

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 85: 1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord,  
for I cry to you all the day long.

Collect

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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

Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

Psalm

Psalm 137:1-3,6,8

R. Your love, O Lord, is eternal: discard not the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love,  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

Second reading

Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are Peter  
and on this rock I will build my Church.  
And the gates of the underworld can never  
hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, ‘Who do people say the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ‘But you,’ he said ‘who do you say I am?’ Then Simon Peter spoke up, ‘You are the Christ,’ he said, ‘the Son of the living God.’ Jesus replied, ‘Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.’ Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people  
by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all,  
bestow graciously on us, we pray,  
the gifts of unity and peace in your Church.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 103: 13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you  
bring forth bread from the earth  
and wine to cheer the heart.


Prayer after Communion

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,  
the healing work of your mercy  
and graciously perfect and sustain us,  
so that in all things we may please you.

Sunday 11.15am Mass		
Processional	119	All my hope
Offertory	690	Thy hand, O God, has guided
Communion	258	Firmly I believe
	165	Be still, for the presence of the Lord
Recessional	647	The Church's one foundation

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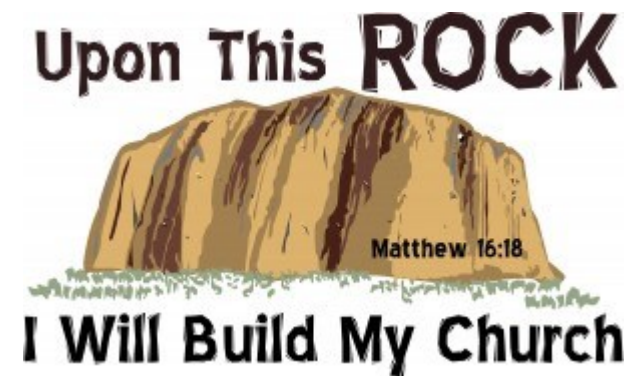
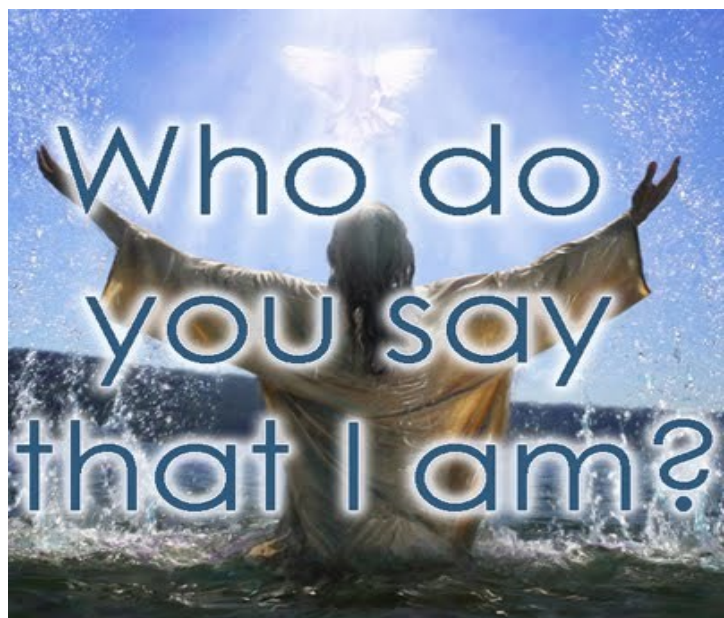


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## MEDITATION

"You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God!"  
"You are 'Rock' and on this rock I will build my Church." These are two affirmations which concern the faith of every believer. There is much more here than an exchange of compliments between Jesus the Son of Man and Simon the son of John.

Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about the identity of the "Son of Man". Consonant with the popular expectation that the prophet Elijah would return to usher in the messianic Day of the Lord the crowds think perhaps he is Elijah or one of the other prophets, among whom they include John the Baptist.

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For surely Jesus is a great prophet. He questions his followers again about their own interpretation of him. He is a prophet and more than a prophet. He does indeed usher in the messianic era because, the Church hears Peter say, he is himself the Messiah – and more than the Messiah. He is "Son of the living God". It is not strange that we should hear from the lips of Peter this faith expression of the newly born Church at the beginning of its history. It is upon Peter's profession of faith that Jesus builds his Church. Through Peter, the man of first fervours, but also the disciple who would deny him, Jesus makes himself known. He charges Peter with the building up of his brothers and sisters until the coming of the kingdom. The Rock put his mark on the Church just as John, the mystic, or Paul, the missionary, did so in their own ways. The Church is above all the home of us poor believers, caught between faith and doubt, generosity and infidelity, but nevertheless stuttering with Peter, "I believe."

