

# St Mary's Cathedral Bulletin

12th December, 2020



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

## Mass Times

<b>MONDAY</b>	7am, 12.30pm* 6pm*
<b>TUESDAY</b>	6pm*
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	12.30pm*
<b>THURSDAY</b>	6pm*
<b>FRIDAY</b>	12.30pm*
<b>SATURDAY</b>	8am Rorate, 10am*, 7pm (Sunday Vigil)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8am, 9.30am (Polish), 11am*, 3pm (Polish), 6pm

## Confessions

5.30pm to 6.30pm

10.30am to 11.30pm



\*These Masses are also streamed live from the Cathedral on our YouTube Channel [https://www.youtube.com/channel/LoC4BY5OfTa\\_4K1wZGMSQA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/LoC4BY5OfTa_4K1wZGMSQA)

## Christmas Mass Times

Thurs 24th Dec—Christmas Eve

Mass 18.00pm

Mass in Polish 19.30pm

Mass 21.00pm

Mass in Polish 22.30pm

Midnight Mass 00.00

Fri 25th Dec—Christmas Day

Mass 08.00am

Mass in Polish 9.30am

Mass 11.00am

Sat 26th Dec—St Stephen's Day

Mass 10.00am

Mass in Spanish 17.00pm

Vigil Mass 19.00pm



## 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.

## Cathedral Office

Please note that the Cathedral office will be close from Christmas Eve until 5th January

## Mass Intentions

14/12/2020 Mon	7am	Special Intentions of Miss Nino Dieseru
	12:30pm	John McFadyen RIP
15/12/2020 Tue	7am	Special Intentions of Miss Nino Dieseru
	6pm	Derek Herrera
16/12/2020 Wed	7am	Iyke Onuoha RIP
	12:30pm	Special Intentions of Miss Nino Dieseru Mr Thomas Maley (Sacred Heart, Grange-mouth)
17/12/2020 Thu	7am	Special Intentions of Miss Nino Dieseru
	6pm	Special Intentions of Miss Nino Dieseru
18/12/2020 Fri	7am	Special Intentions of Miss Nino Dieseru
	12:30pm	For the Jobless
19/12/2020 Sat	10am	Baby Avinash Krishnarajah RIP
	7pm	Laila Neduvelil - Thanksgiving
20/12/2020 Sun	8am	Cecilia and Alex Shearer
	11:15am	For the Diocese
	6pm	For the Parish

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

## Advent Reconciliation (Confessions)

Due to current restrictions it will not be possible to have our usual Advent Penitential Service. However, here will be an opportunity for pop-in Advent reconciliation at the Cathedral. This will take place on the 19th December from 2pm-4.30pm.

### Aid to Confession



***"Bless me Father for I have sinned, it is (now mention the time, months, years etc.) since my last Confession. During this time I have ...(now mention your most serious sins and any others you may wish to mention)"***

After confessing all the sins you wish to mention simply say:

***"That is all I can remember."***

The priest will give you a 'penance' and then ask you to say an 'Act of Contrition'. For example:

***"Father, I have sinned against You and am not worthy to be called your child. Be merciful to me, a sinner,"***

or

***"O my God, because You are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against You, and with your help, I will not sin again."***

After the Act of Contrition, the priest will give you Absolution and then bid you to go in these or similar words: "The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace and may God bless you".

## Warning - Fraudulent emails

Please do not respond to any email purporting to come from Fr Keith requesting you to purchase gift cards or asking for any other financial assistance. These are fraudulent.



## The Joy of Thanksgiving



*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

*You are cordially invited to the ACCA virtual Retreat and Thanksgiving.*

*Please, join us with your family and friends on this special day:*

*\*Theme\*: \*The Joy of Thanksgiving\**

*\*Date\*: \*20th December 2020\**

*\*Time\*: \*7 pm UK time\**

*\*Platform\*: \*Zoom\**

*\*Dec 20, 2020 19:00 PM London\**

*\*Join Zoom Meeting Join from PC\**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83443323053>

*\*Meeting ID: 834 4332 3053\**

*Kind regards,*

*Nogie Osula*

Online Service of Readings and Carols  
led by Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB

St Mary's Cathedral Aberdeen  
YouTube Channel  
Monday 21 December at 7pm



Aberdeen Diocesan Choir  
St Mary's Cathedral Choir and Junior Schola  
Aberdeen African Choir ♦ Gospel Choir ♦ Polish Music Group  
Children from the Aberdeen City RC Primary Schools  
St Margaret's Church Choir, Huntly  
Highland (St Joseph's) Deanery Youth Music

The Bishop's nominated charity this Christmas is CFINE  
Donations, please, to [www.cfine.org](http://www.cfine.org)

R.C. Diocese of Aberdeen Charitable Trust, registered Scottish Charity no. SC005122

## 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](http://www.standupandsmile.org.uk) to email your MP asking them to support the Bill. It only takes 30 seconds.

### Advent Rosary for Life

Join with the unborn Christ and His Mother on the journey to Bethlehem. Every Monday in Advent you can pray the rosary to prepare for Christmas. Registrations now open & you can reserve your spots below. Each event will last about 30 minutes, starting at 7pm.

Second Monday in Advent: 7 December

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/advent-rosary-for-life-7-december-tickets-130001332485>



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:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1A50cn-6tTyVL\\_cW8gEWO8l73FJBI4xGWY75kFN6e8wU/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1A50cn-6tTyVL_cW8gEWO8l73FJBI4xGWY75kFN6e8wU/edit?usp=sharing)



# 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](http://www.scie.org.uk) and [www.childreninscotland.org.uk](http://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](mailto: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.