	Solemnity of the Annunciation	Mass Mass Solemn Mass	7.00am 12.30pm 7.00pm	SIE Elizabeth Duncan RIP
Thu 26th		Mass Communion Service	7.00am 7.00pm	James & Maria Houstoun RIP
Fri 27th		Mass Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	Connel & Annie Thomas RIP Elizabeth Duncan RIP
Sat 28th		Mass Mass	10.00am 7.00pm	Morolake Afeni RIP Anthony S. Fraser RIP
Sun 29th	6th Sunday of Lent	Mass Mass-Polish Solemn Mass Mass-Polish Mass	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Kevin O'Brien For the Diocese 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 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		

Offertory: 15/03/15 £2,780.30 Polish: £1,003.80 SCIAF: 1,476.42



‘Real’ Coffee
after
Mass

ST VINCENT DE PAUL
March 15th: £145.71
Anon Donation: £60.00
Food Expenses: £178.92

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Vocations



The Diocese is happy to announce that it has accepted Dominic Nwaigwi of Inverness and Malachy Ezeh of Aberdeen for training in seminary. They will begin their studies for the priesthood in September this year. Both Dominic and Malachy are originally from Nigeria. Please pray for them and give them your support.

<http://nazareth.dioceseofaberdeen.org>

Diocesan youth website: latest news on events, pilgrimages, retreats and youth groups for teenagers.

Youth

PLUSCARDEN ABBEY HOLY WEEK
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: guestmaster.pluscarden@gmail.com

ST. MARY’S YOUTH GROUP
(12-17’s)

Friday
6.30 Departure for Station Mass
Contact: St. Andrew’s Community

Cathedral News

SUNDAY COFFEE SHOP

‘Real’ Coffee, tea and cakes being sold from 9am to 5pm & after 6pm Mass for Building Fund.

THE MAGNIFICAT PRAYER GROUP

Magnificat Lenten and Easter Retreat continues on Tuesday 24th March at 7.45pm in the main hall with a teaching (DVD) by Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa on “Repentance: Freedom from Sin”

ST MARY’S SENIORS CLUB

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 25th March at 2.00pm in the Main Hall. This afternoon we have Andrzej Niski, the seminarian attached to St. Mary’s coming to give us a talk on Vocations in the Present Day Situation. This should be a very interesting afternoon. Please come along and give Andrzej a big welcome. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Further details from Winnie on (01224) 632 465.

GOOD FRIDAY—3RD April 2015

You are invited to take part in a silent WALK OF THE CROSS Starting at the Cathedral at 6am

The cross will be carried in procession to Kincorth Hill for a short act of Devotion followed by tea and coffee In Our Lady of Aberdeen Church.

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

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 finance@cathedral-abdn.org if any of your address details are incorrect or if you want to join the Gift Aid scheme and use weekly envelopes.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

“St John Ogilvie-The Story of Scotland’s only Post-Reformation Saint” by Ron Smith (only £3.00)
Cards for Mother's Day, St. Patrick's day, Easter, Confirmation and Baptism. Also, Easter cards will be on sale at the back of the church after Mass.

EASTER VIGIL

Please pray for those in our parish preparing for:
Baptism: *Natalie Lawrence, Nirmata Paul, Clausei Nzigou-Nzigou & Ebubechi Ude*
Entrance into full communion with the Church: *Namsi Anarah, James Cleves, Melissa Jack & Alison Runcie*
Confirmation: *Henny Gunawan, Michael Afam Anarah & Talent Sidi*

May God, whose love is boundless, craft them in mercy, sculpt them in love, and form them into a true work of art.

KEY HOLDERS

We are updating our register of key holders for the Cathedral & 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: manager@cathedral-abdn.org as soon as pos.

All Beginning 7pm on
WEDNESDAY 22ND APRIL IN THE LOWER HALL

Becoming A Catholic

If you are thinking about becoming a Catholic or would like to find out more then you are invited to our weekly discovery sessions.

Adult Confirmation

If you are an adult who has not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation then sign up for the course via the parish website.

Got questions about life

Alpha

An opportunity to explore the meaning of life & the Christian faith in an open, friendly & informal way. Begins with a special introductory celebration supper. Register via website or fill in a form at the back of the church and put it in the collection basket.

Deanery & Diocese

LENTEN STATION MASSES

Friday 27th March at St Joseph's, Woodside
You are invited to join pilgrims from different parts of the city to share in the Eucharist for the last Station Mass this Lent.
6.30pm Confessions
7.00pm Stations of the Cross
7.30pm Mass

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Bishop Hugh will celebrate Mass at 7.00pm on Wednesday 25th March in the Cathedral.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Priests from the Deanery will be in attendance at the Cathedral to hear confessions from 5.00pm to 7.00pm on Wednesday 25th March.

CHRISM MASS

Mass will be concelebrated by the Bishop and priests of the Diocese at St. Thomas’ Keith on Thursday 26th March at 7.00pm. There will be no evening prayer at the Cathedral.

ALL NIGHT LENTEN VIGIL

Friday 27th March
Begins 8:00 pm with Exposition and ends 7:00 am on Saturday morning with Holy Mass. A Cooked breakfast follows at 8:00 am.
Theme: The Stations of the Cross, following 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.
St. Columba’s Church, Braehaed Way, Bridge of Don, Aberdeen AB22 8RR

HOST FAMILY WANTED

A Spanish couple are looking for an exchange partner for their son. They would like him to stay with a Catholic family who have children around 13 to 15 years old, who are learning Spanish. They speak English and live in Torre del Mar, a holiday destination near Malaga airport. If you are interested please get in touch with Fr. Keith.

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 Cathedral Faith Formation Evening 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 Sunday 6pm Mass Upper Hall after Mass Contact: Margaret Spence mag.m.spencer@btinternet.com
Fri	Our Lady of Aberdeen Prayer Group Rosary & praise in song and word Chapter Room from 1.30 - 2.30pm Contact: Teresa Coyne 07901 851 526 Altar Servers’ Practice Church from 6.00 to 7.00pm Contact: Andrzej Youth Group For teenagers between 11 & 17 Chapter Room & Clergy House 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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