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Confessions

Tuesdays: 6pm Saturdays: 10.30am & 6pm

Prayer of the Church

Morning Prayer

Monday - Friday: 7.30am  
Saturday: 9.40am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Saturday —1 hour before Mass  
Monday to Friday — 7.30am

Communion for Sick and Housebound

Trudy Coker (See above)

Family Planning Nature’s Way

Margaret Hammond (07891) 358 114 [mgthammond13@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mgthammond13@yahoo.co.uk)

Mass Times

Date	Details	Service	Time	Mass Intentions
Sun 24th	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass-Polish Solemn Mass Mass-Polish Mass	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.00pm	For the Parish  For the Diocese
Mon 25th		Mass Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	
Tue 26th		Mass Mass	7.00am 7.00pm	Ed Smart RIP
Wed 27th	Saint Monica	Mass Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	Marissa Campos
Thu 28th	Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor	Mass Sung Vespers Mass	7.00am 6.30 7.00pm	Wm. Henderson RIP
Fri 29th	The beheading of St. John the Baptist	Mass Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	Obi & Mary Thanksgiving
Sat 30th		Mass Mass	10.00am 7.00pm	Carlene Lianne Garcia RIP
Sun 31th	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass-Polish Solemn Mass Mass-Polish Mass	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.00pm	For the Parish  Patrick McAleenan

Mass Intention Envelopes

These can be found at the back of the Church. Add details & post through Clergy House letter box (please do not put into the Offertory basket). Recommended offering for each Mass is £5.00.

Mass Intentions

Due to the large number of intentions it may not be possible for Mass to be celebrated on your preferred date or at the Cathedral itself. The Sunday 11.15 am Mass is normally reserved for the Administrator’s Intentions for the Parish.

Offertory 17/08/14: £1,863.73

Aid to the Church: £2,225.00

Polish: £753.50

Coffee after Mass

St Vincent de Paul

August 16/17  
Collection £143.61  
Expenditure on food £102.23  
Thanks to everyone.

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A SONG FOR SAINT CECILIA

You are invited to the fundraising Classical Concert to Celebrate the First Anniversary of the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia’s arrival and their work with Young People in the Diocese of Aberdeen.  
  
Sunday 31st August at 3pm  
Greyfriars Convent Chapel,

MONASTIC EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

A special opportunity to see at first hand what monastic life at Pluscarden Abbey is about, from 7th to 10th Nov. No charge for the weekend.  
  
For single young Catholic men who practise their faith, aged 18 - 35.  
  
Contact Fr. Benedict Hardy OSB:  
[novicemaster@pluscardenabbey.org](mailto:novicemaster@pluscardenabbey.org)  
Pluscarden Abbey, Elgin, IV30 8UA (01343) 890 257

DIOCESAN FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR

(Voluntary Position)

If you feel you could offer some of your time to help to coordinate the diocese’s fundraising activities please contact Joyce at:  
[joyce@rcd-abdn.org](mailto:joyce@rcd-abdn.org)

FREE ORGAN RECITALS!

Ronald Leith, the Cathedral’s acclaimed resident organist can be heard playing at the Cathedral most week days from 9:00am to 11:00 am.

Cathedral News

PARISH HEALING MISSION

Fr. Laurence Brassill OSA, Pauline Edwards and the team from Little Way Healing Ministries are leading this weekend at the Cathedral.  
  
There will be Prayer Ministry after all Masses (Laying on of hands) for those who wish.  
  
Experience the healing power of Jesus  
  
For more information:  
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SEMINARIAN PASTORAL PLACEMENT

Emmet O’Dowd, who is training for the priesthood for the diocese, will be on Pastoral Placement with us for the next month. Please make him welcome.

JOURNEY OF FAITH

A new series of presentations on the Catholic faith for those who want to deepen their understanding of their faith or for those who are not Catholic but interested in learning more about it.  
  
Tuesdays at 7.30pm in the Lower Hall  
  
This Week: The Incarnation and The Sacraments  
*Begins with supper!*  
  
Contact: Ann Ryans (07545) 615 198

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

(For pupils P7 – S2 and not attending a Catholic school)  
  
Classes begin on 7th November and will be held each Friday from 4.00pm to 5.00pm in the Cathedral House. Register before November on Cathedral website and read about our new, exciting programme.

