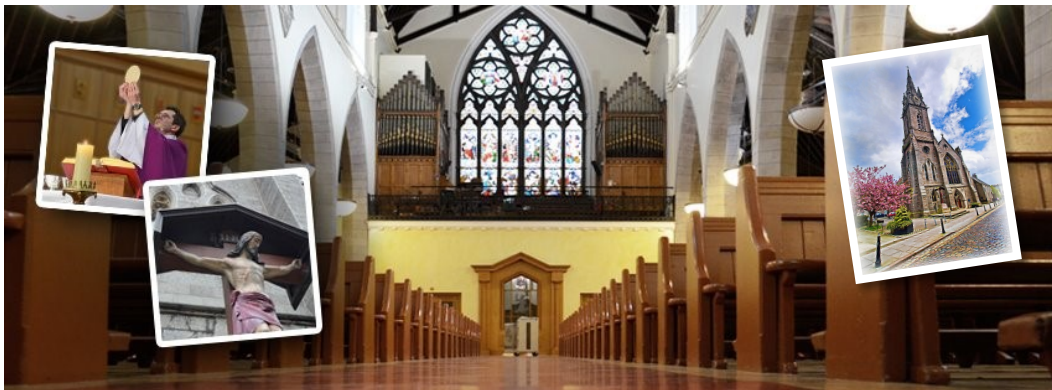


St Mary's Cathedral Bulletin

29th November, 2020



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

Mass Times

MONDAY	7am, 12.30pm* 6pm*
TUESDAY	6pm*
WEDNESDAY	12.30pm*
THURSDAY	6pm*
FRIDAY	12.30pm*
SATURDAY	8am Rorate, 10am*, 7pm (Sunday Vigil)
SUNDAY	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_4K1wZGMQSA

Mass Intentions

07/12/2020 Mon	12:30pm	Dominic Coelho RIP
08/12/2020 Tue	6pm	Special Intentions of Mr. Alexander Dieseru
09/12/2020 Wed	12:30pm	Peter and Doris Pinto RIP
10/12/2020 Thu	6pm	CM and Bella Coelho RIP
11/12/2020 Fri	12:30pm	Apostolata Margaretka
12/12/2020 Sat	10am	Special Intentions of Miss Nino Dieseru
	7pm	Pham Thi Cung
13/12/2020 Sun	8am	Shirley Prefume RIP

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

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.

Christmas Mass Times

Thurs 24th Dec—Christmas Eve

Mass 18.00pm



Mass in Polish 19.30pm

Mass 21.00pm

Mass in Polish 22.30pm

Carol Service 11.30pm

Midnight Mass 000.00



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

Filipino Catholic Community Aberdeen



My dear kababayan,
 Mabuhay! May the peace of Christ be with you. I would like to inform you that Bishop Hugh has appointed me for pastoral care of the Filipino community in the city of Aberdeen. I am happy to serve you and look forward to meeting you in the near future!

"A family that prays together stays together"
 God bless each one of you! - Sr. Rosario Puaso
 Tel: 07585940419
 Facebook account name: sis. Rosario
 Email: Filcatho.Aberdeen@gmail.com

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

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Dear All

Welcome to our new online version of the *Light of the North*!

The presentation of the magazine is rather different for this issue with some exciting new features, including embedded video, so don't miss Bishop Hugh Gilbert's video talk, "Is the Pope a Catholic?" on p.3 and the performance of "O Esca Viatorum" recorded by St Mary's Cathedral Choir on p. 16.

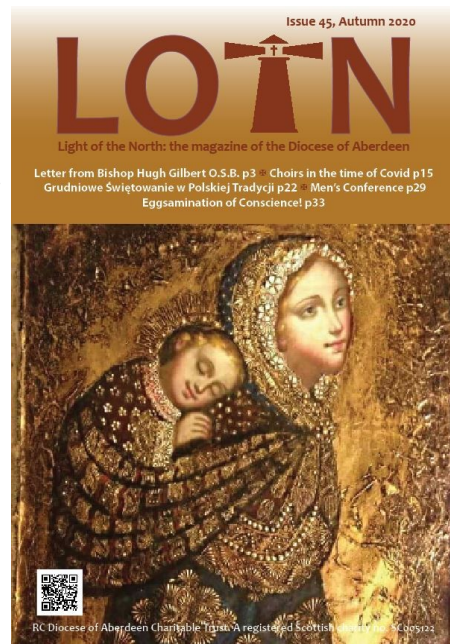
In addition, on p. 19/22 Lidia Konar and some of our Polish residents reflect on memories of celebrating Christmas in their homeland, on p. 35 Fr Peter Barry "eggsamines" his conscience and, if you fancy making an authentic Italian Panettone to enjoy during the festive season, look no further than p. 39.

The new online version of the magazine also makes it easy if you want to share it with friends, or if you want to place it on your Facebook page. Perhaps you know someone who would prefer to read a hard copy of the Magazine, then why not download and print off a copy for them?

And now, just click on the following link and please do help us to distribute the magazine as widely as possible: <https://bit.ly/LOTN-Autumn-Issue-45-2020>

Many thanks, keep safe and in Peace,

Dr Glen Reynolds OFS



Annual Christmas Celebration for the Homeless, Needy and Vulnerable



The Holy Family Sisters of the Needy and the SVdP will be having their annual Christmas celebration for their clients on Tuesday December 22, 2020, 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, unused clothing for adults, babies and children (for their Christmas gifts), nappies- sizes 2-5 or even cash donations will be most welcome. Donations can be dropped off at the Sisters Convent at 23 Huntly Street, AB10 1TJ or at the Cathedral Clergy house. For further information please contact the HFSN on this number: 01224970812.

