

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 85: 1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day
long.

Collect

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful
to unite in a single purpose,
grant your people to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,
our hearts may be fixed on that place
where true gladness is found.
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 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the
palace:

I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your
post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son
of Hilkiyah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with
your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall
be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the
House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on
his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should
he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a
firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his fa-
ther's house.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 137(138):1-3,6,8

Response: *Your love, O Lord, is eternal: discard not the
work of your hands.*

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:
you have heard the words of my mouth. In the presence
of the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your ho-
ly temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love, which excel all
we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you an-
swered; you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haugh-
ty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

Second reading

Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom
and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his
motives or understand his methods! Who could ever
know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his coun-
sellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him
anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him
and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

2Co5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!
God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself,
and he has entrusted to us the news that they are recon-
ciled. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he
put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the
Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the
Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the
prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?'
Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said,
'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of
Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh
and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in
heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this
rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the under-
world can never hold out against it. I will give you the
keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on
earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever
you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heav-
en.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell
anyone that he was the Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption
through the one sacrifice offered once for all,
bestow graciously on us, we pray,
the gifts of unity and peace in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 103: 13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.

Prayer after Communion

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,
the healing work of your mercy
and graciously perfect and sustain us,
so that in all things we may please you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Sunday 11.15am Mass		
Entrance Hymn	647	The Church's one foundation
Offertory	Choir	Lead me, Lord (choir)
Communion	500	bread of heaven
Marian antiphon	597	Salve, Regina
Recessional	225	Fight the good fight

Sunday Bulletin

27th August 2017

• 21th Sunday in Ordinary Time •

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Meditation

You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living
God!" "You are 'Rock' and on this rock I will
build my Church." These are two affirmations
which concern the faith of every believer. There
is much more here than an exchange of
compliments between Jesus the Son of Man
and Simon the son of John.

Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying
about the identity of the "Son of Man".
Consonant with the popular expectation that
the prophet Elijah would return to usher in the
messianic Day of the Lord the crowds think
perhaps he is Elijah or one of the other
prophets, among whom they include John the
Baptist. For surely Jesus is a great prophet. He
questions his followers again about their own
interpretation of him. He is a prophet and more
than a prophet. He does indeed usher in the
messianic era because, the Church hears Peter
say, he is himself the Messiah – and more than
the Messiah. He is "Son of the living God". It is
not strange that we should hear from the lips of
Peter this faith expression of the newly born
Church at the beginning of its history. It is upon
Peter's profession of faith that Jesus builds his
Church. Through Peter, the man of first fervours,
but also the disciple who would deny him, Jesus
makes himself known. He charges Peter with the



building up of his brothers and sisters until the
coming of the kingdom. The Rock put his mark
on the Church just as John, the mystic, or Paul,
the missionary, did so in their own ways. The
Church is above all the home of us poor
believers, caught between faith and doubt,
generosity and infidelity, but nevertheless
stuttering with Peter, "I believe."

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Terms & Conditions see Parish website

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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

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Mass Times				
Date	Details	Service	Time	Mass Intentions
Sun 27th	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	8.00am	Health & Education
		Polish Mass	9.30am	Thanksgiving
		Mass	11.15am	Intentions for the Diocese
		Polish Mass	3.00pm	
		Mass	6.00pm	Parish Intentions
Mon 28th		Mass	12.30pm	Betty Menzies RIP
Tue 29th		Mass	7.00pm	Thanksgiving 37th Birthday
Wed 30th		Mass	12.30pm	Oge Onuoha Birthday Thanksgiving
Thu 31st		Mass	7.00pm	Mrs Vera Ferrao RIP
Fri 1st	First Friday Mass	Mass	12.30pm	Arron, Linda and the Lloyd family
		Mass	6.30pm	
Sat 2nd		Mass	10.00am	Mr&Mrs Mathews intentions
		Vigil Mass	7.00pm	Bernadette Farrington RIP
Sun 3rd	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	8.00am	Birthday Thanksgiving
		Polish Mass	9.30am	
		Mass	11.15am	Parish Intentions
		Polish Mass	3.00pm	
		Mass	6.00pm	Marina Pinto RIP

Mass Intention Envelopes

These are available at the back of the Church. 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. It may not always be possible for Mass to be celebrated on your preferred date or at the

OFFERTORY: £2875.97 **Mary's Meals: £1498.29**



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


SVP

Income	
Polish Collection	£101.42
Box Collection	£150.57
Total	£251.99
Spend on food	£224.62

Our grateful thanks to everyone who generously helps us in our work.

