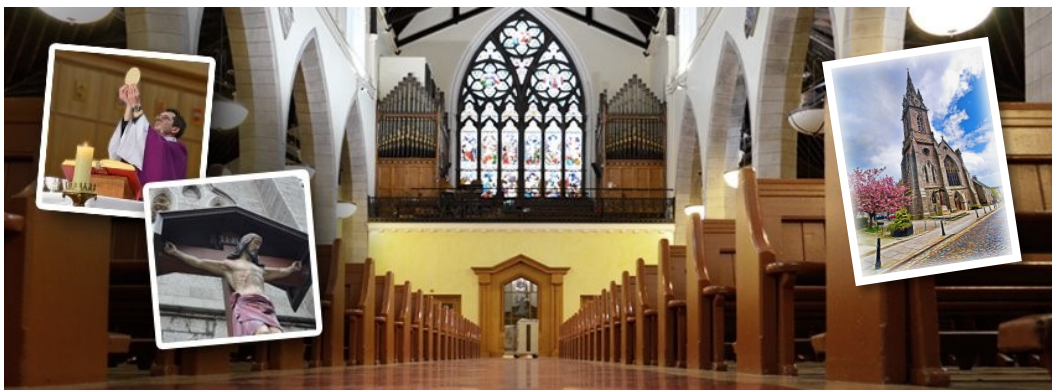


St Mary's Cathedral Bulletin

14th November, 2020



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

Mass Times

MONDAY 7am, 12.30pm*

TUESDAY 7am, 6pm*

WEDNESDAY 7am, 12.30pm*

THURSDAY 7am, 6pm*

FRIDAY 7am, 12.30pm*

SATURDAY 10am*, 7pm (Sunday Vigil) 10.30am to 11.30pm

SUNDAY 8am, 9.30am (Polish),
11am*, 3pm (Polish), 6pm

Confessions

5.30pm to 6.30pm



YouTube

*These Masses are also streamed live from the Cathedral on our YouTube Channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/LoC4BY5OfTa_4K1wZGMQSA



November—Month of Remembrance

November is the month when, by tradition, we pray for the eternal rest of our deceased relatives and friends. This year, in all our churches, we remember especially those who have died during the pandemic. We also pray for those who have lost someone they loved, for those who were unable to say goodbye, and for those who are suffering the pain of grief. We pray for confidence in the loving mercy of God, for faith in the Resurrection to new life, and for the hope of being reunited in God's kingdom.

Registering for Vigil & Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil: 7pm, 5pm (Spanish 2nd & last week of the month)

Sunday: 08:00, 11:00 & 18:00 hrs.

You can register for a Sunday Vigil or Sunday Mass 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.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2020:

"The financial results for the Cathedral for the 6 month period to 30th September 2020 show a Surplus of £25,786.50. This is a very encouraging result considering the circumstances that have prevailed since March and is primarily down to 3 factors:

1. **Gift Aid** – Gift Aid receipts from the UK Government for Tax Year 2019/2020 (received in the 6 months to 30/09/20) totalled £32,709.55. This is an increase of almost £10,000 (or 43%) on the value of the Gift Aid claim for 2018/2019 (£22,903.11). We have made a concerted effort to get Parishioners to sign up to the Gift Aid scheme over the past 12-18 months. A massive Thank-You therefore to all those who have responded to this call and become a part of the scheme – its value and importance to the Parish has never been more clear. If you are a UK taxpayer and would like to sign up for Gift Aid, please contact our Gift Aid scheme administrator, Peter Simpson, on giftaid@cathedral-abdn.org for further details of how to sign up. You can also sign up online on the Parish website via the following link – <http://www.stmaryscathedralaberdeen.org/giving/gift-aid/>.

2. **Standing Orders & Direct Banking** – The closure of the Church in March cut off our main revenue stream of Mass Offertories, causing huge concern as to how we would be able to navigate the months ahead. We have been able to do so in no small part thanks to the great generosity of the Cathedral Parishioners, many of whom have switched their giving from cash to regular electronic payments via Direct Banking. This has seen our income from this source double (£60k vs £30k) in the 6 months to September 2020 compared to the same period in 2019. Offertory Giving via Standing Order is our preferred method of Giving, so thanks both to those who have made the switch over the last 6 months and also to those who have been giving by Standing Order for some time.

