

Entrance Antiphon
Cf. Ps 67: 6-7, 36

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Collect
O God, protector of those who hope in you,
without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy,
bestow in abundance your mercy upon us
and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide,
we may use the good things that pass
in such a way as to hold fast even now
to those that ever endure.
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 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, ‘Ask what you would like me to give you.’ Solomon replied, ‘O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?’ It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. ‘Since you have asked for this’ the Lord said ‘and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.’

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 118(119):57,72,76-77,127-130
Lord, how I love your law!

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold.

Lord, how I love your law!

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come and I shall live
for your law is my delight.

Lord, how I love your law!

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts,
and hate false ways.

Lord, how I love your law!

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple.

Lord, how I love your law!

Second reading Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that

his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

Gospel Acclamation Jn15:15
Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

‘Have you understood all this?’ They said, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.’

Prayer over the Offerings
Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings
which we bring from the abundance of your gifts,
that through the powerful working of your grace
these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life
and lead us to eternal gladness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon Ps 102: 2
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

Prayer after Communion
We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament,
the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son;
grant, we pray, that this gift,
which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling,
may profit us for salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Sunday 11.15am Mass		
Entrance Hymn	110	Alleluia, sing to Jesus
Offertory	479	My God accept my heart this day
Communion	635	Sweet sacrament divine
Marian antiphon	597	Salve, Regina
Recessional	644	Tell out, my soul



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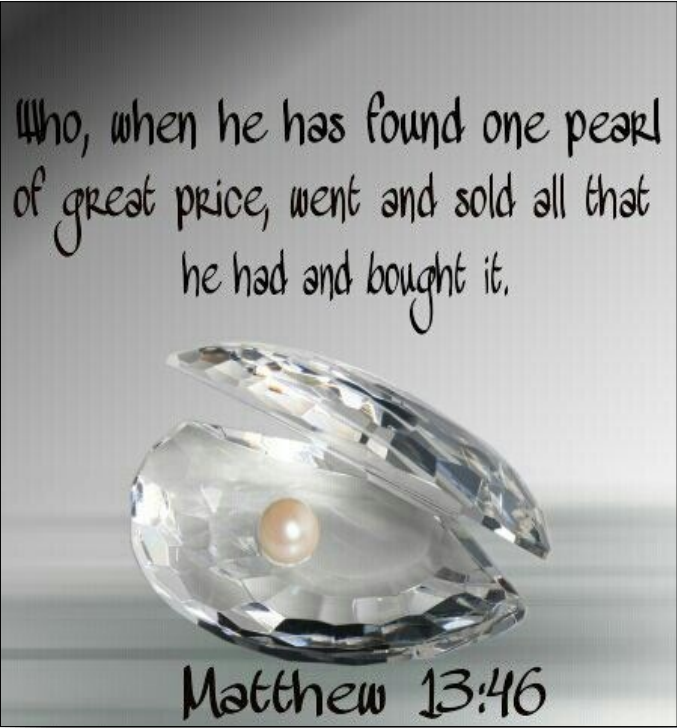
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MEDITATION

The success of casinos and state lotteries is a witness to our hope that somehow we might strike it rich without effort. The chance of a lifetime, the un hoped for occasion, is to discover in Jesus the kingdom of heaven. In order to attain that treasure we must take the risk of a speculator and sell all that we have in order to buy that which holds the promise of greater wealth.

Woe to those who label as foolishness that which is profound wisdom, the ability to appreciate and search for real wealth. "Ask yourself", says Newman, "if the Kingdom would disappear, would you change anything in your life? If you see nothing that you would change, it is because you have risked nothing for Christ and the Kingdom". A life risked for Christ and the kingdom is the demand made by baptism. Social, professional, and even family life, are lived within parameters. Only the Christian life is an absolute. The passion for Christ must submerge all other controlling factors in our lives. For the one who wishes to follow Christ must sell all, refusing to tolerate the least measure of hypocrisy or compromise. Selling all for Christ does not denigrate freedom.



Sacrifice and detachment are the necessary consequences of attachment to Jesus in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

More than any great cause, Jesus excites within us great joy, all the joy of the world: the joy of the world: the joy of discovering the meaning of life, the joy of finding ourselves engaged in the adventure of holiness.

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Notices		
Adoration:	Monday– Saturday	6.00am-12 midnight
Confessions:	Tuesdays	6pm
	Saturdays	10.30am & 6pm
Morning Prayer:	Monday - Friday	7.30am
Evening Prayer:	Thursdays	6.30pm
Night Prayer:	Thursdays	8.30pm
Rosary:	Fridays (Vocations)	1.30pm
	Saturdays (Priests)	10.30pm
Housebound?	John MacKinnon (See above) for visits	
Coeliacs:	Speak to clergy before Mass	
Sunday Coffees:	Ann Ryans	07545 615 198 annryans@aol.com
Natural Family Planning (NFP)	Margaret Hammond nfp@cathedral-abdn.org	

Mass Times					
Date	Details	Service	Time	Mass Intentions	
Sun 30th	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Polish Mass Mass Polish Mass Mass	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Mr Joe Menzies Jolion Varghese Parish Intentions	
Mon 31st		Mass	12.30pm	Thanksgiving	
Tue 1st		Mass	7.00pm	Aditya Thanksgiving	
Wed 2nd		Mass	12.30pm	Theo Stylianides RIP	
	7.00pm		Departing Fatima Pilgrims		
Thu 3rd	Mass	7.00pm	Odoji Thanksgiving		
Fri 4th	Mass	11.00am	Marina Pinto RIP		
Sat 5th	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord	Mass	10.00am 7.00pm	Odoji Thanksgiving Manoj Thanksgiving	
Sun 6th		Mass Polish Mass Mass Polish Mass Mass	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Samuel Thanksgiving Father James Donnelly RIP	
Mass Intention Envelopes					
These are available at the back of the Church. Print details and post through Clergy House letter box. It may not always be possible for Mass to be celebrated on your preferred date or at the			Cathedral itself. Recommended offering for each Mass is £5. Sunday 11:15 Mass is normally reserved for the Administrator's or Bishop's Intentions for the Parish or Diocese.		

