

Entrance Antiphon

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;  
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Collect

O God, who show the light of your truth  
to those who go astray,  
so that they may return to the right path,  
give all who for the faith they profess  
are accounted Christians  
the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ  
and to strive after all that does it honour.  
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

**Isaiah 55:10-11**

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Psalm

**Psalm 64:10-14**

Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

You care for the earth, give it water,  
you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over  
to provide its grain. **R.**

And thus you provide for the earth;  
you drench its furrows;  
you level it, soften it with showers;  
you bless its growth. **R.**

You crown the year with your goodness.  
Abundance flows in your steps,  
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**

The hills are girded with joy,  
the meadows covered with flocks,  
the valleys are decked with wheat.  
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

Second reading

**Romans 8:18-23**

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation

**Ls3:9,Jn6:68**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
you have the message of eternal life.  
Alleluia!

Gospel

**Matthew 13:1-23**

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,  
see and see again, but not perceive.  
For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,  
their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes,  
for fear they should see with their eyes,  
hear with their ears,  
understand with their heart,  
and be converted  
and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.'

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

Sunday 11.15am Mass		
Entrance Hymn	576	Praise, my soul, the King of heaven
Offertory	443	Lord, accept the gifts we offer
Communion	500	O bread of heaven
Marian antiphon	597	Salve, Regina
Recessional	497	Now thank we all our God

# Sunday Bulletin

16th July 2017

• 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time •

Year A

## St. Mary's Cathedral

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### MEDITATION

In making use of parables, Jesus did not inaugurate a form of preaching new to the people of his day. The Old Testament and later rabbinic literature offer many examples of this

style of communication. It was the content rather than the form of Jesus' preaching which came as a surprise. He proclaimed with authority the proximity of the kingdom of heaven and has gone out to sow and we are therefore the need to be converted to the Lord.

Jesus does not use parables simply for the sake of adopting common parlance. Yet the images he employs do enable us to hear the message, seize its meaning, and become involved in it. Each evangelist explains in his own way the reason for

the parables. For Matthew, understanding the parables presupposes a heart open to revelation, ready to translate the word into action despite opposition and apparent defeat.

At certain times everything seems to conspire to prevent us from hearing the gospel and believing

in its future. For two thousand years the sower has gone out to sow and we are sometimes tempted to ask what this sowing has accomplished. Our proper response to the

prodigal lavishness of God should consist in seizing the word heard and allowing it to seize us that it may bear fruit.

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Notices	
<b>Adoration:</b>	Monday– Saturday 6.00am-12 midnight
<b>Confessions:</b>	Tuesdays 6pm Saturdays 10.30am & 6pm
<b>Morning Prayer:</b>	Monday - Friday 7.30am
<b>Evening Prayer:</b>	Thursdays 6.30pm
<b>Night Prayer:</b>	Thursdays 8.30pm
<b>Rosary:</b>	Fridays (Vocations) 1.30pm Saturdays (Priests) 10.30pm
<b>Housebound?</b>	John MacKinnon (See above) for visits
<b>Celiacs:</b>	Speak to clergy before Mass
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Mass Times				
Date	Details	Service	Time	Mass Intentions
Sun 16th	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Polish Mass Mass Polish Mass Mass	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Thanksgiving Intentions of the Diocese Parish Intentions
Mon 17th		Mass	12.30pm	Fr. Anil Gonsalves 10th Anniversary to Priesthood
Tue 18th		Mass	7.00pm	Intentions of Patrick Agbo and family
Wed 19th		Mass	12.30pm	Margaret Mathews
Thu 20th		Mass	7.00pm	Julian Rodrigues
Fri 21st		Mass	12.30pm	Mr Titus and Mrs. Bernadette Agbo RIP
Sat 22nd	Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene	Mass	10.00am 7.00pm	Intentions of Patrick Agbo and family Ebube Udeh Birthday Thanksgiving
Sun 23rd	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Polish Mass Mass Polish Mass Mass	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Alejandro Patroni-Sobia RIP Intentions of the Diocese Deceased Members of Stonehouse Family

### Mass Intention Envelopes

These are available at the back of the Church. Print details and post through Clergy House letter box.

