

St Mary's Cathedral Bulletin

27th March, 2021



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

Annual Easter Lunch for the Homeless, Needy and Vulnerable



The entire Cathedral household including The Holy Family Sisters of the Needy, The St Andrew Community and the Society of St Vincent de Paul will be holding their annual Easter celebration for their clients on Tuesday April 6 from 2.30 - 5pm. The Venue is St. Mary's Cathedral Car Park. The format remains the same as it has been since the covid-19 restrictions.

Any help or support from St Cathedral Parishioners or indeed from anyone who would like to contribute in making this a grace filled occasion will be greatly appreciated. Donations of food items or even cash donations will be most welcome. Donations can be dropped off at the HFSN Convent at 23 Huntly Street, AB10 1TJ or at the Cathedral Clergy house. For further information please contact the HFSN on this number: 01224970812.

21 DAY
PRAYER
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21-Day Prayer Campaign

Luke 11:2

(Jesus) said to them,

"When you pray, say:

'Father,

hallowed be your name,

your Kingdom come."

Luke 11:2 teaches us to pray 'Your Kingdom come.'

We encourage you to pray in preparation for our Alpha course which begins on the 14th April.

At 11:02 a.m., each day we want everyone to pray for Aberdeen and for three people you know to come to know Jesus.

11:02

Here is the Prayer:

Heavenly Father I pray for my city.
Lord, let Your Kingdom come
and Your will be done across this nation.
Holy Spirit, come fill me today,
that I might share the love and good news
of Jesus to those around me.
Amen.

Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us.
St Joseph, Protector of the Church, pray for us.
All you angels and saints, pray for us.

This is what we long to see, more people than ever before discovering and developing a relationship with Jesus. So this spring, we encourage you all to begin by praying before extending an invitation to attend Alpha. Prayer precedes the invitation.

1. Write down the names of three people in your life you would like to see explore faith.
2. Set a daily alarm for 11:02 a.m. as a reminder to pray for your three people.
3. Be open and expectant to see how God might use you.



Alpha is not a course, it is an experience. Each Alpha experience brings together people from every walk of life.

Alpha is sometimes in the church but can be found in many other venues in the community, such as we are currently doing online. No matter where Alpha takes place, the format is the same. We gather together, we listen to a talk, and then we break out into small groups for discussion.

Bring your questions about life: Why am I here? Who is God? Is there more to life than this? Join our community and explore: Life~Faith~Meaning

Begins **Wednesday 14th April** @ 7pm ❤️

[You can sign up for the Alpha experience here](#)



Adoration Prayer Warriors

"What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer...We cannot underestimate the power of prayer and the difference it will make in our world."

~ St. Mother Teresa

We really need committed adorers who will do an hour each week in order to have perpetual Adoration here at St. Mary's Cathedral.

If you would like to spend one hour each week with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament please contact Kelly or JulieAnna by calling 07754801808 or email adoration@cathedral-abdn.org. If you have a changing work schedule and cannot do the same hour each week you can book your hour online: stmarysadoration.youcanbook.me.

In Jesus and Mary,
Kelly

The Easter Alleluia!

"He is risen, alleluia!"

If you use the [Universalis](#) app which gives you all the Liturgy of the Hours and Mass readings etc. you might be interested to know that they are trying out a new feature for Easter this year. In the apps for iPhone/iPad and Android, if you look at any of the pages for Eastertide, you will see a button at the top marked "The Easter Alleluia". If you tap it, you will hear an Alleluia greeting spoken to you by someone, somewhere in the world, who also uses Universalis. The idea is to unite us all as a world-wide community. The button will appear every day from Easter to Pentecost.

Of course this shouldn't just be one way. You will want to greet others in the way they have greeted you. [Here is a page that tells you how to record an Alleluia for everyone to hear.](#) **Why not record your greeting now, in advance of Easter?** We have voices already from England, Poland, France, Chile, Mexico, Brazil and Nigeria. It would be good to have your voice too, saying Alleluia in your own language. It is all private, so although people will hear your greeting, they won't know who or where you are.



SCIAF South Sudan Lent Appeal

REFLECT, GIVE, ACT WITH SCIAF

SCIAF works in some of the world's poorest countries and its Lent appeal this year focuses on the plight of a generation of young women and children with disabilities in South Sudan, the world's newest country and one of the very poorest. Life remains tough in South Sudan. The conflict has left behind a legacy of fear, displacement and despair. The onset of the coronavirus has now intensified the scale of poverty and hunger. Your donations, prayers and actions make a real and lasting difference to families in South Sudan. If you'd like to make a donation please use the following link:

<https://www.sciaf.org.uk/get-involved/appeals/557-wee-box-2021/donate>

Greetings in the Good Lord !