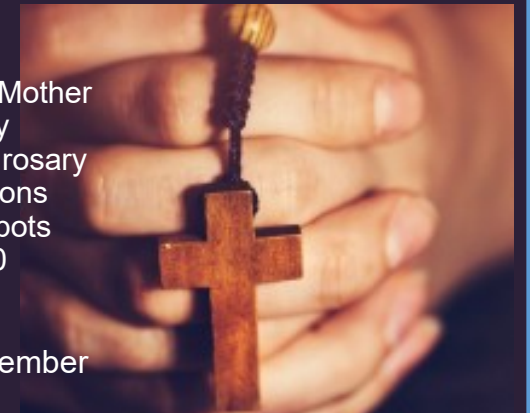


Advent Rosary for Life

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>



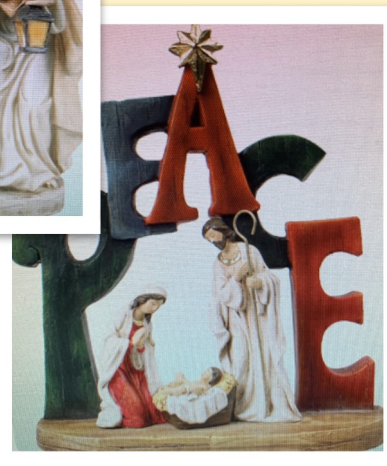
The Cathedral Shop at Christmas

Shop is open on:

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

New Christmas stock arriving all the time:

Diaries, calendars, boxes of cards, beautiful nativity sets and statuettes.



Adoration Prayer Warriors during the Christmas Season

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.

Seasonal images from Pluscarden Abbey

Father Giles has kindly sent us some images to inspire us at a time when imagery can be quite depressing. The first picture shows Pluscarden Abbey's Br. Joseph Carron, who is in charge of the Abbey's garden, preparing for a bottling of the Abbey's apple juice. Pluscarden's orchard has 120 varieties of apple trees, and so is able to provide interesting and subtle blendings and flavours in its apple juice, a popular item in its shop.

The second picture is of mixing Christmas pudding in the Abbey. Father Giles reflects that a recent Collect / prayer for the day began: "Stir up", and this is traditionally taken as a signal to get on with making the Christmas puddings. It's a big pot, because the monks give presents of Christmas puddings, and because Christmas is not the only day on which they eat them!



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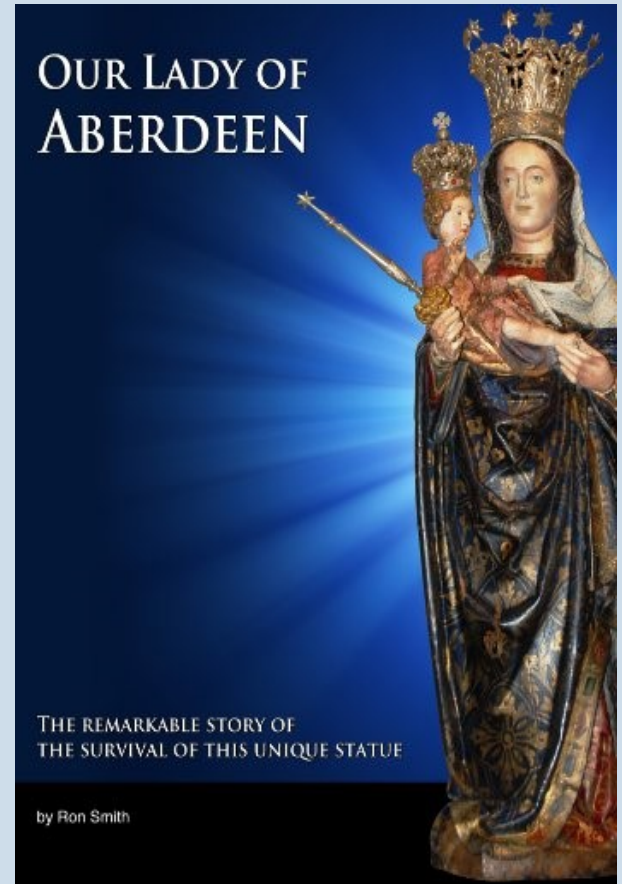
"Our Lady of Aberdeen" book has been reprinted

New edition now available

"Our Lady of Aberdeen" is the name given in Scotland to a remarkable statue which was saved from destruction in Aberdeen during the Reformation.

For sixty-five years it was hidden until it was shipped to safety in the Low Countries in 1625. This book tells the incredible story of this unique treasure which now stands in the Church of Our Lady of Finisterre in Brussels.

The book was originally published in 2013 but, due to popular demand, has recently been reprinted.



It is A5 size (14.5cm by 21cm), 68 pages plus cover, printed on high quality gloss paper with 24 full-colour illustrations.

It is available from St. Mary's Cathedral shop, Aberdeen for £8.00 and can also be purchased by post from Ron Smith for £8.00 plus £1.40 postage (UK). Contact ronsmith9797@gmail.com for details including payment methods and overseas postage costs when applicable.