

# ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL BULLETIN

29TH MAY, 2021



*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](mailto:mark.impson@rcda.scot) or by telephone on 01569 762433

## New Church Opening Times

Thanks to our Phase II Volunteers we are now able to open the church at the following times in addition to the regular Mass times for private prayer and devotions:

- Saturdays: 11 - 12 noon The **Bookshop** will open at this time.
- Wednesdays: 7 - 8 pm
- Thursdays: 7 - 8 pm Vocations Holy hour

## Cathedral Altar Servers



We will see Altar Servers returning to their duties at weekday and Sunday Masses from Sunday 6 June. Everyone who wishes to serve at the altar must be registered on ChurchSuite, then they need to check if they are on the Altar Servers Ministry Rota for a particular day, and remember also to register for the Sunday Mass. For the time being we must also observe the maximum '6 individuals from 3 households rule', until the restrictions are further eased.

There is also an [ALTAR SERVERS REFRESHER](#) session on MyEvents in ChurchSuite.

As it has been some time since most Altar Servers have been serving in the sanctuary, a short refresher session will be useful for everyone. Some changes need to be observed in terms of liturgical practice at this time, and it is important we are all doing things the same way. This short practice session will take place in the Cathedral on Wednesday 2 June and Wednesday 9 June between 4.45pm and 5.30pm. If you are an Altar Server at the Cathedral, or would like to become one, then please sign up.



## Sound Desk Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help on the sound desk for our live-streamed Masses. Training will be given to ensure full confidence.

Contact Sean Hayes at [seankhayes@me.com](mailto:seankhayes@me.com)

## Hospitality

“First impressions count”. Teas and coffees after Mass will begin again as soon as it’s feasible.

Contact Graham Stuart: [grahamstu@aol.com](mailto:grahamstu@aol.com)

## Stewards

Enabling us to keep celebrating Mass while at the same time keeping everyone safe.

Contact Liam Knox: [liam@tonyknox.co.uk](mailto:liam@tonyknox.co.uk)

## Level II Volunteers

Helping to keep the church open for private prayer.

Contact Alison De Souza: [alison.desouza@rocketmail.com](mailto:alison.desouza@rocketmail.com)

## Year-End Financial Results For 2020/2021

I am pleased to be able to report that the Cathedral made a Surplus of £24,421.39 for the Financial Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. Considering the Church was closed for over half the year due to the Coronavirus pandemic and, even when open, operating under huge restrictions, this is a very encouraging result for us all. This builds nicely on the Surplus of £18k that was reported in 2019/2020 and consolidates the progress away from our nadir in 2018/2019, which saw a large Deficit of £62k.

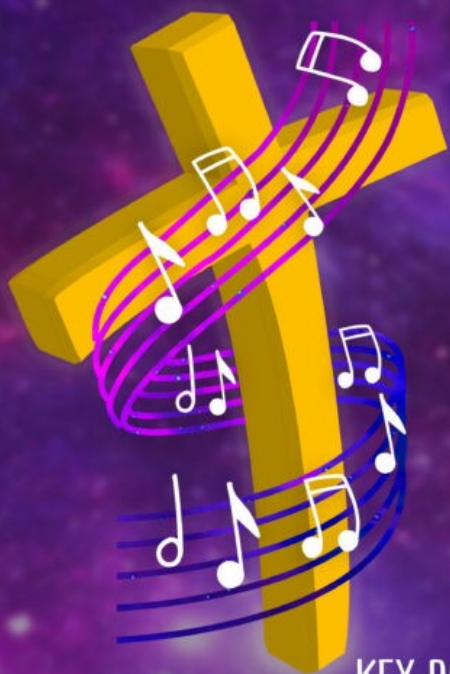
I would like to thank you all for your generosity in helping us to make this possible – when the Church closed back in March 2020, there was a great deal of trepidation as to

what the financial consequences would be. However, we are emerging from the crisis in a relatively strong position due in large part to your generosity and also resourcefulness in finding different ways to give and support the Mission of the Church.

The way ahead poses many challenges – later this year, we are due our 5-yearly Quinquennial survey of the Cathedral Buildings and Complex, which will no doubt trigger increased Renovations expenditure. For the moment, though, thanks once again for your support over the last couple of years and we look forward to this continuing into 2021/2022 and beyond.

*Paul Webster*  
Finance Officer

# Vocation Music Award



## SONG WRITING COMPETITION

*Calling all young adults  
aged 18-35 to participate  
in a songwriting/  
composition competition  
on the theme of vocation.*

### KEY DATES:

31<sup>st</sup> July 2021 Final date for submission of songs

22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 Professional judging

11<sup>th</sup> September 2021 winners announced in a Live Stream



For further information:

[www.vocation-music-award.com/](http://www.vocation-music-award.com/)

YOU CAN ALSO SUPPORT US BY  
SPREADING THE WORD - PRAYER - FINANCIAL AID

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[youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk](http://youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk)

## STEADFAST IN FAITH

Being a Catholic in today's world

SAVE  
THE  
DATE

### A RETREAT FOR YOUNG CATHOLICS (18+)

The Divine Office  
Mass

Adoration

Fellowship

Talks by Bishop Hugh Gilbert and  
Dom Benedict Hardy

More details to follow

**Friday 8th - Sunday 10th October 2021**

**PLUSCARDEN ABBEY**

Elgin, Morayshire, IV30 8UA, Scotland

Contact [rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk](mailto:rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk) for more details  
and to book.

