

St Mary's Cathedral Bulletin

28th December, 2020



FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF
DAVID A SAVIOUR, WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD

Mass Times

Confessions

MONDAY	7am, 12.30pm*	
TUESDAY	7am, 6pm*	
WEDNESDAY	12.30pm*	5.30pm to 6.30pm
THURSDAY	7am, 6pm*, 11.45pm	
FRIDAY	11am, *	
SATURDAY	10am*, 5pm ^{Sp} , 7pm (Saturday Vigil)	
SUNDAY	8am, 9.30am (Polish), 11am*, 3pm (Polish), 6pm	



*These Masses are also streamed live from the Cathedral on our YouTube Channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/LoC4BY5OfTa_4K1wZGMSQA

^{Sp} Mass in Spanish is celebrated 2nd and last Saturday of the month

Registering for all Masses

You can register for all Masses on the parish homepage or here at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/st-marys-cathedral-30694616736>

(Registration closes 48 hours beforehand)

Names and contact details of all attendees will be taken at all Masses for contact tracing purposes. Please remember to arrive 20 minutes before Mass is due to begin. At 5 minutes before Mass reserved seats will be given to walk-ins.

Please note that from Christmas Day to Monday 11th January the following will be closed:

- The Bookshop
- The Church for private prayer to the public (the Adoration Prayer Warriors will continue as normal)

There will be no:

- Confessions in the church on Saturdays
- Adoration from 24-26th December and from 31st-1st January

Mass Intentions

28/12/2020 Mon	7am	Special Intentions of Mr. Dominic Dieseru
	12:30pm	Dom Francis OSB
29/12/2020 Tue	7am	Special Intentions of Mr. Dominic Dieseru
	6pm	Long-suffering souls in purgatory needing prayer
30/12/2020 Wed	7am	Special Intentions of Mr. Dominic Dieseru
	12:30pm	Sir Archie Dunbar RIP
31/12/2020 Thu	7am	Special Intentions of Mr. Alexander Dieseru
	6pm	Special Intentions of Mr. Dominic Dieseru
01/01/2021 Fri	7am	Virtual candle intentions for December
	12.30pm	Wedding Anniversary of Leju & Shruti
02/01/2021 Sat	10am	Gavin Pinto
	7pm	Michael Cunningham
03/01/2021 Sun	8am	Vanissa 'Van' Fernandez Palacpac
	11.15am	For the Diocese
	6pm	Jan Arabelle 'Ara' Palacpac

If you would like a Mass said for any particular intention then you can do so either:

- By contacting Cowan at the Office on 01224 640 160 or
- By Direct Banking and putting "Mass" & then the intention in the reference.

Bank - Bank of Scotland Upperkirkgate Branch

Account Name – RCD Cathedral St Mary 1

Sort Code – 80-05-17

Account Number – 00759738

Reference – Offertory

Cathedral Office

Please note that the Cathedral office will be close from 24th December until 5th January



Eucharistic Adoration

during the Christmas period

There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the 24th, 25th, 26th and 31st December and the 1st January. Otherwise Adoration will continue as normal.

To sign-up for an hour please contact Kelly or JulieAnna by calling 07754891808 or emailing adoration@cathedral-abdn.org.

Zoom Evening Prayer



Take part in Evening Prayer of the Church each day at 5pm. You can participate by clicking here:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7464299387>

Zoom number: 5862057755

Password: evening

Filipino Catholic Community Aberdeen



My dear kababayan,

Mabuhay! May the peace of Christ be with you. I would like to inform you that Bishop Hugh has appointed me for pastoral care of the Filipino community in the city of Aberdeen. I am happy to serve you and look forward to meeting you in the near future!

"A family that prays together stays together"

God bless each one of you! - Sr. Rosario Puaso

Tel: 07585940419

Facebook account name: sis. Rosario

Email: Filcatho.Aberdeen@gmail.com

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



Let The Children Live! is a charity founded in 1992 by Fr Peter Walters who first became involved with the street-children of Colombia in 1982 when they helped him after he became temporarily stranded there.



The charity enables people to respond to the needs of children from the streets and shanty-towns of Colombia's cities, and in particular the city of Medellín.

It aims both to safeguard the lives of children from the violence and poverty of the streets, and to make their lives worth living by giving them love, education and a future.



You can find out more about **Let the Children Live** on their website at:

<https://letthechildrenlive.org/>

or you can simply donate here: <https://letthechildrenlive.enthuse.com/Donate#!/>

Stand up and smile



Help protect babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot.

Sadly, abortion is currently available in the UK, right up to birth, for babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot. All of these conditions can be corrected.

A cross-party group of MPs from the three largest parties in the UK Parliament have come together to bring forward the Abortion (Cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) Bill. The Bill will change the law to clarify that cleft palate, cleft lip, and club foot are not grounds for abortion in the UK.

Can you help with getting your MP to support the Bill? Please visit www.standupandsmile.org.uk to email your MP asking them to support the Bill. It only takes 30 seconds.

A Walk in the Park *with Deacon Tony*



Chat about your challenges of life during the pandemic.

To arrange a walk in the park with Deacon Tony, please email him at:

Deacon@cathedral-abdn.org

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

2021 Calendars for sale now!

Good quality religious calendars showcasing the photos from our Cathedral's Photo Competition! Buy one or more for yourself, family or friends! Thank you for supporting the Cathedral! Price: £10

You can order your calendar here:

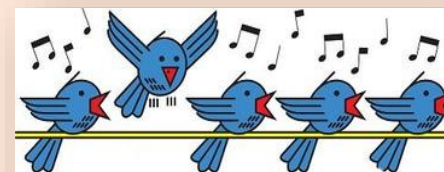
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Those of you who are not giving by standing order or who may just want to give an extra donation may do so whilst in the church without having to go to a cash machine first.

