

**Entrance Antiphon**

The shepherds went in haste,  
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

Lk 2: 16

**Collect**

O God, who were pleased to give us  
the shining example of the Holy Family,  
graciously grant that we may imitate them  
in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity,  
and so, in the joy of your house,  
delight one day in eternal rewards.  
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**

Ecclesiasticus 3:3-7,14-17

The Lord honours the father in his children,  
and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons.  
Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins,  
he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a  
fortune.  
Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own,  
he shall be heard on the day when he prays.  
Long life comes to him who honours his father,  
he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the  
Lord.  
My son, support your father in his old age,  
do not grieve him during his life.  
Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy,  
do not despise him in your health and strength;  
for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten  
but will serve as reparation for your sins.

**Psalm**

Psalm 127:1-5

***O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!***

O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. **R.**  
Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. **R.**  
Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
all the days of your life! **R.**

**Second reading**

Colossians 3:12-21

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should  
be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility,  
gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other  
as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you  
must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and  
complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in  
your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as  
parts of one body. Always be thankful.  
Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you.  
Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With  
gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs

to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord  
Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord.  
Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children,  
be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please  
the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you  
will make them feel frustrated.

**Gospel Acclamation**

cf.Ac16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**

Luke 2:41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast  
of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the  
feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast,  
the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents  
knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only  
after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their  
relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went  
back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the  
doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those  
who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies.  
They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to  
him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your  
father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for  
me?' he replied 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my  
Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived  
under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her  
heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with  
God and men.

**Communion Antiphon**

Bar 3: 38

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

**Prayer after Communion**

Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament,  
most merciful Father,  
to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family,  
so that, after the trials of this world,  
we may share their company for ever.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Sunday 11.15am Mass		
Processional Hymn	143	Child in the Manger
Offertory	536	Once in Royal David's City
Communion Hymns	698	Unto us a Boy is Born!
Recessional		

# Sunday Bulletin

27th December, 2015

• Feast of the Holy Family •

Year C



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### MEDITATION

"Whatever you do, whether in speech or in  
action, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus."  
We must see all our activities as linked with  
God's work. In keeping with the Christmas  
season, we can reflect on God's presence in  
even the most "secular" places. Parents,  
children, communities, single persons, young  
and old should find hope in this presence.

The passages for this Sunday from Sirach  
and Colossians specify the shape of a happy  
home for their times. Whether it be in  
caring for an aging parent or in the loving  
interaction of spouses, the ideals have  
perennial appeal. The particular historical  
applications remind us that the ideals need  
ever-fresh interpretation in our daily lives.  
While the cultural picture of nagging  
fathers and submissive wives remind us of a  
waning era, we are challenged to see what a  
happy home can be for us. How will our  
relationships evolve if we do all in the name  
of Christ Jesus?

The gospels for each year open up for us a  
variety of episodes in Jesus' early life. His  
happy home, the Holy Family, is far from  
idyllic. Joseph must take the child and Mary  
to Egypt. Interpreting God's will, they are  
able to escape Herod and then settle in  
Nazareth (year A).

Joseph and Mary marvel at the poetic words



of an aged man who awaits the consolation  
of Israel. Even here, Simeon's words show  
the swords of pain and division in their  
home. Mary, the first to hear God's Word  
must encounter the challenges of his life  
(year B). Jesus' later visit to the temple pre-  
sages his destiny and the tension this brought  
(year C).

In their family interaction, Joseph, Mary, and  
Jesus did all in the name of God. Within our  
own history, we must do all in the name of  
this present One.



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Notices		
<b>Rosary:</b>	Saturdays	10.30pm
<b>Confessions:</b>	Tuesdays	6pm
	Saturdays	10.30am & 6pm
<b>Adoration:</b>	7am to 7pm Monday to Saturday	
<b>Morning Prayer:</b>	Monday - Friday	7.30am
	Saturdays	9.40am
<b>Evening Prayer:</b>	Thursdays	6.30pm
<b>Night Prayer:</b>	Thursdays	8.30pm
<b>Housebound?</b>	John MacKinnon (See above) To arrange communion visits	
<b>Coeliacs:</b>	Please speak to a member of the clergy before Mass to arrange communion	
<b>Feeding Priests:</b>	Yi-Pei Chou <a href="mailto:chou.turvey@gmail.com">chou.turvey@gmail.com</a>	
<b>Sunday Coffees:</b>	Aneta Sieminska 07415 321 792	
<b>NFP</b>	Margaret Hammond 07891 358 114 <a href="mailto:mghammond13@yahoo.co.uk">mghammond13@yahoo.co.uk</a>	
<b>Children:</b>	Mass screened live in Main Hall To be accompanied to the toilet by a parent or guardian	

