

Gospel
Matthew 21:1-11
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
When they were near Jerusalem and had come in sight of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, ‘Go to the village facing you, and you will immediately find a tethered donkey and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, “The Master needs them and will send them back directly”.’ This took place to fulfil the prophecy: Say to the daughter of Zion: Look, your king comes to you; he is humble, he rides on a donkey and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden. So the disciples went out and did as Jesus had told them. They brought the donkey and the colt, then they laid their cloaks on their backs and he sat on them. Great crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road, while others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in his path. The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed were all shouting: ‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heavens!’ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil. ‘Who is this?’ people asked, and the crowds answered, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’

First reading
Isaiah 50:4-7
The Lord has given me a disciple’s tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. 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.

Psalm
Psalm 21:8-9,17-20,23-24
R My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. ‘He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.’ R

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet I can count every one of my bones. *R*

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! *R*

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. ‘You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel’s sons. *R*

Second reading
Philippians 2:6-11
Jesus Christ’s state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation
Phil2:8-9
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel
Please refer to the passion narrative sheet.

Sunday 11.15am Mass		
Processional	411	Lauda Jerusalem
Entrance Hymn	113	All glory, laud and honour
Offertory	267	Servant King
Communion	759	Only this I want (choir)
Antiphon	150	Ave, Regina Caelorum
Recessional	593	Ride on, ride on in majesty



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MEDITATION

With the children of the Hebrews the Church participates today in the triumph of Christ. He enters the holy city, Jerusalem, to pass from this world to his Father. The passion narratives which are read on this Sunday form without a doubt the primitive heart of our gospels. There are many concerns which converge around these simple but dramatic stories. They influence the manner of recounting the passion. In the care taken to show that Christianity had nothing to do with a criminal or rebellious movement, the evangelists highlight both the plot which results in the death of Jesus and the innocence of the Saviour crucified for sinners. They also demonstrate to Israel how this death fulfilled the scriptures, accomplished in the central event of the passion and in the details of its unfolding.

The historical insertion of the crucifixion into the celebration of the Jewish Passover is decisive for Christians. Jesus replaced the immolation of the paschal lamb with the sacrifice of a new covenant.

In addition to these apologetic and theological concerns, the evangelists proposed Jesus as a model of humility, of prayer, of endurance, of suffering. In these virtues which perfected the humanity of Jesus, the Church had much to learn.

The passion narratives are not reduced to a mere recitation of episodes. Marked by the personality of each evangelist, they present an undivided history in which the assaults of evil, carried to their heights in Jesus' passion, are rendered powerless by God.

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Notices		
Adoration:	Monday– Saturday	6.00am-12 midnight
Confessions:	Tuesdays	6pm
	Saturdays	10.30am & 6pm
Morning Prayer:	Monday - Friday	7.30am
Evening Prayer:	Thursdays	6.30pm
Night Prayer:	Thursdays	8.30pm
Rosary:	Fridays (Vocations)	1.30pm
	Saturdays (Priests)	10.30pm
Housebound?	John MacKinnon (See above) for visits	
Coeliacs:	Speak to clergy before Mass	
Sunday Coffees:	Ann Ryans 07545 615 198 annryans@aol.com	
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Mass Times				
Date	Details	Service	Time	Mass Intentions
Sun 9th	Palm Sunday	Mass Polish Mass Solemn Mass Polish Mass Mass	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Parish Intentions Intentions of the Diocese Healing for Catherine Siloko
Mon 10th		Mass Mass	7.00am 12.30p	Private Intention God's Protection/Guidance
Tue 11th	Saint Isidore, Bishop, Doctor	Mass Mass	7.00am 7.00pm	Intentions of Dominic Dieseru Successful Marriage Ceremony
Wed 12th	Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest	Mass Mass	7.00am 12.30p	Intentions of Callanan Family Lawrence Alexander
Thu 13th	Celebration of the Lord's Supper	Mass	7.00pm	God's Protection/Guidance
Fri 14th	Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Good Friday)	Mass	3.00pm	Patrick McFadden
Sat 15th		Mass	9.00pm	Easter Vigil
Sun 16th	Easter Sunday	Mass Polish Mass Solemn Mass Polish Mass Mass	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Parish Intentions Intentions of the Diocese Healing for Catherine Siloko

Mass Intention Envelopes	
These are available at the back of the Church. Print details and post through Clergy House letter box.	Cathedral itself. Recommended offering for each Mass is £5.
It may not always be possible for Mass to be celebrated on your preferred date or at the	Sunday 11:15 Mass is normally reserved for the Administrator's or Bishop's Intentions for the Parish or Diocese.