# THE PARENTING CHILDREN course



Beginning 1st June **The Parenting Children Course** is for parents and care-givers looking for practical support to strengthen family relationships. Over five sessions, the course will help you to:

- Build strong foundations
- Meet your children's needs
- Set clear boundaries
- Teach healthy relationships
- Consider your long term aim.

The Parenting Children Course is for parents, step-parents, prospective parents or carers of children aged 0-10 years. The course is for every type of parenting situation including parenting on your own, step-parenting and parenting as a couple.

The Parenting Children Course is based on Christian principles but designed for all couples with or without a church background.

You can sign up for this event or any other of our events on Churchsuite or the [Cathedral website](#)

## Zoom Evening Prayer



Take part in Evening Prayer of the Church each day at 5pm. You can participate by clicking here: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5862057755>

Password: evening

## St. Andrew's Children's Society

There are many children across Scotland who need stable, loving families to care for them because their birth families are not able to provide the nurturing or safe environment that would allow them to flourish and become confident and well balanced adults. Could you provide the stability and love these children deserve? Would you like to hear more about whether fostering a child could be an option for you?



Contact us on 01224 878158 or [info@standrews-children.org.uk](mailto:info@standrews-children.org.uk)

## Right To Life UK



**4th June** - *"This week we mark the International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression. Let us remember especially the most vulnerable of all children, the unborn. We pray that as a society we would take on the duty to protect all children from harm, and ensure that they arrive into a world where they are loved and supported by all. Lord hear us"*



Come  
into  
His  
presence  
with a  
**song**



## ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR

IS STILL MEETING IN LOCKDOWN AND  
WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

For more information contact: | [music@cathedral-abdn.org](mailto:music@cathedral-abdn.org)



**FINDING HOPE** IN A FINANCIAL CRISIS

OSCR Registration SCO44705. FCA Registration 626268

If you or someone you know is in financial crisis and feel they have nowhere to turn, then you've come to the right charity for debt support and advice.

Founded in Aberdeen, Scotland in 2014, Ditch Debt with Dignity is a registered charity with a mission to provide free, non-judgemental, confidential, professional advice and support to people who are privately struggling with their finances.

Our experienced debt advisers guide families and help you deal practically with financial stress, gain control and establish a healthy financial foundation. We empower you to have the confidence to put a debt repayment plan in place allowing you to have clarity and a positive fresh perspective for the future.

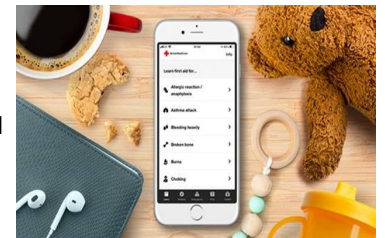
Information on our free non-judgmental, confidential support and guidance can be found at [www.ditchdebtwithdignity.com](http://www.ditchdebtwithdignity.com)



## Free baby and child first aid app

We've just updated our free baby and child first aid app. The app is designed to support parents, grandparents and caregivers. You're only two taps away from learning how to help a child in a first aid emergency.

[Download now](#)



## 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.

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Formed is now available to all Cathedral parishioners

Here is how to sign up:

1. Visit [FORMED.org](https://formed.org)
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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!



## 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



If you donate by PayPal please use the "Friends & Family" option when making your payment. This allows us to avoid charges and ensures that your full donation is received by the Cathedral. Thank you.



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	
Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
Tuesday	6pm	
Wednesday	6pm	13.00 - 14.00 car park
Thursday	6pm	
Friday	6pm	
Saturday	10am, 5pm Spanish Mass (2nd & last Saturday of the month)	11.00 - 12.00 noon car park
First Holy Communions		
Sunday	8am; 11am; 3pm (Polish);	
Solemnity of Corpus Christi	<b>NO 6pm MASS</b>	

\*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.

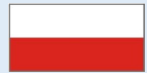
## Parishioner Registration

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



3pm on Sundays in the Cathedral

Mass is also offered at St Joseph's Church, Woodside, at 7pm on Saturdays.

## Mass Intentions

31/05/2021	6pm	Communion Service	
01/06/2021 Tue	6pm	Mass	Virtual Candle Mass Intentions for May
02/06/2021 Wed	6pm	Mass	Intentions of Stella and Emmanuel
03/06/2021 Thu	6pm	Mass	Charles Vaz RIP
04/06/2021 Fri	6pm	Mass	Alfie (Shearer) RIP
05/06/2021 Sat	10am	Mass	Carmen Pinto RIP
06/06/2021 Sun	8am	Mass	Eimantas Stregauskas
	11am	Mass	For the Diocese
	6pm	Mass	<b>CANCELLED</b>
	Fr Raf	Mass	John Menezes RIP
	Fr Raf	Mass	David Cornwell RIP
	Fr Raf	Mass	Cathy Vincent RIP
	Fr Raf	Mass	Shannon Woodside

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

- By contacting Cowan: [secretary@cathedral-abdn.org](mailto: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**"