Readings at Mass

6th Sunday of Easter - Year A

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 48: 20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia

Collect

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. 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

Acts 8:5-8,14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Psalm

Psalm 65:1-7,16,20

R. Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! R.

'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. R.

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him: he rules for ever by his might. R.

Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. R.

Second reading

1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should

suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him,

and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Communion Antiphon

Jn 14: 15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Sunday 11.15am Mass		
Entrance Anti-		Spread the news with a voice of joy; let
phon		it be heard, alleluia; speak it out to the
		very ends of the earth; the Lord has
Comm. Anti-		liberated his people, alleluia, alleluia.
		I will not leave you orphans, i will come
phon		to you again, alleluia; and your heart
		will rejoice, alleluia, alleluia.
Proc	197	Christ is made the sure foundation
Off	686	This joyful Eastertide
Com	880	Nothing can trouble
Com	162	Love is his word
Rec	497	Now thank we all our God

Sunday Bulletin

Sunday 25th May, 2014 ● 6th Sunday of Easter ● Year A ● Week 1



St. Mary's Cathedral

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MEDITATION

Jesus asks his Father for another Paraclete, who will remain with us and help keep the memory of Jesus alive. Paraclete is a term which comes from the Greek and signifies a legal advocate, one who speaks for us. It is only the loving acceptance of this Spirit of truth which allows us to love someone whom we know not by sight but through testimony of others. The Spirit of truth is the Church's creative memory. It enables us to enter into the mystery of Christ. Thus the Church takes part in the vital communion of Father and Son. This same Spirit inspires us to love Jesus, "in deed and in truth and not merely talk about it" (1 John 3:18). The love of a Christian for the Master is not satisfied with words. The scriptures attest to the indissoluble bond between knowledge and moral life. To say that we know Christ without keeping his commandments is a lie. On the contrary "whoever keeps his word, truly has the love of God been made perfect in him" (1 John 2:5). By living as Jesus lived,

we already pass with him from death to life.

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"If you love me you will keep my commandments." John 14:15

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Confessions

Tuesdays: 6pm Saturdays: 10.30am & 6pm

Prayer of the Church

Morning Prayer

Evening Prayer (Sung)

Monday - Friday: 7.30am Thursday: 6.30pm

Saturday: 9.40am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Saturday —1 hour before Mass

Communion for Sick and Housebound

Trudy Coker (See above)

Family Planning Nature's Way

Margaret Hammond (07891) 358 114 mgtham-

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Mass Times Date **Details** Service **Mass Intentions** Mass 8.00am **Annie MacDonald RIP** Sun 25th Mass-Polish 9.30am Mass 11.15an For the Parish Mass-Polish 3.00pm Mass 6.00pm **Rev Leo Muldoon RIP** 7.00am Mass **Private Intention** Mon 26th 12.30pm Mass Patricia Enegela exams Mass 7.00am Jan Coker Intentions Tue 27th Mass 7.00pm May Lua **Emmanuel Onuba RIP** Mass 7.00am Wed 28th Mass 12.30pm **Cathedral Bookshop Staff** Rev. Cannon O'Farrell RIP 7.00am Solemnity of the Mass Thu 29th Ascension 12.30pm (Holvday of Obligation N.M. Mathew RIP 7.00pm 7.00am Fri 30th Mass 12.30pm Recovery from illness Mass 10.00am Sat 31st 7.00pm Mass Mass 8.00am Sun 1st Mass-Polish 9.30am For the Parish Mass 11.15am Mass-Polish 3.00pm Mass 6.00pm

Mass Intention Envelopes

Found at the back of the Church. Add details and post through Clergy House letter box. (Please do not put into the Offertory basket.) Recommended offering for each Mass Requested is £5.

Mass Intentions.

Please note that due to the number of intentions it may not be possible for Mass to be celebrated on your preferred date or at the Cathedral itself. Note also that the Sunday 11.15 am Mass is normally reserved for the Administrator's Intentions

Polish: £916.00

Offertory 18/05/14: £2,282.45



St Vincent de Paul

May 17/18 £174.66 Donations f 20.00

Thanks to everyone.



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Immortality in Question

A series of four public talks by Professor Carol Zaleski from 10th - 12th June 2014

1. Tuesday 10th June at 2.45 pm

The problem with immortality: we shouldn't

2. Wednesday 11th June at 10.15 am The problem with heaven: imagination can't

3. Wednesday 11th June at 2.45 pm The problem with hell: love can't bear it

4. Thursday 12th June at 10.15 am

The problem with purgatory: Christians can't

There is no charge for these lectures and all are welcome to attend. To register for the talks, make further enquiries, or book accommodation, please write to: Pentecost Lectures, Pluscarden Abbey, ELGIN, Moray IV30 8UA enclosing a SAE;

> Fax: (01343) 890 258 monks@pluscardenabbey.org

MONASTIC EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

The monks of Pluscarden Abbey offer a special opportunity to see at first hand what monastic life is

about, during the weekend Friday 7 November to Monday 10 November 2014. There will be no charge for the

weekend. The invitation is extended to single young men, Catholics who

practise their faith, aged 18 - 35.