3. **One-Off Donations** – The Lockdown months of April to June saw a terrific response from Parishioners to our cash flow crisis. Many very generous one-off Donations were received during this time, helping us to stave off the immediate trouble we found ourselves in. Donations have continued since the Church re-opened in July and are very much appreciated as always, but recognition and gratitude has to be expressed to those who contributed so generously back in April, May & June, our months of greatest need, when we were very much living from month to month."

The Book of Remembrance

During the month of November, you are invited to write in the names of loved ones who have died. They will be prayerfully remembered during the month.

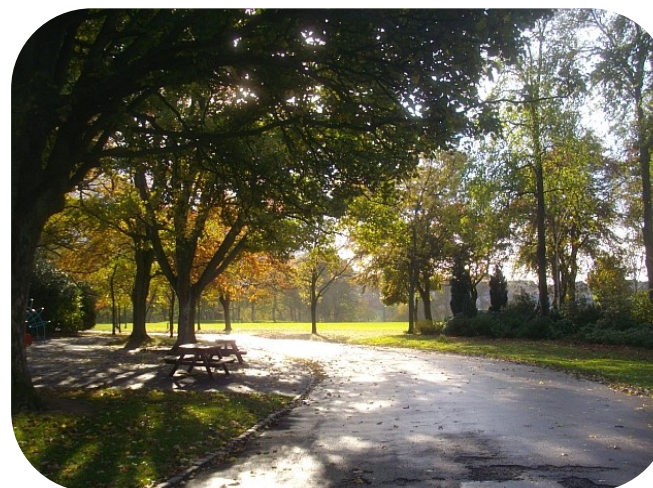


NOVEMBER : MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

In the month of November we pray for the faithful who have gone before us. If you would like a loved one remembered at Mass you may write their names in our Book of Remembrance. Just click on the following link:

<http://www.stmaryscathedralaberdeen.org/about-us/book-remembrance/>

A Walk in the Park *with Deacon Tony*

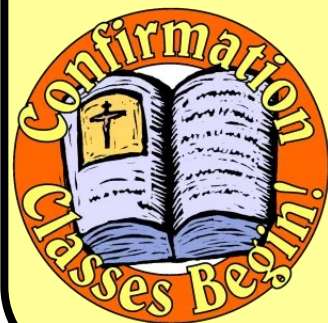


Chat about your challenges of life during the pandemic.

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

Deacon@cathedral-abdn.org

Confirmation classes begin in December



Children's confirmation classes at the Cathedral will start on the 4th of December, every Friday, from 6 to 7pm with youth group following from 7-9pm.

You can register your child here :

<http://www.stmaryscathedralaberdeen.org/index.php?cid=247>

If you require any further information please call Michelle from the Saint Andrew Community: 07754891808.

Thank You!

Lorraine Hughes from Missio Scotland would like to thank all parishioners for contributing so generously to the collection taken on Mission Sunday which raised £442.76. It is very much appreciated, especially during these difficult times.

*Dear Lord,
At this time of pandemic,
Let us foster respect and solidarity with others, especially those who are weak or poor.
Let us remain calm and ignore unsubstantiated rumours.
Let us take advantage of living together as a family.
Let us attend to moments of prayer.
Let us cultivate responsibility, patience and hope.*

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN IS LOOKING FOR TWO VOLUNTEERS, ONE FOR THE ROLE OF CHAIRMAN OF THE DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING ADVISORY TEAM AND THE OTHER ROLE FOR THE DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING ADVISOR.

