

# St Mary's Cathedral

*A Christ-centred community which is alive, forming and sending out joyful disciples*

16 - 20 Huntly Street, Aberdeen, AB10 1SH



**Sunday 3 March 2024 | Third Sunday of Lent | Year B**

Our Weekly Sunday Mass Times

08:00 • 11:00 • 15:00 (Polish) • 18:00



# Meditation

In today's gospel, Jesus chases the merchants and the money changers from the temple. He throws their money on the ground, drives out the animals, and turns over their tables. "Stop turning my Father's house into a marketplace!" Why this destructive violence? John gives us the key in a psalm verse: "Zeal for your house consumes me" (Ps 69:10). Jesus' anger expresses this zeal. He cannot bear to see the house where God meets his people diverted from its purpose.

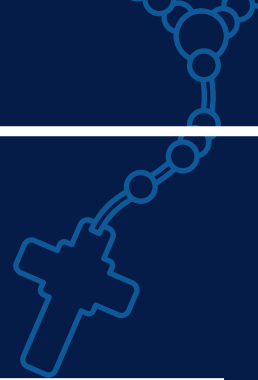


The Merchants Chased from the Temple  
*James Tissot (1836-1902)*

The religious leaders are indignant. A simple layman claims to put the sanctuary in order. What does he think he is doing? If God has sent him, let him prove it by a miracle! "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." This saying was incomprehensible at the time, but John explains it for his Christian readers. This "temple" is the body of Jesus. His adversaries will destroy it, but three days later, the resurrection will establish it as the definitive dwelling of God's presence. An hour after the cleansing, the merchants had probably resumed business in the temple. However, we cannot deny the repercussions of Jesus' prophetic gesture. In the light of Easter, this incident reveals the place of meeting between God and humanity to be the person of the Risen One.

- Vienna International Religious Centre -

# Our Mass Times



Monday	12:00 (noon)   Rosary		12:30   Mass	18:00   Rosary & Mass
Tuesday	12:30   Mass	17:30   Rosary	18:00   Mass	
Wednesday	12:00   Rosary	12:30   Mass	13:00 - 14:00   Confessions	18:00   Rosary & Mass
Thursday	12:30   Mass	17:30   Rosary	18:00   Mass	
Friday	12:00 (noon)   Rosary		12:30   Mass	18:00   Rosary & Mass
Saturday	10:00   Mass		11:00 - 12:00 (noon)   Confessions	
Sunday	08:00   Mass	11:00   Mass	15:00   Polish Mass	18:00   Mass

Spanish Mass at 17:00 every second and last Saturday of the month.

Ukrainian Greek Catholic Mass at 15:30 every third Saturday of the month.

Filipino Mass at 13:00 every third Sunday of the month.

African Mass at 11:00, the third Sunday of every second month.

## Over 50's Club

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 6 March 2024** at **14:00** in the main hall. All are welcome. We will have a presentation from a representative of the Aberdeen Union Street Initiative on:

***"What are the challenges around getting people to feel pride in Union Street?... We will discuss how we got here, what we have been doing and where we are going next with the Our Union Street project".***



## Eucharistic Adoration

Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is here. If you want to grow in love, come to the Eucharist, come to Adoration.

# Mass Intentions

DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Monday 4 March	12:30	Georgette Ntsame & Jeanne Afang RIP
	18:00	Antonio and Emily Marquez RIP
Tuesday 5 March	12:30	Georgette Ntsame & Jeanne Afang RIP
	18:00	Dominic Dieseru - Special Intentions
Wednesday 6 March	12:30	Isabella Cleaver RIP
	18:00	Elizabeth Amadasun - Birthday Thanksgiving
Thursday 7 March	12:30	Dominic Dieseru - Special Intentions
	18:00	Csajkovszki Family - Health & Wellbeing
Friday 8 March	12:30	Mrs Isolde Price RIP
	18:00	Dominic Dieseru - Special Intentions
Saturday 9 March	10:00	Maurice & Clare - 26th Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving
Sunday 10 March	08:00	Dominic Dieseru - Special Intentions
	11:00	For the Parish and Diocese
	18:00	Alison Campbell RIP

*"We pray for our society. That we would promote a culture that values life, and that we would seek the protection of all humans from conception to natural death. Lord hear us".*

(Right to Life UK)

## Brecbannoch Pilgrimage

This year's walking pilgrimage from Oban to Iona Abbey will take place from **Friday 7 to Monday 10 June 2024**. The purpose of the pilgrimage is to pray and make penance for the evangelisation of Scotland and the sanctity of her priests. Pilgrims will walk for 3 days, carrying the relics of St Columba across the Isles, until they reach Iona Abbey, where Holy Mass and a Solemn Procession will take place on the Solemnity of St Columba. The deadline for bookings is **Thursday 29 February 2024**.

[Find Out More](#)

## 40 Hours for the Lord and Confessions

Begins **Friday 8 March** at **13:00**.

[Find Out More](#)

## Financial Results | 25 February 2024

Offertory for all Masses | £1,705.89

Previous Week | £1,619.91

January Weekly Average | £1,594.11



## Standing Order

Never have cash with you at Mass? You can make your offertory collection by setting up a weekly or monthly standing order using online banking.

## Mass Intentions

If you would like a Mass said for any intention, please get in touch with our Church Secretary, Cowan Watson.

You are also welcome to make an offering by direct banking.

[Email Church Secretary](#)

### BANK NAME

Bank of Scotland (Upperkirkgate Branch)

### ACCOUNT NAME

RCD Cathedral St Mary 1

### SORT CODE

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### ACCOUNT NUMBER

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### REFERENCE

'Offertory' **OR** 'Mass' for Mass Intentions

### SCAM WARNING

If you receive an email or text suggesting it is from Fr Keith requesting for money, voucher etc., please do not respond. This is a scam.

