

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL BULLETIN

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



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

Saint Joseph: The Dream of Vocation



Each year, on Good Shepherd Sunday (April 25 this year), the Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. As revealed in the name, the day is an opportunity for Catholics around the globe to pray more intentionally for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and the diaconate.

Pope Francis has released his Message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, which falls this year on Sunday 25 April.

The Pope held up the husband of the Virgin Mary and foster-father of Jesus as a model for all members of the clergy and religious men and women. He drew heavily on his Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, released on 8 December 2020, which seeks to "increase our love for this great saint."

Saint Joseph, said the Pope, is an extraordinary figure, not because of any astonishing charism or special status, but because he accomplished extraordinary acts of service in his daily life.

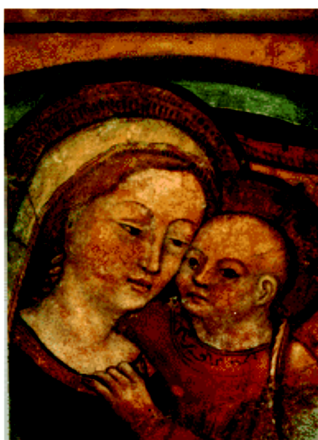
"God looks on the heart," he said, "and in Saint Joseph He recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines."

Vocations, he added, have the same goal of begetting and renewing the lives of others. The priesthood and consecrated life, he said, require men and women with open hearts, who are "capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes."

You can read Pope Francis' message in full [here](#)

Tuesday 27th April 2021
**National Day of
 Prayer & Fasting
 For Life**

A great prayer for Life is urgently needed. St John Paul II



**Our Lady Mother of
 Good Counsel**
 Feast Day 26th April

*And He said to them; This kind (of demon) can go out by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.
 (Gospel of Mark 9:29)*

On Tuesday 27th April, the 53rd anniversary of the legalisation of abortion, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. **Pray especially that 'buffer zones' will not be introduced around abortion 'clinics'.**

For information on the day of Prayer and Fasting contact;
The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740.

And the people of Ninevah believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least... God saw their efforts to renounce their evil ways. And God relented about the disaster which He had threatened to bring on them, and He did not bring it. (Jonah 3:5,10)

This poster was produced by Sackcloth and Ashes at The Good Counsel Network

Join us each month in Prayer and Fasting:

Fasting

Fast from all food except bread and water for the day

Or

Fast from a particular food or luxury, e.g. chocolate, alcohol, cigarettes, TV.

Fast from whatever you can given your state of health etc, but make sure it is something that involves a sacrifice to yourself.

Prayer

We are asking people to say a Rosary (or an extra Rosary if you say it daily already).

You could also offer an extra effort such as going to Mass (or an extra Mass) on the day, or going to Adoration. You can even pray before a closed tabernacle if Adoration is not available near you.

Welcome to our Eastertide edition of the Light of the



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>

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.

Offertory Envelopes 2021/22 (Pink Boxes)

The annual Offertory Envelopes (pinks) are available at the back of the Church for those who have requested them. Please collect your box and take it home with you. You will note that your box number has changed. This is a cost saving initiative to use last year's remaining boxes. Every little helps!

If you require a box and there is not one designated for you please add your name and details to the list which will be on the table at the back of the church. We will then ensure a box is ready for you on your next visit to the Cathedral.

If you do not already Gift Aid to the Cathedral, and you are a taxpayer, please consider completing and submitting a Gift Aid Declaration form which will also be on the table. If you have already registered to Gift Aid to St.Mary's previously you do not require to re-register.

Diocesan Family Life Centre

Mondays and Thursdays from 10am to 4pm

Our Diocesan Family Life Centre is for people battling with family or other difficult life issues. During the lockdown, it is still open for online or phone appointments. It is also now open for forty minutes physical appointment (applying social distancing rules) and the necessary PPE measures for people's safety.

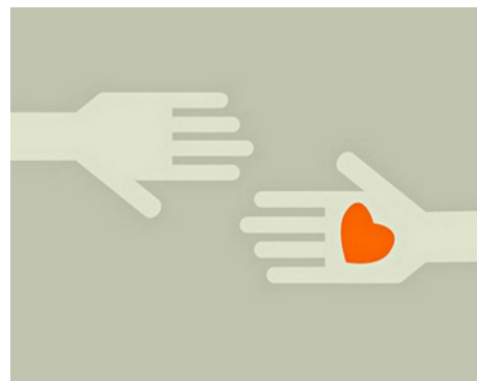
The centre contact details remain: Sr. Mary Joseph Justin HFSN, St. Mary's Family Life Centre, 80 Rose Street, AB10 1UE. Email: hfsnflifec@rcd-abdn.org, tel. 01224 631 319.

Hospital Chaplaincy

Fr Emmet continues to provide Hospital Chaplaincy here in the city, though in a more limited way due to the present situation.

If you know of any Catholics in hospital in Aberdeen at this time can you please let Fr Emmet know at ari@rcda.scot

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 Scheme

Text Giving

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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



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 only)

I hope this will make things easier for many of you.

Mass Times

Confessions*

Monday	6pm — Communion Service	
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 11am 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.

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

23/04/2021 Fri	6pm	Denise Doyle RIP
24/04/2021 Sat	10am	Catherine Docherty RIP (8th Anniversary)
25/04/2021 Sun	6pm	Ellen Kelly RIP
26/04/2021 Mon	6pm	
27/04/2021 Tues	6pm	Gregory Herrera
28/04/2021 Wed	6pm	Athena Fernandes - Personal Intentions
29/04/2021 Thurs	6pm	Ridge Fernandes - Good Health & Peace
30/04/2021 Fri	6pm	10th wedding anniversary of Jesus Pena & Rosanna Velazco
01/05/2021 Sat	10am	Virtual Candle Mass Intentions for April
02/05/2021 Sun		

If you would like a Mass said for any particular intention then you can do so:

- By contacting Cowan: secretary@cathedral-abdn.org with your intention and then, if you wish, to make an offering 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"