Chairman of the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Team (Volunteer role)

The Chairman is responsible to the Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Aberdeen and is responsible for day to day management of Safeguarding projects and procedures. As a volunteer, the role of Chairman requires an estimated commitment of 5 hours per week. During the weeks when the Diocesan audit is being collated considerably more hours are worked. Desirable skills include strong, successful strategic leadership skills and ability to foster a positive work environment. Excellent negotiating, facilitating and influencing skills. Ability to ensure decisions are taken and followed-up. You are required to join the Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme (PVG) to work with both children and protected adults

Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor (Volunteer role)

The role of Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor is to advise and assist the Bishop in meeting his Safeguarding responsibilities. This involves all matters that relate to the protection of children and vulnerable adults in their contact with Church personnel and/or Church property within the RC Diocese of Aberdeen. Key tasks are ensuring all allegations are reported to Bishop for referral to statutory authorities. The DSA convenes a Diocesan Risk Assessment Meeting which is minuted with decisions recorded and Bishop informed.

Key aspects of the role include:

To be accessible and offer support to survivors.

Updating the Diocesan website with relevant information for survivors and training initiatives in relation to the Safeguarding service.

Liaising with statutory agencies, such as Police, Health and Social work as well as partner agencies (National office, Bishops' Conference of Scotland, Health in Mind).

Ensuring compliance with the National Safeguarding Standards within all Diocesan groups.

Responding to issues emerging from the safeguarding Audit.

Excellent interpersonal and leadership skills, with confidence in dealing with a variety of people.

Working effectively with partner agencies and establish good working relationships.

A working understanding of GDPR and confidentiality.

Excellent verbal and written communications skills.

In addition, a flexible approach to work with occasional requirement to work outside normal hours. The role of Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor requires an estimated commitment of between 5-10 hours per week, spent on Safeguarding work, both at Diocesan and National level and various training initiatives/meetings online. More hours will be required during the submission of the Diocesan Safeguarding Audit.

A comprehensive Job description for both roles are available on request from Cathy Kelly, Bishop's PA, bishopspa@rcd-abdn.org

CARDINAL WINNING LECTURE 2020

Presented by the Saint Andrew's Foundation for Catholic Teacher Education, University of Glasgow

Thérèse of Lisieux: A Doctor of the Church for Our Times

DR REBEKAH LAMB

Lecturer in Theology and the Arts
School of Divinity, University of St Andrews

Rebekah Lamb was an inaugural Étienne Gilson Post-Doctoral Fellow at the University of Toronto. She is a Trustee of the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst College and has lectured in Canada, the US, the UK and Italy. Her research, teaching and published works are concerned with the relationship between theology, culture, and the arts, from the Victorian period to the present, with special emphasis on aesthetics and human flourishing.



NOVEMBER 28, 2020
11AM - 12:15PM
ONLINE (VIA ZOOM)

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cardinal-winning-lecture-2020-registration-126250563835>

The annual Cardinal Winning Lecture Mass will be celebrated before the event—at 10am by Fr Stephen Reilly—and this can be attended via YouTube.

Organ Recital and Talk

Find out more about the history of our cathedral organ, and hear some wonderful music played by Ronald Leith, a graduate of the Royal College of Music, who has served as St Mary's Cathedral organist for 47 years.



Ronald will present a talk and recital on the organ on Friday November 20th at 7.30pm in the cathedral. Admission is free, with a voluntary retiring collection.

Numbers are limited, so if you are interested please email:

music@cathedral-abdn.org with your name and contact details. We will advise you if you have a place.



Aberdonians, do you really know your city?
Newcomers, get to know your new home town.
St Mary's Cathedral Family Quiz Night via ZOOM
Friday 27th November @ 6.30pm
Entry £5 per family
Information on how to enter coming soon.

Prayer Warriors

Adoration Prayer Warriors

Adoration Prayer Warriors are those disciples who commit themselves to take up the weapon of prayer to do battle with the foe (CCC 2612 and 2846-2854), interceding before Jesus Christ, really present in the Blessed Sacrament, for the Church and the world. The more people who can commit to this the more renewal we shall experience in our own lives as well as the life of the Church and society.

I would like you to consider becoming an Adoration Prayer Warrior.