OFFERTORY: £3747.66 SECOND COLLECTION: £1466.56



Fair Trade tea, coffee, home-made soup & baking after Mass

Youth

FAITH & FUN ON SATURDAYS
Youth group for P2’s to P7’s
In the Main Hall from 12.30pm to 2pm every Saturday afternoon. For more details and to register online please see our website.





EDGE
At St. Mary's Cathedral

Fridays 7pm to 9pm
Upper Hall
A youth group for teens aged 11-13
Contact: St. Andrew’s Community




BAKE SALE

There will be a Bake sale this weekend to raise money for this year’s St Andrew Youth Pilgrimage to Fatima.

SVdP


Income £239.37
Expenditure: £282.67
Many thanks for all your generous donations.



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YOUR PERSONAL HOLY HOUR
Give the Lord one hour each week any time between 6am to Midnight, Mon to Sat.
The following hours are still needed:
Mon: 1pm, 2pm, 4pm. **Tue:** 8am, 10am, 8pm, **Wed:** 8am, 10am, 2pm **Thu:** 3pm, 5pm, 11pm* **Sat:** 9am.
*Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion needed to repose for this hour.
To book your Holy Hour go to:
<https://stmarysadoration.youcanbook.me>

ICON-WRITING COURSE
24th -28th April
Monday to Friday
10 am-1 pm, 2 pm-5 pm



The course will be led by Br. Lucho Alvarez
To register please contact:
standrewscommunity@cathedral-abdn.org

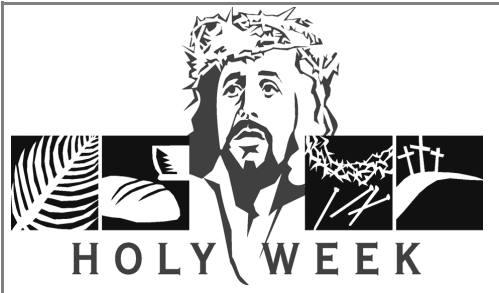
Suggested Donation: £200
(includes all materials, instruction, and lunch)

VENEZUELAN MEDICAL APPEAL
Appeal for your unused medicines (must be within the ‘use by’ date) for Venezuela.

Please take me home

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CONGRATULATIONS Congratulations to Rukewve Faith and Runo Ogagaoghene who were Baptised on the 1st of April and Nina Girle and Osarobo Almas Aigbekaen who were Baptised on the 25th of March. Please remember them in your prayers.
PLUSCARDEN CONCERT A classical concert in aid of the Pluscarden 1230 pilgrimage will be held in the Cathedral on Wednesday, 12th April at 7.30pm. Tickets £10.00 are available from the Cathedral office or sacristy after Mass.
PETER, CORNERSTONE OF CATHOLICISM Join us, ‘The Beloved Disciples Group’ on a journey into the life of one of history’s most compelling characters. Cathedral house after the Wednesday lunch time Mass, beginning 12th April.
TRADITIONAL BLESSING OF THE EASTER FOOD ON HOLY SATURDAY (ŚWIEÇONKA) As a token of our gratitude to God for all His gifts we may have a portion of the food we will consume at Easter blessed with the hope that spring, the season of the Resurrection, will also be blessed by God’s goodness and mercy. The food is brought to the church in a basket, lined with an embroidered cloth and covered with a white linen cloth representing the shroud of Christ. 
PARKING ON HOLY SATURDAY Please note that the car park will be closed from 5.00pm on Easter Saturday for the Easter Vigil.
EASTER COMMUNITY MEAL IN THE MAIN HALL The Holy Family Sisters of the Needy invite all parishioners to join them for a community meal on Easter Sunday at 7.00pm in solidarity with the City’s poor.
EASTER SUNDAY BELLS As part of our Easter celebrations the Cathedral bells will be rung after the 11.15am Mass, the first time they have been rung since the repairs to the bell tower were carried out.
CATHEDRAL OFFICE The Cathedral office will be closed on Monday the 17th April for the Easter holiday.
UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE Experience the life-changing power of God’s Word with this new Scripture Course. Sundays 23rd April to 11th June 7.30 to 9.30pm (after 6.00pm Mass) Cathedral Main Hall  Register on Cathedral website Registration fee: £20.00 Concessions available
BOOK SHOP Book of the Month: St Joseph’s Prayers and Devotions (Explains the origins of devotion to St Joseph and our journey of faith). Our Lady of Aberdeen rosaries just arrived. Also, lovely leather rosary pouches now on sale. Confirmation and Communion gifts, cards etc. New stock! Raffle tickets for special Book Shop Easter candle! Large selection of children’s religious books for all ages. Book shop open after every Mass