We have completed two icons we thought very suitable for these times, one of Jesus and one of Our Lady. During Lent of this year we wanted to offer prints (19cm in height) of one or both of these icons to you.

We don't put any cost on our icons, donations are accepted but not necessary and half of any donation you do make will go to Fr Keith for the needs of the Cathedral.

Please if you would like one/ both send your name & mailing address, to:

icons@standrewX.org

God Bless you!

The St Andrew Community



Finance Update Prior To Year-End On 31st March 2021

In my last update in February, I was able to share the good news that we had made a surplus of £26,846.53 for the 9 month period ending 31st December 2020. This was an excellent position to be in with only 3 months of the Financial Year remaining. However, as we had gone back into Lockdown at the start of January and with the obvious impact of this on the Cathedral Finances, I pledged to come back to you with a quick update as to how things were shaping up prior to the 2020/2021 year-end on 31st March.

I can now report that we made a Deficit of £4,742.83 for the 2 Months of January & February 2021 – almost entirely due to the payment of a Renovations invoice in January, with day-to-day operations having pretty much broken even. This means that our Surplus for the 11 months ended 28th February 2021 has reduced to £22,103.70.

With just 1 month to go, this means we are well placed to match or perhaps even better the Full Year Result from 2019/2020, where we reported a Surplus of £18,262.52. After a year where the Church has been closed for the majority of the time, that will be a very positive and encouraging outcome.

As we look to the re-opening of the Church this weekend and with hopefully better times ahead, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the financial support that you have given to the Cathedral over the past 12 months, but also to encourage you to continue this over the coming months. I will be back in touch with the Final 2020/2021 results at some point in May.

Paul Webster

Finance Officer
St Mary's Cathedral

Mass Times

Monday	6pm	
Tuesday	6pm	
Wednesday	6pm	13.00 - 14.00 car park
Holy Thursday Easter Triduum	7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	
Good Friday Easter Triduum	3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion	
Holy Saturday Easter Triduum	9pm Easter Vigil	
Easter Sunday	8am; 11.15am; 6pm	

Confessions



The 6pm weekday Masses, 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, 10am Saturday Mass, 9pm Easter Vigil and 11.15am Easter Sunday Mass are also streamed live from the Cathedral on our [YouTube Channel](#)

Signing up for Mass

1. **ChurchSuite App** (probably the easiest method) or on the ChurchSuite website
2. **Cathedral website:** <http://www.stmaryscathedralaberdeen.org/index.php?CID=1>
3. **Phone:** For those without internet access, phone the office (01224 640 160) between 10am and 2pm

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.

Parishioner Registration

If you're a parishioner of St Mary's Cathedral please register with us on ChurchSuite:

<http://www.stmaryscathedralaberdeen.org/about-us/church-suite/>

This will enable us to keep our database up to date and allow us to keep in touch with you and to keep you informed about what's happening within our community. It will also enable you to register for Sunday Mass.

Polish Mass Times



Polish Masses will be offered at St Joseph's Church, Woodside until further notice.

Please note that the Sunday evening Mass, currently at 7:30 pm moves to Saturday as Vigil Mass at 7 pm and the Sunday Mass is at 12:30 pm.

Mass Intentions

29/03/2021 Mon	Fr Raf 6pm	Thanksgiving - Wei Lynn Khor Matej Pavlicek - God's Blessing & Protection
30/03/2021 Tue	Fr Raf 6pm	Thanksgiving - Wei Lynn Khor Edward
31/03/2021 Wed	Fr Raf 6pm	Thanksgiving - Wei Lynn Khor Eric
01/04/2021 HOLY THURSDAY	7pm	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Virtual Candle Mass Intentions for March
02/04/2021 GOOD FRIDAY	3pm	CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD
03/04/2021 HOLY SATURDAY	9pm	CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
04/04/2021 EASTER SUNDAY	8am 11.15am 6pm	

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

- By contacting Cowan: secretary@cathedral-abdn.org or
- **By Direct Banking**
Bank: Bank of Scotland Upperkirkgate Branch
Account Name: RCD Cathedral St Mary 1
Sort Code: 80-05-17 Account Number: 00759738
Reference: Type "**Mass**" & then add your intention