Anyone interested is invited to contact Fr. Benedict Hardy OSB:

novicemaster@pluscardenabbey.org

Workshop for Catechists

Greyfriars Convent, Elgin Saturday 14th June from 10.45 am - 3.45pm Bookings: (01224) 638 675 office@ogilvie.ac.uk

Cathedral News

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

There will be a Special Collection for 'Day for Life' this weekend. If you'd like to know more about this day dedicated to celebrating and upholding the dignity of human life, leaflets are available at the back of the

Please note also that next weekend there will be a collection for the Apostolate of Communications.

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

Please note that there will be an additional Mass for the Solemnity of the Ascension on Thursday 29 May at 12.30pm.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Unfortunately, this will be our last Sunday Bulletin until a volunteer can be found to produce it. If you are familiar with MS Publisher please speak to Fr Keith or get in touch with the Cathedral Office. Thank you.

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!

SPECIAL DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

St Mary's Cathedral FUNdraising Open Day Saturday 14th June from 10.30am – 3pm See notice board for more details.

LOST AND FOUND

Found in the Cathedral last week. Key on a pink key ring. Contact the office.

Welcoming back Catholics to the Church. Group meetings will begin again on Wednesday 18 June at 7.00pm in the Lower Hall -**Enquiries to Parish Secretary**

LANDINGS PROGRAMME

ABERDEEN AFRICAN CATHOLIC LADIES (AACL)

Quarterly Meeting on Saturday, 21st of June in the Main Hall from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm. Speaker: Bishop Hugh Gilbert. For further info: Ngozi Amu (07791) 294 609

or aberdeenafricancatholicladies@yahoogrou ps.com

MAY DEVOTIONS TO THE BLESSED

The Legion of Mary leads Rosary prayers at 6pm daily throughout the month of May. Sunday's prayers are said at 5pm. All are most welcome to take part.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

Life in the Spirit Seminars continue this week (Tuesday 27th May) in the Main Hall. All Welcome. The Seminars serve as an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit.

ALTAR ASSOCIATION

A new group for young girls from the age of 12 who would like to help decorate and care for the altars and Lady Chapel. Contact Chigozie on (07456) 426 102

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO PLUSCARDEN ABBEY ON 29 JUNE

A coach will leave from St Peter's, Castle St. (opp. Blackfriars pub.) at 10.45am; from Union St, across from Huntly Street at 11.00am and from St Joseph's, Woodside at 11.20am. Cost is £22.00 per person incl. high tea at Baxters of Fochabers payable by 22nd June. Please let Maureen Sinclair know if you wish to go indicating your choice of meal (see menu on notice board) and where you wish to be picked up. Tel: (01224) 626 359 Email: office@tiscali.co.uk



ICON COMPETITION

St Margaret's Church, Lerwick will be dedicating a chapel to Our Lady of Czestochowa. Professional and amateur artists (aged 16+) are invited to make an Icon of Our Lady of Częstochowa. Winning entry will be placed within the chapel, with a prize of £500 for the artist. Closing date, Friday 15th August. See notice board for details.

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POST CONFIRMATION RETREAT 31ST MAY FROM 11AM-6PM

This is for all Confirmed 12-16s. With the Sisters of St Cecilia At Greyfriars Convent, Elgin. A day of Prayer, Reflection, Praise, Fellowship and Out-Door Fun

★ To arrange your place on the minibus ★ ☆ chris.dyos@virgin.net and do remember ☆ ★ to bring with you a signed consent form ★ (You'll find one of these on the notice 4 board) and a packed lunch.

CCR Youth worldwide Prayer Hour

Global Adoration St. Peter's Catholic Church Parking in Frederick Street Car park with 185

spaces, behind the church Saturday 31st May

10:30 -11:00: Praise and Worship 11:00 -12:00: Adoration

12:00 -12:30: Praise and Worship 12:30 -13:30: Soup and sandwich 14:00: Groups meeting (optional)

Nazareth

Check out the new diocesan youth website: http://nazareth.dioceseofaberdeen.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

Contact: Paul Akagwu (07574) 103 852

St. Vincent de Paul

Feeding the homeless Contact: Evelyn Murray

For those interested in learning more about the Faith Clergy House after Mass Contact: Parish Office or Deacon Tony

Wed Light Exercise Class for all

Main Hall-10:00am

Contact: Laura Walker (0777 3) 021 851 laura@laurawalkerlimited.co.uk

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: Jide Okwujiako jeedarkor@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

6pm Music Group Contemporary music for the Sunday 6pm

mag.m.spencer@btinternet.com

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Upper Hall after Mass Contact: Margaret Spence

Fri Our Lady of Aberdeen Prayer Group

Gentle prayer & praise Chapter Room from 1.30 - 2.30pm Contact: Pixie Mather (01224) 321 953

Sat | Church Cleaning Contact: Joyce Webster (01224) 319 154

African Choir As above Upper Hall from 6 - 8.00pm

Holy Hour

Adoration ending with Night Prayer Church from 8-9.00pm

11:15 Choir

Leading the music for 11:15 Sunday Mass Upper Hall at 10 am

Contact: David & Liz Meiklejohn