Readings at Mass - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Sir 36: 18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true.

Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Collect

Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.
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 50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me?

Then let us go to court together.
Who thinks he has a case against me?
Let him approach me.
The Lord is coming to my help,
who will dare to condemn me?

Psalm

Psalm 114:1-6,8-9

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. **R.**

They surrounded me, the snares of death, with the anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress.

I called on the Lord's name.

O Lord, my God, deliver me! R.

How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion.

The Lord protects the simple hearts

The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me. R.

He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. **R**

Second reading

James 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one

of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds — now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel Acclamation

Jn14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; No one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord, and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings, that what each has offered to the honour of your name may serve the salvation of all.

Through Christ our Lord.

Sunday 11.15am Mass					
Introit		Grant peace to those who are waiting for you, O Lord, so that your prophets may be proved trustworthy; hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel.			
Processional Hymn	197	Christ is made the sure foundation			
Offertory	487	My song is love unknown			
Communion Antiphon		If a man wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.			
Communion Hymn	280	Glory be to Jesus			
	267	From heaven you came			
Recessional	582	Praise to the holiest			

Sunday Bulletin

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"Who do you say that I am?"



Meditation

Who is Jesus? Already in Jesus' lifetime people asked themselves many questions about him. Some, although they were astonished by the authority of his words, said: "It is the carpenter's son". Others saw in him a traitor, a rebel, even one possessed by a demon. Still others considered him a prophet. For Peter, it is clear. Jesus is the Messiah. He will be the liberator, the saviour of Israel. Even acknowledging him as Messiah, they misunderstood the type of liberation brought. When Jesus reveals to his disciples that his destiny leads to the cross, Peter rebels, immediately drawing down upon himself a severe reprimand: "Your idea of the Messiah is that of human beings, not that of God!" Jesus is not the political Messiah they are awaiting. One cannot contain him in human ideologies.

Today, what are they saying about Jesus? Is he a sort of Gandhi, a Martin Luther King, Jr., a Che Guevara, the first of the Marxists, a "superstar"? To limit ourselves to what "they" are saying about Jesus is to condemn ourselves to constant confusion. To touch the truth of his mystery, we must accept the personal question he asks us: "Who do you say that I am?"

An accumulation of facts about him will never replace a personal knowledge of Jesus and his cross. The cross is the moment of truth for the Christian. It is the test which verifies whether we are truly disciples of the Messiah, unexpectedly hidden behind the features of a suffering servant. To share life with the one we love, is the logic of friendship. It is to this vocation of friendship that Jesus summons us.





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Notices

10.30pm Rosary: Saturdays **Confessions:** Tuesdays 6pm 10.30am & 6pm Saturdays

Adoration: 1 hour before Masses except Sunday

Morning Prayer: Monday - Friday

Saturdays **Evening Prayer:** Thursdays

8.30pm Night Prayer: Thursdays

John MacKinnon (See above) Housebound? To arrange communion visits

Please speak to a member of the clergy **Coeliacs:** before Mass to arrange communion

Feeding Priests: Yi-Pei Chou chou.turvey@gmail.com Sunday Coffees: Aneta Sieminska 07415 321 792 Margaret Hammond 07891 358 114

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7.30am

9.40am

6.30pm

Children: 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 13th	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Polish Mass Solemn Mass	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am			
		Mass-Polish Mass	3.00pm 6.00pm	Fr James Donnelly		
Mon 14th	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Mass Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	Jill Mills RIP Gareth Ness		
Tue 15th	Our Lady of Sorrows	Mass Mass	7.00am 7.00pm	Tim & Josie Callahan Jill Mills RIP		
Wed 16th	Saint Ninian, Bishop	Mass Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	Private Intention		
Thu 17th	Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop	Mass Mass	7.00am 7.00pm	Baby Emanuel RIP Nezehat Yurttaas RIP		
Fri 18th		Mass Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	Isabella D'Souza RIP		
Sat 19th	Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Mass Vigil Mass	10.00am 7.00pm	Danny Cunningham		
Sun 20th	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Polish Mass Solemn Mass Mass-Polish	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm	Thanksgiving Aditya		
		Mass	6.00pm	Joseph Neen & Mary Joseph		

Mass Intention Envelopes

At the back of the Church. Print details and Recommended offering for each Mass is £5. post through Clergy House letter box.

celebrated on your preferred date or at the the Parish or Diocese Cathedral itself.

Sunday 11:15 Mass is normally reserved for It may not always be possible for Mass to be the Administrator's or Bishop's Intentions for

OFFERTORY: £2021.50 **RENOVATIONS £1415.56** Polish: £1345.00



30/8 ST VINCENT DE PAUL

£25.18

£196.42

Our grateful thanks to everyone for their help

Youth

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 Kracow Registration

Please contact the St. Andrew Community ASAP in order to reserve your space for next year's youth pilgrimage taking place on 17th July - 4th August. Travelling by coach throughout Scotland, England, France, Czech Poland and Germany. There are only 20 spaces left for this trip, so all 15-20 year olds interested in coming must attend a meeting at St. Mary's Cathedral House at 7pm on October 2nd to fill out forms and give a £100 deposit.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Would you like to help spread the Good News? We need volunteers to help out with the Children's Liturgy. This ministry gives a lot of iob satisfaction.