Cathedral itself. 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

Sunday 11.15 Mass is normally reserved for the Administrator's or Bishop's Intentions for the Parish or Diocese.

OFFERTORY: £ 2,624.96

Sea Sunday £1,276.80



### SVDP

Income  
Polish Collection £49.40  
Box Collection £127.55  
Secret Donation £10.00  
Total £186.95  
Food and Expenses: £266.27

Thank you all for your welcome help.

### Youth

#### FAITH & FUN ON SATURDAYS

Youth group for P2's to P7's  
In the Main Hall from 12.30pm to 2pm every Saturday afternoon. For more details and to register online please



**EDGE**  
At St. Mary's Cathedral  
Fridays 7pm to 9pm  
Upper Hall  
A youth group for teens aged 11-13  
Contact: St. Andrew's Community

**BAKE SALE**  
This will be our last Bake Sale to raise money for this year's St Andrew Youth Pilgrimage to Fatima. Please help us to raise the £8,000.00 we still need to reach our target.

### Cathedral

#### BELOVED DISCIPLES

Pope Francis calls us to discover the Joy of Discipleship. Find out more about your faith in a supportive and friendly environment. Gain the tools needed to be an effective disciple. The Group has gained many insights from the various courses we have followed so far. We are now about to begin studying the Gospel of Matthew (this year the Church takes its Gospel readings from Matthew). We would love you to join us on Wednesdays in the Cathedral House after 12:30 Mass. Please come along! You will be made very welcome! Kevin O'Carroll

#### SUNDAY PRAYER MINISTRY

Sunday Prayer Ministry after 11.15 and 6pm Mass will be suspended for the month of July. We will resume again on Sunday 6th August. However, should you need urgent prayer please contact Pixie: [pixie2704@sky.com](mailto:pixie2704@sky.com)



# Please take me home

Sunday 16th July, 2017

### Cathedral

#### COMONI MISSIONARIES

There will be a second collection next Sunday for the Comboni Missionaries, an international Catholic religious and missionary order founded specifically to serve the missionary endeavour of the Catholic Church.

#### TEAS AND COFFEES

Please be aware that there will be no teas and coffees available after Mass this Sunday as the Main Hall is being used as a polling station for an important Venezuelan Referendum.

#### SOUND DESK

We are looking for people who can commit to going on a rota to help on the sound desk during weekend Masses. This is a vital ministry as it helps everyone to hear what is going on clearly. The role isn't technically demanding and instruction will be given. Contact: Fr Keith on administrator@cathedral-abdn.org

#### PLUSCARDEN 1230 PILGRIMAGE

Parishioner Ann Ryans is participating in the sponsored pilgrimage walk from the Val des Choux in Burgundy to Pluscarden Abbey, Moray, to raise money for the Abbey's South Range Project. If you would like to sponsor Ann, please see her justgiving page at: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ann-ryans>

#### ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL FOOTBALL CLUB (SMCFC)



Saint Mary's Cathedral Football Club (SMCFC) are still looking for team members (age 17+), coaches and trainers. We are also appealing for help to buy training bibs and for individual or group sponsors for the team jersey. The sponsor's name will appear on the shirts or bibs. Donations can be left at the Cathedral office though, if you feel you can help in any way to develop the team, please contact Michael at: mife@globusare.net or 07482 646 411. The team train every Thursday at the Tillydrone Football Pitch, opposite Zoology building, Aberdeen University, AB24 2TZ.

#### PARISH REGISTER UPDATE

As from next week, we shall be updating our parish registers. Initially, all we shall be asking you is if you are still a parishioner at the Cathedral. This will be done as follows:

1. Fr Keith will e-mail those for whom we have e-mail addresses.
2. Our volunteers will phone those for whom we do not have e-mail.
3. A letter will be sent to those for whom we have neither e-mail nor phone numbers.