Mass Times				
Date	Details	Service	Time	Mass Intentions
Sun 27th	Feast of the Holy Family	Mass Polish Mass Solemn Mass Polish Mass Mass	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.00pm	For the Parish For the Diocese
Mon 28th	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	Mass	12.30pm	
Tue 29th	Saint Thomas Becket	Mass	7.00pm	Iolanda Moricon RIP
Wed 30th		Mass	12.30pm	Thanks for Visa Appeal
Thu 31st		Mass	11.45pm	Old Year's Mass
Fri 1st	Mary, Mother of God (Solemnity)	Mass Solemn Mass Polish Mass	7.00pm 11.15am 3.00pm	
Sat 2nd	Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen	Mass Vigil Mass	10.00am 7.00pm	
Sun 3rd	The Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)	Mass Polish Mass Solemn Mass Polish Mass Mass	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.00pm	For the Parish For the Diocese

Mass Intention Envelopes	
At the back of the Church. Print details and post through Clergy House letter box.	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 Cathedral itself.	Sunday 11:15 Mass is normally reserved for the Administrator's or Bishop's Intentions for the Parish or Diocese

20/12 OFFERTORY: £ 2,057.40 Polish: £1,257.65



### Youth

**YOUTH GROUP**

No Youth Group over the Christmas Break. Life Teen will begin at 7pm on Friday, 15 January 2016. All youth 12-17 are invited!

Life Teen youth group for teens aged 11-17 starting soon! Any adults interested in volunteering to help, Friday nights 7-9pm, as a core member please contact St Andrew Community for an application pack.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL	
Box Collection	£123.69
Donations	£50.00
Expenses	£297.19

Thank you for all your help. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### Cathedral News

**UPGRADED SCREENED MASS**

You will have noticed that the video link to the hall has not been working over the last couple of weeks. The problem is now fixed and we have a new High Definition link. I would encourage you to use it, especially when the children become restless.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES**

For children who do not attend a Catholic Primary School. Classes begin with a Parents/Registration Meeting in the Lower Hall on Friday 15th January 2016. If you wish your child to attend either of these classes, Reconciliation or Holy Communion, then please register on the Cathedral website.

**THANK YOU**

for making the bake sale a success. The youth group raised £460. Merry Christmas to all.

## Cathedral News

# Got questions about life

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. 27 million people have tried Alpha in homes, cafes, pubs and churches all over the world.

- When? Tuesday 5th January at 7pm for 8 weeks
- Where? Cathedral Lower Hall
- Who? Anyone, any faith or none. All welcome.

What if together we saw our generation coming to faith on Alpha? You can register for these Alpha sessions on the Cathedral website: [www.stmaryscathedralaberdeen.org](http://www.stmaryscathedralaberdeen.org)

**BLESSING OF FAMILIES**

There will be a blessing of families today after each of the Masses on the feast of the Holy Family.

**WEDNESDAY EXERCISE CLASS**

Please note that the Wednesday exercise class will not meet on the 30th December.

**ADORATION AT THE CATHEDRAL**

Adoration has now ceased in the Chapter Room at present and it will resume on Saturday, 2nd January at the All Night Adoration Vigil. [standrewscommunity@cathedral-abdn.org](mailto:standrewscommunity@cathedral-abdn.org)

**Year of Mercy - Eucharistic Vigils with Our Lady**

Monthly... Next vigil will be on the 2nd January from 8:30pm- 7:30am. Led Holy Hour, Divine Mercy, Praise & Worship, and 1st Saturday Prayers (until 10pm). Confessions & Doors of Mercy Plenary Indulgence available. If you are interested in committing to a regular holy hour each week please contact the St Andrew Community: [standrewscommunity@cathedral-abdn.org](mailto:standrewscommunity@cathedral-abdn.org)

**ADULT CONFIRMATIONS**

Adults who wish to be confirmed should register on the website. Course starts Tuesday 5th January.

**HEALING SERVICE**

A Healing Service will be held in the Cathedral on Thursday 7th January 2016 after the 7pm Mass. This will include rosary, praise and prayer. **All Welcome**

**YOUTH WORK TRAINING DAY**

If you're interested in Youth Ministry then this workshop, led by the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia, could be just what you're looking for. 23rd January, Cathedral Upper Hall from 10.30am to 3.00pm.