Contact Ruth: ruthpaterson@hotmail.com or speak to her, personally, after 11.15am

Box Collection £123.93 Anon. Donations: £75.00

Expenditure: Food Tote and Freezer Bags

ST ANDREW COMMUNITY NEWS

Youth Group (12-17s) Every Friday night 7-9pm in the Parish House

Please note: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin again at St. Mary's Cathedral on September 30th Monday-Friday, 7am-7pm. Please sign up for an hour.



Cathedral News

WELCOME TO FR. JOHN GABRIEL

Fr John Gabriel is on holiday in Scotland and is joining us for the month of September. Please make him welcome.

REFUGEE EMERGENCY APPEAL - SCIAF

We have been encouraged by the diocese to have a second collection to enable SCIAF to help alleviate the suffering of refugees in this present time of crisis. Please be as generous as you can be.

PRAYER MINISTRY

"Pray for each other so that you may be healed" (James 5:16)

Trained prayer teams are now available after the 11.15am and 6pm Masses to pray with anyone who would like to receive, not only the benefit of prayer, but of hearing and experiencing the prayer. This can be a moment of profound encounter with God.





Saturday 26th September 10.30am to 4.30pm in the Cathedral.

Workshop is for EVERYONE! - and especially... for people who sing in choirs or music groups or for those who simply want to enjoy the experience of group singing and develop their skills. Please see the Cathedral website events calendar for registration details.

BILLINGS CLINIC

Whether you wish to have a baby, space your family or just find out about your fertility, why not contact one of our Fertility Experts.

Contact: Margaret Hammond on 07891 358114 or Jane Green on 01542 870641

Our service is free and confidential. Call Fertility Care Scotland on 0141 352 7930 or email info@fertilitycare.org.uk for further details.

FIRE ALARM TESTING

The testing of the Cathedral fire alarms is now scheduled to take place on Monday mornings at 12.00 noon

BELL RINGERS WANTED

If you are interested in the art of bell ringing and would like to train to be a Cathedral ringer please express your interest to Robin Harding, the Parish Manager:

manager@cathedral-abdn.org

SECOND COLLECTION

Please note that there will be a second collection on 20th September for sick and retired priests.

CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFT SHOP

Book of the month:

The Reluctant Disciple by David Wells

This book contains Bible texts and the author's personal reflections to gain spiritual lessons. New items in stock:

Frankincense & Myrrh incense sticks

If you are interested in volunteering in the shop during your free time, please get in touch and fill in an application form available at the bookshop.

INVITATION

Aid to the Church in Need 'Persecuted and Forgotten?' 2015 Event

Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral by Bishop Hugh Gilbert on Thursday 15th October 2015 at 7pm Followed by talks and refreshments **Guest Speakers:** Father Douglas Bazi (Iraq) Father Ziad Hilal SJ (Syria) Victoria Youhanna (Nigeria)

Entry is Free. **INTERESTED IN SPEAKING SPANISH?**

Tuition group starting at the Cathedral soon. All income will be going to support the Cathedral. Contact: Consuelo consueo.mckenzie@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER/S WANTED



Get involved in a new and important Cathedral project. Your skills and ideas are vital to help us in reaching out to our parishioners and local community. If you have experience of visual communication, brand development, marketing or any related areas, please contact: Robin at manager@cathedral-abdn.org

Other Stuff

SECOND - HAND PIANO

If anyone is looking for a home for an old piano can you please let Fr. Keith know. Collection and tuning, etc.,

will be arranged. As long as it's basically sound, appearance doesn't really matter.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

Sharon McLean, shortly returned home to Scotland from South Africa and she is searching for a room or other accommodation. Please call 07958 601 986 if you can help.

Weekly Calendar

Mon Credo Community Meeting

Polish charismatic prayer group Main Hall at 7.30pm

Contact: Fr Tomasz Klin SJ Mother & Toddler Group

For parents with young children Main Hall from 10.30-12.30pm Contact: Yi-pei Chou

chou.turvey@gmail.com

Tue | Magnificat Prayer Group

Main Hall after Mass Contact: Paul Akagwu 07574 103 852

St. Vincent de Paul Feeding the homeless Contact: Evelyn Murray

Wed Light Exercise Class for all

Main Hall at 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. Cathedral Faith Formation Evening

For those interested in learning more about the Faith or becoming Catholic

Lower Hall at 7pm Contact: Fr. Keith

African Choir For Africans and anyone else. Upper Hall from 6 - 8.00pm Contact: Patricia Malikebu 07891 714 549

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

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: Michael Thomson michael@pianocatholic.org.uk

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

Clergy House 7pm to 9pm

Contact: Simon begbie_no1@hotmail.com Youth Group For teenagers between 11 & 17

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

11:15 Choir

Leading the music for 11.15 Sunday Mass Upper Hall 10.00am Contact: David & Liz Meiklejohn