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.



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CATENIAN ROSARY GROUP
The group is now focusing on sending white plastic rosaries to prisoners where there is an urgent need. Rosaries, especially white plastic rosaries can be sent to Michael Blackburn, 164 Green Park Rd., Halifax HX3 0SP. Any queries 'phone 01422 352559 or email: michael@jjbr.co.uk

BELIEVED DISCIPLES
Pope Francis calls us to discover the Joy of Discipleship. Find out more about your faith in a supportive and friendly environment. Gain the tools needed to be an effective disciple. The Group has gained many insights from the various courses we have followed so far. We are now about to begin studying the Gospel of Matthew (this year the Church takes its Gospel readings from Matthew). We would love you to join us on Wednesdays in the Cathedral House after 12:30 Mass. Please come along! You will be made very welcome! Kevin O'Carroll

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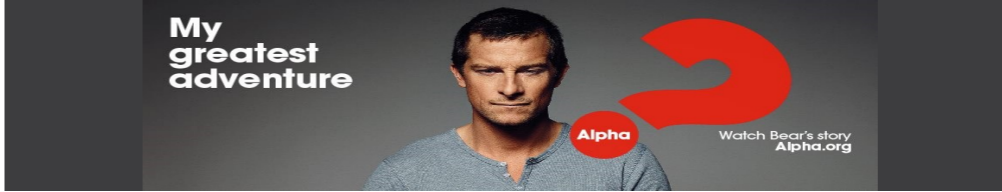
ACCESS TO CATHEDRAL THIS SUNDAY
Due to the 'Simplyhealth Great Aberdeen Run' on Sunday 27th August please be aware that due to road closures there will only be pedestrian access to the Cathedral for the greater part of the day. See website for road closures map and parking availability in the City.

SUNDAY PRAYER MINISTRY
Sunday Prayer Ministry takes place after 11.15am/6.00pm Mass, to the side of the Patrons Altar. If you require prayer for yourself, a family member, or friend, please feel free to make yourself known to the team.

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CHILDREN AT 11.15 AM MASS
Children can get bored at Mass because they can't see what is going on so we would like to encourage all children of primary school age to sit in the front left rows of the church with the Catechists. Hopefully, both you and them should find it easier to engage with Mass.

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My greatest adventure
Alpha

Your Greatest Adventure!
Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore faith, life and God in a relaxed open environment. Engage your friends in conversations about the big questions of life. When? Starts Sunday 1 October at 7.15pm. Where? St Mary's Cathedral. Who? Anyone, any faith or none. All welcome. You can register for these Alpha sessions on the Cathedral website: www.stmaryscathedralaberdeen.org **????????????????**

CHILDREN'S MONTHLY MASS
On the first Sunday of each month the 11.15 am Mass will be set aside as a Children's Mass.


SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS
There will be a second collection next week in support of priests who are incapacitated by sickness or old age.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP
Please join us for Mass followed by refreshments on Tuesday, 29 August at 7pm. We will celebrate the Eucharist as we give thanks to God for the many blessings we received from the youth pilgrimage to Fatima. We will be praying for all those that made this pilgrimage possible. After Mass we will have refreshments, testimonies, photos, and fellowship in thanksgiving for all your support! God bless you!



CONFIRMATION CLASSES 2017 (P7-S4)
These classes begin on Friday, 15th September so Registration begins now. Please sign up online through the Cathedral website: www.stmaryscathedralaberdeen.org
The Confirmation Classes for this session will begin with a Parents' Meeting at 5.30pm followed by class from 6.00-7.00pm then Youth Group from 7.00-9pm. Attendance at both Classes and Youth Group is mandatory. Please register on line ASAP Any queries to:- ruthpaterson@hotmail.com

SPUC SCOTLAND
A SPUC Petition is available at the back of the church to oppose the campaign to extend abortion. Please sign the Petition to help mobilise opposition to this threat to future generations of children.