**TRAINED CATECHISTS REQUIRED**

Children's classes for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are due to begin in January and will run until May every Friday from 4.0-5.0pm in the Cathedral Halls. For this to happen, we need Trained Catechists urgently. If you are one of these and wish to help please contact Fr. Keith or Ruth Paterson: [ruthpaterson@hotmail.com](mailto:ruthpaterson@hotmail.com)

**ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFT SHOP**

Books for the month of December: The gift of Christmas is Peace – Pope Francis. £2.50. Words for the advent and Christmas season – Bishop Hugh Gilbert. OSB. Price £2.50. Both wonderful books to read and great prices. Many thanks and merry Christmas..... Volunteer of the month is **Maria from Nigeria**.

**INVITATION: INSIDE THE WEE BOX**

In the New Year, there will be opportunity for people to find out more about the people behind our WEE BOX. Stories, photos and video clips of the work of SCIAF in the drought-prone Borana region of Ethiopia will be shared. Date: Saturday 30th January, 2016 at 6.00 - 7.30pm Venue: St. Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen. Please RSVP to [sciaf@sciaf.org.uk](mailto:sciaf@sciaf.org.uk) or call 0141 354 5555 if you would like to attend.

### Deanery & Diocese

**NEWMAN ASSOCIATION (NA)**

All the NA evening dates have now had to be changed, and apart from January, will take place on Mondays: 8th February, 7th March, 11th April, and 9th May 2016.

**ABERDEEN NEWMAN ASSOCIATION**

January 12th, 2016, at 7.30 pm in the Bishop's House, Queen's Cross, Aberdeen. Fr Stuart will give a presentation on the Jubilee Year of Mercy. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served. We ask a donation of £1.50 to cover expenses.

Weekly Calendar	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Mother &amp; Toddler Group</b> For parents with young children Main Hall from 10.30-12.30pm Contact: Yi-pei Chou <a href="mailto:hou.turvey@gmail.com">hou.turvey@gmail.com</a> <b>Credo Community Meeting</b> Polish charismatic prayer group. Main Hall at 7.30pm . Contact: Fr Tomasz Klin SJ
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Magnificat Prayer Group</b> Main Hall after Mass Contact: Paul Akagwu 07574 103 852 <b>St. Vincent de Paul</b> Feeding the homeless Contact: Evelyn Murray
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Light Exercise Class for all</b> Main Hall at 10:00am Contact: Laura Walker 0777 3 021 851 <a href="mailto:laura@laurawalkerlimited.co.uk">laura@laurawalkerlimited.co.uk</a> <b>Seniors Club</b> Speakers, fun & fellowship Main Hall at 2 pm every 2 weeks Contact: Winnie on 01224 632 465. <b>Deepening Faith</b> For those interested in learning more about the Faith or becoming Catholic Lower Hall at 7pm Contact: Fr. Keith <b>African Choir</b> For Africans and anyone else. Upper Hall from 6 - 8.00pm Contact: Patricia Malikebu 07891 714 549
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Healing of Memories</b> 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 <b>Legion of Mary</b> Members serve the Church as needed Lower Hall at 5.30pm Contact: Nogie Osula <a href="mailto:nogisula@yahoo.com">nogisula@yahoo.com</a> <b>Cenacolo Prayer Group</b> Exposition & Rosary praying for healing of those with addictions Church after Mass Contact: Liam Sharkey 07774 931 996 <a href="mailto:liam.sharkey@fsmail.net">liam.sharkey@fsmail.net</a> <b>Band Practice</b> Contemporary music for Sunday 6pm Mass Upper Hall after Mass Contact: Michael Thomson <a href="mailto:michael@pianocatholic.org.uk">michael@pianocatholic.org.uk</a>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Our Lady of Aberdeen Prayer Group</b> Rosary & praise in song and word Chapter Room from 1.30 - 2.30pm Contact: Teresa Coyne 07901 851 526 <b>Altar Servers' Practice</b> Church from 6.00 to 7.00pm Contact: Simon <a href="mailto:bebbie_no1@hotmail.com">bebbie_no1@hotmail.com</a> <b>Youth Group</b> For teenagers between 11 & 17 Clergy House 7pm to 9pm Contact: St. Andrew's Community 07754 891 808 <a href="mailto:standrewscommunity@cathedral-abdn.org">standrewscommunity@cathedral-abdn.org</a>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Church Cleaning</b> Church at 10.30am Contact: Joyce Webster 01224 319 154 <b>Saturday Club</b> Informal social gathering, includes prayer Main Hall from 4pm to 7pm Contact: Aneta Sieminska 07415 321 792 <b>African Choir</b> (As above) Upper Hall from 6 - 8.00pm
<b>Sun</b>	<b>11:15 Choir</b> Leading the music for 11.15 Sunday Mass Upper Hall 10.00am Contact: Shelagh Noden