

St Mary's Cathedral Bulletin

3rd April, 2021

He is
Risen
just as He said

A Very Happy and Blessed Easter!

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

Bishop Hugh's Easter Message

Easter this year coincides with the reopening of our churches and a growing, if cautious, hope for life beyond the pandemic. This is a happy convergence.

When, with his wounds still visible, Jesus rose from the dead on Easter morning, he made himself known to individual disciples (Mary Magdalene, Peter, James), to a pair (the disciples going to Emmaus), to a small group of women, to the seven disciples who went fishing, to the Eleven, to a larger group of more than five hundred. He was showing himself the "great Shepherd of the sheep" (Heb 13:20), regathering a scattered flock. And all this over a period of time, the 40 days, days not without hesitations and uncertainties on the part of the disciples. He was regathering the disciples after the shattering and scattering caused by the trauma of his Passion.

In society and in the Church, we have felt the divisive effects of much that has happened over the last year – to the devil's delight, no doubt. My prayer for us this Eastertide is that we may yield to the unifying, shepherding power of Christ, present in the Eucharist, that he may draw us, wounds and all, closer to himself and closer again to each other. May every one of us feel this blessing this Easter. *Bishop Hugh OSB*

21 DAY
PRAYER
CAMPAIGN

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](https://www.alpha.org)

Presumed consent with respect to organ donation

Scotland has now moved to a new system of presumed consent, or deemed authorisation, with respect to organ donation

The [Human Tissue \(Authorisation\) \(Scotland\) Act](#) changes the law on organ and tissue donation from an opt-in system to a 'soft opt-out' system. Authorisation is now presumed for organ/tissue donation for those who have not actively opted out. Close relatives and next of kin may still be able to stop the removal of organs where it can be shown that it was not the deceased's wishes that their organs be donated. Hence, the term 'soft' to describe the new system.

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland has released a statement, below, to coincide with the introduction of the new system.

For more information and to update your details on the Organ Donation Register, visit www.organdonationscotland.org or call [0300 303 2094](tel:03003032094).

'The Bishops' Conference of Scotland acknowledges organ donation after death as a noble and meritorious act to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity. It is a gift and a sign of great love for one's neighbour.'

However, fundamental to the generous act of organ donation is its voluntary nature and, thus, the requirement for explicit consent. An opt-out system of organ donation may result in organs being taken after death without the deceased having previously given explicit consent.

Individuals should take great care to be clear about whether they would like to donate their organs when they die. Their intentions should be reflected on the organ donation register and made known to relatives.'

Bishops' Conference of Scotland



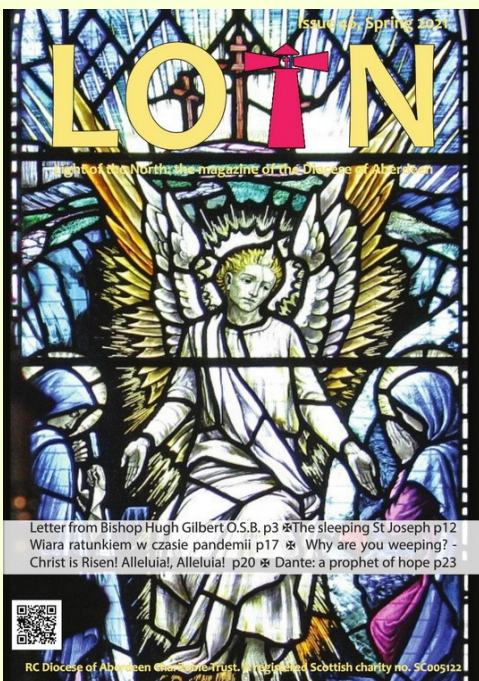
SCIAF South Sudan Lent Appeal

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>

Welcome to our Easter edition of the Light of the North!



And, to help you celebrate this, the most important feast in the Church's year, the Light of the North has 39 pages of news and features by contributors from all over the Diocese including Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB.

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/3cE3l4g>

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.

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



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



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.