## Phase Two | Reordering the Sanctuary

We are pleased to announce that, thanks to your generosity, phase one of the project to reorder the sanctuary has now been accomplished. Find out how you can help us complete this stage of the work.

[Find Out More](#)



## Gift Aid

If you are a UK taxpayer, please register for the Cathedral Gift Aid scheme.

We can claim an additional 25% on top of all contributions you make, without costing you a penny more!



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## Station Masses

The “Station Mass” originated in Rome under the auspices of Pope Gregory the Great (590 – 604). They were conceived as a daily pilgrimage in the footsteps of the martyrs and saints. Pilgrims and penitents visited forty churches in Rome on foot performed penitential exercises and celebrated Mass in each “stopping place” or “station”. In doing so, they were also following the example of Jesus who went out into the desert and fasted for forty days and forty nights in preparation for his mission. It is this “journey” which forms the spiritual background to the forty days of Lent and the journey each of us has to make into the desert of our hearts and lives.

Each of the Station **Masses begins at 19:00**, preceded by **Confession at 18:00** and the **Stations of the Cross at 18:30**.

**Friday 1 March** | Holy Family, 117 Deveron Rd, Aberdeen AB16 6LZ

**Friday 8 March** | King’s College Chapel, College Bounds, Aberdeen AB24 3FX

**Friday 15 March** | Sacred Heart, 15 Grampian Rd. Aberdeen, AB11 8ED

**Friday 22 March** | St Francis of Assisi, 231 Deeside Gardens, Aberdeen AB15 7PR

Please note that while the Friday Deanery Station Masses are taking place there will be **no 18:00 Mass** at the Cathedral.

## Parish Manager

Robin Harding, our Parish Manager, has announced his retirement at the end of March. After nine years of working for the good of the parish, we are very sorry to lose him.

Robin has made a tremendous difference to us here at the Cathedral and has been an invaluable support to me personally, dealing with many of the practical unseen issues of ensuring that we can function as a parish. We thank him for all that he has done and wish him well in his retirement. As a result of his departure, we are looking to recruit a new parish manager.

[View Vacancy](#)

## Family Adoration Hour

Every family is welcome to come and spend time at the feet of our Lord in the Eucharist on **Saturday 2 May** from **15:30 - 16:20**. Family Adoration is a simple practical way of coming together, with our joys and sorrows, challenges and dreams, struggles and successes, to experience the transformative power of prayer in the presence of Jesus Christ our Lord.



## Support SCIAF

In Rwanda, many women and girls suffer directly from gender-based violence. Your donations, prayers and actions make a real and lasting difference in their lives. To learn more about how you can help support women in Rwanda, please visit SCIAF's website



[Visit the Website](#)

[Call 0141 354 5555](tel:01413545555)

## Novena and Chaplet to the Divine Mercy

The Novena and Chaplet to the Divine Mercy will take place every weekday in the church at **15:00**.

## The Archbishop Romero Trust Romero Week

This year Jesuit Missions is once again pleased to support the Archbishop Romero Trust events in Glasgow!

Talks by Raymond Perrier and Jan Graffius are being hosted by St Aloysius' College as part of their annual Gonzaga Lectures series.

You are warmly invited to join us at St Aloysius' College to hear these inspirational speakers.

Dr Raymond Perrier

Prayerful and Prophetic Resilience in the Face of Injustice: Archbishops Oscar Romero and Denis Hurley

### **Wednesday 13 March, 19:00.**

Location: Clavius Forum, St Aloysius' College, Glasgow

Jan Graffius

Resilience in the Face of Injustice: Romero and the Jesuit Martyrs

### **Wednesday 20 March, 19:00.**

Location: Clavius Forum, St Aloysius' College, Glasgow

**Thursday 7 March** | Sts Perpetua and Felicity – Optional commemoration

**Friday 8 March** | St Duthac – Optional commemoration

**Saturday 9 March** | St Frances of Rome – Optional commemoration



## Home for Good

Do you adopt, foster or offer supported lodgings? Have you ever thought about it or wondered how you might support vulnerable children locally? Rosie Campbell is the North-East Scotland Coordinator for Home for Good and is looking to connect with anyone passionate about fostering or adoption or considering this journey.

Home for Good is a Christian charity that believes we all have a part to play to ensure that every child and young person has a home in which they are loved, nurtured, and enabled to thrive. We work to mobilise the Church to respond to the need for homes by inspiring people to step forward to foster, adopt or provide supported lodgings, journeying with them throughout the process. We also want to see churches better equipped to wrap around these children and families with practical, emotional, and spiritual support, encouraging church communities to think bigger when it comes to family, hospitality, justice and supporting one another.

We have a wide range of resources available for individuals and churches wanting to dig deeper and explore. Visit our website for more information, to sign-up to our newsletter, support us financially or to access our resources and events, or join our Home for Good Scotland Facebook group. What part could you play?

[Email Rosie Campbell](#)[Visit the Website](#)

## Mission Day

Join us for our second Mission Day run by the Craig Lodge Mission Team on **Saturday 16 March**.

The day starts with Mass and Holy Hour, helping us to be able to hear and identify God's voice speaking in our lives. In the evening, there will be a healing service with worship and prayer ministry. We hope to ignite the faith in our wonderful parish and to be set on fire to bring the good news to everyone in our community.

You are free to attend any individual part of the day or all.

### Timetable

- 10:00 Holy Mass (music led by the mission team)
- 11:00 Session 1: "Hearing God's Voice"
- 19:00 Session 2: "Mercy Night"