Once we know who is still a parishioner then we shall be in touch again to update your information. Thank you for your help with this. Fr Keith.

#### BOOK SHOP

A great selection of books now in the shop.

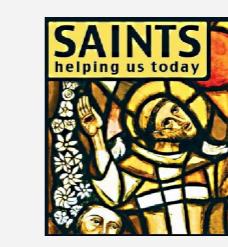
Benedict XVI Last Testament in his own words  
Pope St John Paul—In God's Hands—Spiritual Diaries  
Reason to Believe—Abortion—Marriage Annulment—Contraception and Chastity  
25 tough questions on the Catholic faith  
20 answers Divorce and Remarriage  
20 answers Abortion, Divine Mercy Prayer book  
Divorce Explanations  
Living with Illness and Suffering  
Contraception and Chastity  
The Word of the Lord—Discovering Verbum Domini  
The Inspiration of Truth of Sacred Scripture—the Word that comes from God and Speaks  
O God for the Salvation of the World  
Simple Prayer Book, Theology of the Body  
Opening hours of shop 1 hour after every Mass  
Remember to pick up your Herald and Observer.

### Cathedral

#### MARY'S MEALS CONCERT

The Italian singer/guitarist, Roberto Tardito, will be performing in the cathedral on Monday July 17th at 7.30pm. He will present some traditional pilgrims' songs from Spain and France, plus original compositions. Admission £10; proceeds to support the work of the charity Mary's Meals.

#### SAINTS HELPING US TODAY



To allow for summer holidays there will be no 'Saints Helping us Today' session after the Sunday 6.00pm Mass. Course will resume on the 23rd July

### Deanery & Diocese

#### CELEBRATE SCOTLAND

A Catholic family conference for all ages. Lively worship, good teaching and good company in a vibrant faith-filled atmosphere; includes mime and drama and Sunday family Mass. Celebrate is designed for families. It has streams to accommodate all ages of children and youth to help them grow in their faith in a relevant and joy filled way.

This year's theme is "Seek first his Kingdom", running in St Ninian's High School, Giffnock, East Renfrewshire from Saturday 2nd till Sunday 3rd September. For more details and to book see website [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org) or phone Ged Farrell on 07793 370910. An Early bird discount is available if booked before 31st July.

#### Grube Violin Concert 2017

Professor Michael Grube's Violin Recital on Monday 21st August 2017 between 7.00pm to 8.15pm at Pluscarden Abbey. Tickets, only available at the door, £10.

#### National Pilgrimage to Carfin 2017

In honour of our Lady of Fatima to consecrate our country to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Sunday 3rd September at 3.00pm. Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Philip Tartaglia and Homilist: Bishop Brian McGee

#### CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR PUPILS OF ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Aberdeen City Council is continuing its programme of Catholic Religious Education for pupils of its secondary schools in Session 2017-2018.

Classes will begin in the week of Monday August 28th. Classes will meet from 4pm until 5pm.

This year there is a choice of days and venues. Classes for First and Second Year pupils will meet in Harlaw Academy on Mondays and St Machar Academy on Wednesdays. Classes for Third and Fourth Year pupils will meet in Harlaw Academy on Tuesdays and in St Machar Academy on Thursdays. An individual pupil will be able to choose to attend on the day and at the venue which suits she or he best. For further details and to register please go to [www.abernet.org/rcre/](http://www.abernet.org/rcre/) or telephone Mr Charlie Love on 01224 522287.

#### MONASTIC EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

An opportunity for young, Catholic men, aged 18-35, to discover at first hand what monastic life is about. Interested? Contact Fr Benedict Hardy OSB: [novicemaster@pluscardenabbey.org](mailto:novicemaster@pluscardenabbey.org) or call: 01343 890 257

### Weekly Calendar

<b>Mon</b>	Mother & Toddler Group For parents with young children. All ages welcome. Main Hall from 1pm-3 pm Contact:
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