Alleluia

My ChurchSuite

For those of you just joining us on the parish ChurchSuite database, here is a short video on it: <https://vimeo.com/279755036>



If you find that you do not have access to My ChurchSuite then please let us know and we shall sort that out for you.



Thinking about becoming a priest?

The RC Church in Scotland is now inviting enquiries from men considering applying for seminary. For more information contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. Mark Impson at mark.impson@rcda.scot or by telephone on 01569 762433

Update on Cathedral upkeep costs

Although the church has been closed since 5th January upkeep costs continue to be incurred. A leak to the heating pipes in the church necessitated the hire of scaffolding and a repair amounting in total to £1130, a pump failure in the clergy house boiler will cost £565 and investigation and repairs to stop water ingress to the bell tower is likely to be in the region of £2500, all figures excluding VAT. These are all unexpected costs additional to the normal day to day running expenses of the cathedral premises.

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1. Visit FORMED.org
2. Click Sign Up
3. Select "Sign Up As A Parishioner"
4. Find **St Mary's Cathedral** by parish name, address, or post code
5. Enter your email - and you're in!



Those of you who are not giving by standing order or who may just want to give an extra donation may do so whilst in the church without having to go to a cash machine first.

You will find a Tablet, a SumUp device & some Gift Aid forms on a table near the entrance. To donate:

1. *Enter the amount on the tablet*
2. *If you wish a receipt, type in either your email or mobile number when prompted (otherwise press 'skip')*
3. *Place your card next to the SumUp device till it beeps*
4. *Fill in a Gift Aid form if you are not already Gift Aiding (UK tax payers)*

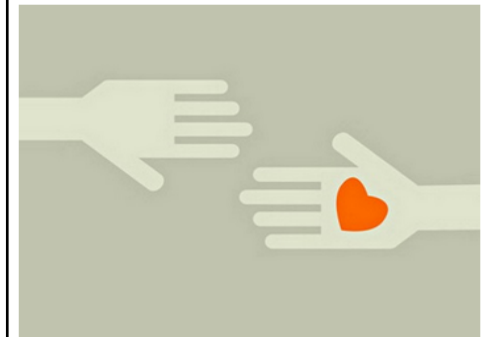
Text Giving



Make a contribution to the Cathedral on the go from your Smartphone. Just text:

- CATHEDRAL to 70450 to donate £5
- CATHEDRAL10 to 70450 to donate £10
- CATHEDRAL15 to 70450 to donate £15
- CATHEDRAL20 to 70450 to donate £20

Gift Aid



If you are a UK taxpayer, ensure all your contributions to the Cathedral are Gift-Aided by registering for the Cathedral Gift Aid scheme. This means we can claim an additional 25% on top of all contributions you make in whatever form, without it costing you a penny more!!

Please complete the Gift Aid Declaration Form [here](#) and Peter Simpson, our Gift Aid Co-ordinator, will then enrol you onto the Gift Aid

Mass Times

Monday	6pm	
Tuesday	6pm	
Wednesday	6pm	13.00 - 14.00 car park
Thursday	6pm	
Friday	6pm	
Saturday	10am, 5pm Spanish Mass on 2nd & last Saturday of the month	11.00 - 12.00 noon car park
Sunday	8am; 11am; 6pm	

*The priest will stand within the entrance to the clergy house. Penitents are asked to form a queue no closer than the drain cover in the middle of the car park so as to give privacy to those making their confession. If no priest is visible, please ring the house doorbell.



The 6pm weekday Masses, 10am Saturday Mass, and 11.15am 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.

Confessions*

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

05/04/2021 Mon	6pm	Agnieszka Mysliwie
06/04/2021 Tues	6pm	Mary MacIsaac RIP
07/04/2021 Wed	6pm	Gabrielle Herrera
08/04/2021 Thurs	6pm	Agnieszka Mysliwie
09/04/2021 Fri	6pm	Theo RIP
10/04/2021 Sat	10am	Mrs Martell RIP
11/04/2021 Sun	8am 11am 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