Sunday 9th April, 2017

Deanery & Diocese
 <p>HOLY WEEK</p> <p>HOLY THURSDAY CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER 13th April at 7pm <i>Holy Thursday is the commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ, when he established the sacrament of Holy Communion prior to his arrest and crucifixion (Easter Triduum).</i> There will also be the traditional collection for the ‘Holy Places’. Your donations will directly help in the care, protection and preservation of the sites associated with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in the Holy Land. GOOD FRIDAY Silent Walk of Witness 14th April at 6am <i>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.</i> City Walk of Witness 14th April at 11.30am <i>This ecumenical urban pilgrimage will commence at 11.30am at St Andrew’s Cathedral, King Street, and pray a station at various city churches.</i> CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S PASSION 14th April at 3pm <i>Good Friday is the day on which we commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ (Easter Triduum).</i> HOLY SATURDAY OFFICE OF READINGS 15th April at 10am <i>On Holy Saturday the Church is, as it were, at the Lord’s tomb, meditating on his passion and death, and on his descent into hell, and awaiting his resurrection with prayer and fasting.</i> BLESSING OF FOOD (Święconka) 15th April from 12 to 3pm <i>The blessing of a sampling of Easter foods at the end of Lent is a Catholic tradition that has been preserved by the Polish people.</i> EASTER VIGIL 15^{th/16th} April at 9pm <i>The most important event in the Church calendar is the Easter Vigil which commemorates that holy night when the Lord rose from the dead. The Church keeps vigil, waiting for the resurrection of the Lord, and celebrates the sacraments of Christian initiation (Easter Triduum).</i> EASTER SUNDAY 16th April at 8am; 9.30am(Polish) 11.15am; 3pm (Polish); 6pm. <i>Easter is the celebration of Christ’s resurrection from the dead. It is celebrated on Sunday, and marks the end of Holy Week, the end of Lent, the last day of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday), and is the beginning of the Easter season of the liturgical year.</i> DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 23rd April <i>The celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the theme of how God’s mercy can overcome sin.</i></p>

Weekly Calendar	
Mon	Mother & Toddler Group For parents with young children. All ages welcome. Main Hall from 1pm-3 pm Contact: Yi-pei Chou chou.turvey@gmail.com Credo Community Meeting Polish charismatic prayer group. Main Hall at 7.30pm . Contact: Klaudiusz Mozolewski 07928323313
Tue	Magnificat Prayer Group 7.30pm in the Lower Hall after Mass. Contact: Paul Akagwu pakagwu@gmail.com St. Vincent de Paul Feeding the homeless Contact: Evelyn Murray Adult Confirmation Class & RCIA Cathedral House at 7.30pm Contact: Fr Keith
Wed	Light Exercise Class for all Main Hall at 10:00am Contact: Laura Walker 0777 3021 851 laura@laurawalkerlimited.co.uk Seniors Club Speakers, fun & fellowship Main Hall at 2 pm every 2 weeks Contact: Jean on 01569 765 799 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 Lower Hall from 6pm to 7.30pm Contact: Nogie Osula nogisula@yahoo.com African Choir For Africans and anyone else. Upper Hall from 6 - 8.00pm Contact: Patricia Malikebu 07891 714 549
Thu	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 Band Practice Contemporary music for Sunday 6pm Mass Upper Hall after Mass Contact: John Costaschuk john.costaschuk@googlemail.com
Fri	Altar Servers’ Practice Church from 6.00 to 7.00pm Contact: Simon begbie_no1@hotmail.com Youth Groups For teenagers between 11 & 17 Upper Hall 7pm to 9pm Contact: St. Andrew’s Community
Sat	Church Cleaning Church at 10.30am Contact: Joyce Webster 01224 319 154 Parenting Class Clergy House after 10am Mass K4J (Kids for Jesus) Youth group for P2’s to P7’s in the Main Hall from 12.30pm to 2pm Saturday Club Informal social gathering, includes prayer Main Hall from 4pm to 7pm Contact: African Choir (As above) Upper Hall from 6 - 8.00pm
Sun	Choir Rehearsal Leading the music for 11:15 Sunday Mass Upper Hall 10.15am Contact: Shelagh Noden Alpha Main Hall after 6.00pm