OFFERTORY: £ 2353.63



Youth

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE

PLEASE PRAY! The youth of the Diocese will set off for Fatima this Thursday 3rd July. A big thank you to everyone for all your spiritual and material support . It has been very much appreciated.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MASS FOR DEPARTING PILGRIMS ON WEDNESDAY AT 7PM.

SVdP	
Income	
Collection	£174.56
Food and Expenses:	£176.06
A big thank you to all those who help us in our work.	

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CATENIAN ROSARY GROUP
The group is now focusing on sending white plastic rosaries to prisoners where there is an urgent need. Rosaries , especially white plastic rosaries can be sent to Michael Blackburn, 164 Green Park Rd., Halifax HX3 OSP. Any queries 'phone 01422 352559 or email: michael@jjbr.co.uk

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

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 no 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.

Please take me home

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AFRICAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY RETREAT All are invited to a retreat on 12th August 2017 at St. Columba. Bridge of Don. Theme: Overcoming the challenges of modern world through the power of the Holy Spirit and Mother Mary. Time. 10am to 4pm Organisers: The African Catholic Community There will be child minder for the period. Light refreshments will be provided but please come with your packed lunch.
CONFIRMATION CLASSES 2017 (P7-S4) These classes begin on Friday, 15th September so Registration begins now. Please sign up online through the Cathedral website: www.stmaryscathedralaberdeen.org
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@globasure.net or 07482 646 411. The team train every Thursday at the Tillydrone Football Pitch, opposite Zoology building, Aberdeen University, AB24 2TZ.
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 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 Speak 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.
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Sunday 30th July, 2017

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FUNERAL OF MARINA PINTO We were saddened to hear of the death of Marina Pinto whose funeral will take place in the Cathedral at 11am this Friday. There will be no Friday 12.30pm Mass.
BUILDING FUND Next Sunday will be our regular monthly second collection for the Building Fund.
WISDOM OF THE SAINTS Sundays at 7.30pm (after 6.00pm Mass) in the Cathedral Main Hall. Discover how the age-old wisdom and teachings of the Saints can be of great practical help today.
Deanery & Diocese
SCOTTISH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE of the CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION, Carfin Pilgrimage Centre Sunday 20 August at 2.30 pm
HEALING SERVICE Healing Service to be held at St Columbas, Bridge of Don, Thursday 3rd, August 2017 after 7pm Mass. Rosary, praise and prayer. All welcome.
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
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 or phone Ged Farrell on 07793 370910. An Early bird discount is available if booked before 31st July.
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/rcrc/ or telephone Mr Charlie Love on 01224 522287.
MONASTIC EXPERIENCE WEEKEND <i>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 or call: 01343 890 257</i>

Weekly Calendar	
Mon	Mother & Toddler Group For parents with young children. All ages welcome. Main Hall from 1pm-3 pm Contact: Yi-pei Chou chou.turvey@gmail.com Credo Community Meeting Polish charismatic prayer group. Main Hall at 7.30pm . Contact: Klaudiusz Mozolewski 07928323313
Tue	Magnificat Prayer Group 7.30pm in the Lower Hall after Mass. Contact: Stella Maria Onuoha 0744 9951 415 nesin@yahoo.com St. Vincent de Paul Feeding the homeless Contact: Evelyn Murray Adult Confirmation Class & RCIA Cathedral House at 7.30pm Contact: Fr Keith
Wed	Light Exercise Class for all Main Hall at 10:00am Contact: Laura Walker 0777 3 021 851 laura@laurawalkerlimited.co.uk Seniors Club Speakers, fun & fellowship Main Hall at 2 pm every 2 weeks Contact: Jean on 01569 765 799 Healing of Memories 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 Legion of Mary Lower Hall from 6pm to 7.30pm Contact: Nogie Osula nogisula@yahoo.com African Choir For Africans and anyone else. Upper Hall from 6 - 8.00pm Contact: Patricia Malikebu 07891 714 549
Thu	Cenacolo Prayer Group Exposition & Rosary praying for healing of those with addictions Church after Mass Contact: Liam Sharkey 07774 931 996 Band Practice Contemporary music for Sunday 6pm Mass Upper Hall after Mass Contact: John Costaschuk Cathedral Choir practice 7pm in the Lower Hall
Fri	Altar Servers’ Practice Church from 6.00 to 7.00pm Contact: Simon begbie_no1@hotmail.com Youth Groups For teenagers between 11 & 17 Upper Hall 7pm to 9pm Contact: St. Andrew’s Community
Sat	Church Cleaning Church at 10.30am Contact: Joyce Webster 01224 319 154 Parenting Class Clergy House after 10am Mass K4J (Kids for Jesus) Youth group for P2’s to P7’s in the Main Hall from 12.30pm to 2pm Saturday Club Informal social gathering, includes prayer Main Hall from 4pm to 7pm Contact: African Choir (As above) Upper Hall from 6 - 8.00pm
Sun	Choir Rehearsal Leading the music for 11:15 Sunday Mass Upper Hall 10.00am Contact: Shelagh Noden Alpha Main Hall after 6.00pm