You will find a Tablet, a SumUp device & some Gift Aid forms on a table near the entrance. To donate:

1. Enter the amount on the tablet
2. If you wish a receipt, type in either your email or mobile number when prompted (otherwise press 'skip')
3. Place your card next to the SumUp device till it beeps
4. Fill in a Gift Aid form if you are not already Gift Aiding (UK tax payers)



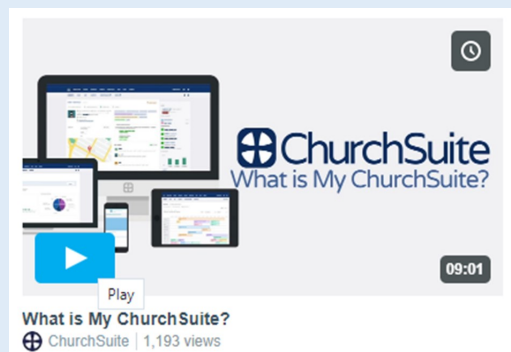
Join the Choir

All our choirs are back in action. If you would like to join one of them – even if you are on the other side of the planet (it's all done via the internet now) please contact the relevant Choir Leader.

11am Choir	Shelagh Noden	Cathedral Director of Music music@cathedral-abdn.org
Children's Choir	John Horton	Assistant Director johnhorton@rcda.scot
6pm Band	John Costaschuk	costaschuk@googlemail.com
Gospel Choir	Charlotte Peppitt	cpeppitt@gmail.com

My ChurchSuite

For those of you just joining us on the parish ChurchSuite database, here is a short video on it: <https://vimeo.com/279755036>



If you find that you do not have access to My ChurchSuite then please let us know and we shall sort that out for you.

Diocesan Family Life Centre

Mondays and Thursdays from 10am to 4pm

Our Diocesan Family Life Centre is for people battling with family or other difficult life issues. During the lockdown, is still open to online or phone appointments. It is also now open for forty minutes physical appointment (applying social distancing rules) and the necessary PPE measures for people's safety.

The centre contact details remain: Sr. Mary Joseph Justin HFSN, St. Mary's Family Life Centre, 80 Rose Street, AB10 1UE. Email: hfsnflifec@rcd-abdn.org, tel. 01224 631 319.

Hospital Chaplaincy

Fr Emmet continues to provide Hospital Chaplaincy here in the city, though in a more limited way due to the present situation.

If you know of any Catholics in hospital in Aberdeen at this time can you please let Fr Emmet know at ari@rcda.scot

Child And Adult Protection

In The Catholic Church In Scotland

Request to abuse survivors for help with an independent review of Safeguarding arrangements within the R C Diocese of Aberdeen.

Introduction

The Social Care Institute for Excellence/ Children in Scotland (SCIE/ CiS) is currently undertaking an audit of the Safeguarding arrangements with the Diocese of Aberdeen and the Diocese of Motherwell. They bring significant experience of conducting safeguarding audits in English Diocesan context and adult as well as children safeguarding in England and CiS bring significant expertise in child protection in the Scottish context.

The Auditors

The independent review will be undertaken by 2 auditors:

Jane Scott (CiS Associate) who has extensive experience supporting learning and improvement work in the field of Child Welfare in Scotland and has worked closely with SCIE in developing methodology for Serious Case Reviews and conducting Serious Case Reviews.

Jane Bee, an accredited SCIE lead reviewer for Serious Case Reviews. She was a member of the Diocese of Gloucestershire's Safeguarding Children Board (GSCB) for 4 years and is now an independent safeguarding consultant.

You can find out more information about SCIE and CiS on their websites: www.scie.org.uk and www.childreninscotland.org.uk

The focus

The independent team want to hear from people with first-hand experience of how the Diocese has responded or failed to disclosures of abuse or sharing concerns regarding Safeguarding arrangements made within the Roman Catholic Diocese of Aberdeen.

They want to understand what is working well and what has gone wrong in the past.

They are looking at the responses of people in Diocesan roles who

have had knowledge of abuse by clergy and others or risks posed by clergy and others in Church related roles, paid or voluntary.

At this stage they are only focusing on responses by people in the Diocese of Aberdeen and the Diocese of Motherwell.

An independent, confidential process

The Diocese will have no role in this except to help to publicise that the audit is taking place and that the external team want to hear from survivors of abuse and/or their families.

We recommend that you speak to SCIE and CiS staff directly.

Nobody at any level in the Church will be told that you are taking part.

What you tell SCIE/CiS will be confidential and will not be shared with the diocese except as part of an overall report which will absolutely not identify you.

SCIE/CiS expect the diocese to publish the report. Copies of the report will be made available to survivors.

Contact Details

If you feel able to contribute, please contact SCIE directly:

By email on learningtogether@scie.org.uk

By phone on 07921 251614

SCIE will then get in touch to arrange a time at your convenience to meet with the auditors. Thankyou for your help it is much appreciated.

Thank You

Taking part is likely to have an emotional cost for you. Please draw on all the support you need. SCIE/CiS and the Diocese of Aberdeen thank you sincerely in advance for your help. We are anxious to ensure that lessons are learnt, and injustices of the past are put right and not repeated in the future,

We would again emphasise that this is an external independent audit. If you have any questions about the review or taking part, please get in touch, using the contact details above.