BOOK SHOP
A great selection of books now in the shop.

Benedict XVI Last Testament in his own words
Pope St John Paul—In God's Hands—Spiritual Diaries
Reason to Believe—Abortion—Marriage Annulment—Contraception and Chastity
Living with Illness and Suffering
Contraception and Chastity
The Word of the Lord—Discovering Verbum Domini
The Inspiration of Truth of Sacred Scripture—the Word that comes from God and Speak
O God for the Salvation of the World
Simple Prayer Book, Theology of the Body
Opening hours of shop 1 hour after every Mass
Remember to pick up your Herald and Observer.

RCIA
Do you feel that God is calling you to explore your faith? Have you thought about becoming a Catholic? Or, have you been baptised but not received the sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation? RCIA classes have started again and are on Tuesday nights at 7:45pm in the Clergy House.

STELLA MARIS MASS
Bishop Stephen Robson will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral on Thursday 7th September at 7.00pm. Join us to pray for seafarers and for the Apostleship of the Sea ministry. Refreshments will be served in the Main Hall after Mass.
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Stella Maris, pray for seafarers and fishers; pray for us.

CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR PUPILS OF ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL SECONDARY SCHOOLS
Aberdeen City Council is continuing its programme of Catholic Religious Education for pupils of its secondary schools in Session 2017-2018. Classes will begin in the week of Monday August 28th. Classes will meet from 4pm until 5pm. This year there is a choice of days and venues. Classes for First and Second Year pupils will meet in Harlaw Academy on Mondays and St Machar Academy on Wednesdays. Classes for Third and Fourth Year pupils will meet in Harlaw Academy on Tuesdays and in St Machar Academy on Thursdays. An individual pupil will be able to choose to attend on the day and at the venue which suits she or he best. For further details and to register please go to www.abernet.org/rcree/ or telephone Mr Charlie Love on 01224 522287.

National Pilgrimage to Carfin 2017
In honour of our Lady of Fatima to consecrate our country to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Sunday 3rd September at 3.00pm. Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Philip Tartaglia and Homilist: Bishop Brian McGee.
A bus will be leaving from the Cathedral, Huntly Street at 10.00am. To book your seat please contact the Cathedral office. Cost is £12.00 per person. Bus will make two 'Comfort stops' on the outgoing and return journeys. Mass will be celebrated outdoors at Carfin so bring warm, waterproof clothing.

BIRTHDAY BOUQUET OF 1000 HAIL MARY'S
For the Feast of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary on the 8 September from 5.00pm to 10.00pm at St Columba's Church, Bridge of Don.

NATIVITY OF MOTHER MARY FEAST CELEBRATION
The Konkani speaking community celebrates the Nativity of Mother Mary feast on 9th September at 6.00pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church Mannofield, followed by showering of flowers and fellowship meal. If you would like to join and for more information, please contact Juliana D'costa on 01224905725 or 07919123510. Thanks.

CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOP
A charism discovery course led by Fr Gabor Czako at the Bishop's House (14, The Chanonry, Aberdeen) on the 15th, 16th and 17th September. All enquiries to Fr Gabor, tel: 01224 621581 or email: immacu4@gmail.com

VENERABLE MARGARET SINCLAIR PILGRIMAGE 2017
The National Pilgrimage for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair will take place on Sunday 17 September at 2pm (Mass 4.30pm: Preacher Fr Richard Reid CSSR), St Patrick's Church, 5 South Gray's Close, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1TQ.

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 0792832313
Tue	Magnificat Prayer Group 7.30pm in the Lower Hall after Mass. Contact: Stella Maria Onuoha 0744 9951 415 nesin@yahoo.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 3 021 851 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 Band Practice Contemporary music for Sunday 6pm Mass Upper Hall after Mass Contact: John Costaschuk Cathedral Choir practice 7pm in the Ogilvie Centre
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 10.00am Contact: Shelagh Noden Alpha Main Hall after 6.00pm