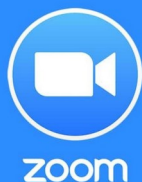
To commit to a weekly hour, contact Kelly or JulieAnna of the St. Andrew Community:

Email: adoration@cathedral-abdn.org Mobile: 07754 891 808

If you:

Can't make a weekly commitment due to circumstances but would like to sign-up for an individual hour, click: <https://stmarysadoration.youcanbook.me/>

My hope is to return to having 24/7 prayer in the Cathedral as soon as reasonably possible and to see our society transformed.



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>
Password: evening



SCiAF Real Gifts are now available to buy at www.sciaf.org.uk/realgifts or by calling 0141 354 5555. Gifts include a coronavirus emergency pack, chickens, goats or you can buy a water filter give the gift of clean water to a family in Ethiopia!



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

The British Red Cross is here to help you through the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

We have recently launched our new Tackling Loneliness Digitally program funded by the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). It particularly focusses on reaching young people, people from Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) communities, the digitally excluded, refugees, asylum seekers and other vulnerable migrants, people at risk of loneliness due to health issues and older people.

All of our resources are free and can be found at www.redcross.org.uk/loneliness-resources. Anyone wishing to be notified when we have new resources live on our website can sign up for updates [here](#).

Our new Loneliness Digital Classroom is now open for booking, where participants can explore how it might feel to be lonely or isolated and learn skills to help others who may be experiencing loneliness. There are two sessions available, one for children and young people aged 10-19 and one for adults aged 19+. Sessions can be booked by emailing RedCrossEducation@redcross.org.uk or calling 0344 412 2734.





Sound Desk Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help on the sound desk at the 11 am and 6pm Sunday Masses. Training will be given to ensure full confidence.

Welcome Team

"First impressions count". Contact Gilbert: gilbert_tonner@hotmail.com

Stewards

Helping us to keep Mass going. Contact Kenneth: koed2000@yahoo.com

Live-streaming Mass Team

Contact Sean Hayes at seankhayes@me.com

Phase III Volunteers

Helping to keep the church open for private prayer. Contact Lauren Robertson: LaurenMayRobertson_20@live.com



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 only)*

I hope this will make things easier for many of you.

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.

Cathedral Shop

Shop is open on:

- **Saturdays** 11 am to 1 pm
- **Sundays** after 11 am Mass
- **Mon to Thurs:** 7—8 pm

'Deo Gracías' face coverings



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

ST. MARY'S MONASTERY,
KINNOULL

COME AWAY WITH ME

BY YOURSELVES TO
A QUIET PLACE
AND REST

(MARK 6:31)

HATTON ROAD,
KINNOULL,
PERTH,
PH2 7BP



We also offer a largely reduced daily rate until the end of the year.

For further information please contact: info@kinnoullmonastery.co.uk or phone 01738 624075.

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We very much look forward to welcoming you and affording you the opportunity to respond to the invitation of Jesus to "come away... and rest"

With our prayers,

The Redemptorist Community



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

CALLING ALL FOODIES!

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More info



Calling all Foodies!

Do you enjoy cooking and trying new recipes from different cultures? Join us as we take a foodies tour around the world. At St. Mary's cathedral we would like to unite our diverse community by putting together a cookbook using your personal contributions. Please send us your very own favourite recipes, the ones you and your family enjoy the most, to: stmarysfundraising.ab@gmail.com before 30th September. Entry is free. The cookbook will be sold during the Christmas season with all funds raised used to support the Cathedral.



CELEBRATE Together Zoom Evenings

Beginning on Monday 5th October, you can join your local Scottish team via Zoom to pray, worship and be inspired by a short presentation from a keynote speaker on each of the five CELEBRATE values:

Baptism in the Holy Spirit; Family; Unity; Formation; Mission

There will also be an opportunity for prayer ministry after the talk.

Each region will meet at the same time and day to hear the same talk on different Zoom calls.

You only need to register once and use the following link/log in details for all of the dates: <https://www.celebrateconference.org/back-to-basics-2020>

You can come to all or as many as you can.

Monday 16th November: **Formation**: The Call to Ever Deeper Discipleship

Monday 30th November: **Mission**: Taking Risks and Stepping out in Faith to Pursue God's Mission

The sessions will run from 7:30pm - 8:30pm

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.