We invite you to take part in this wonderful event where the doors of the church are wide open for everyone to ‘come and see’. Take a minute to open your heart to God’s grace through Adoration, Confession, music and prayer.  
  
The basic mission is inviting people from the street to come into the church to light a candle. They can leave their lit candle at the front of the church, say a prayer, read a Word from God and simply sit or kneel in front of Jesus. The results for many are very moving.  
  
If you would like to be involved then please be at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Aberdeen just before 8pm.  
  
Saturday 30th August  
8pm to 11pm

GIFT AID ENVELOPES/FOREIGN CURRENCY

Please make sure you seal your gift aid envelopes!  
  
We are getting too much foreign currency in the collection and the candle slots. The bank will not change coinage for us and it blocks our coin machine. Please help us by not putting them in. Thank you!!

CATHEDRAL CHOIR WORKSHOP

The 11.15 Cathedral Choir are holding a workshop from 1.00-3.00pm on Sunday 31st August. If you enjoy singing and would like to join us, please speak to the Directors of Music, David and Liz Meiklejohn after the 11.15am Mass or contact them for further information by e-mail: [music@cathedral-abdn.org](mailto:music@cathedral-abdn.org)

PARENTS OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PUPILS

Please pick up a copy of a letter from Bishop Hugh, which you will find at the back of the church, regarding the provision of Catholic religious education at secondary schools this term.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY

(For Children of Primary School age)  
  
These liturgies are based on the message of the Gospel for that day and adapted to suit children of 5 - 11 years. Therefore, they are not suitable children under 5 years. Please do not send of this age to join the Children’s Liturgy group. Thank you.

BOOKSHOP

BOOK OF THE MONTH FOR AUGUST

Wisdom from the Heart with Pope John XXIII  
£ 6.00

SALE BARGAINS

- New Posters of Pope Francis
- Selection of CD’s by Marilla Ness (Rosary, Divine Mercy etc.)

  
New range of statues just arrived including:  

- Pope Francis; Divine Mercy; St. Joseph; Sacred Heart and St. Michael

  
Also: New 7 Day Candles & LED Candles

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Contact Deacon Tony Schmitz

ALTAR ASSOCIATION

A new group for young girls from the age of 12 who would like to help decorate and care for the altars and Lady Chapel is starting up.  
  
If you would like to find out more or join the group contact Chigozie - (07456) 426 102

CATHEDRAL GARDENS

The cathedral has 7 patches of garden which need regular care. We are looking for volunteers to care for a small patch each.  

If you would like to help, please contact Pixie Mather on (01224) 321 953

Children should always be accompanied to the toilet by a parent or guardian.

Youth

Nazareth

The diocesan youth website:  
<http://nazareth.dioceseofaberdeen.org>

Weekly Calendar

Mon	<b>Credo Community Meeting</b> Polish charismatic prayer group. Main Hall at 7.30pm . Contact: Fr Tomasz Klin SJ
Tue	<b>Magnificat Prayer Group</b> Main Hall after Mass Contact: Paul Akagwu (07574) 103 852  <b>St. Vincent de Paul</b> Feeding the homeless Contact: Evelyn Murray  <b>Journey of Faith</b> For those interested in learning more about the Faith or becoming Catholic Lower Hall after Mass Contact: Fr. Keith
Wed	<b>Light Exercise Class for all</b> Main Hall—10:00am Contact: Laura Walker (0777 3) 021 851 <a href="mailto:laura@laurawalkerlimited.co.uk">laura@laurawalkerlimited.co.uk</a>  <b>African Choir</b> For Africans and anyone else. Upper Hall from 6 - 8.00pm Contact: Kingsley Emeye (07956) 039 763
Thu	<b>Healing of Memories</b> Prayer for the healing of painful memories of the past so as to bring peace to the present. Clergy House at 2.30pm (by appointment) Contact: Deacon Tony  <b>Legion of Mary</b> Members serve the Church as needed Lower Hall at 5.30pm Contact: Nogie Osula <a href="mailto:nogisula@yahoo.com">nogisula@yahoo.com</a>  <b>Flower Arrangers</b> Contact: Pixie Mather (01224) 321 953  <b>Cenacolo Prayer Group</b> Exposition & Rosary praying for healing of those with addictions. Church after Mass Contact: Liam Sharkey (07774) 931 996 <a href="mailto:liam.sharkey@fsmail.net">liam.sharkey@fsmail.net</a>  <b>6pm Music Group</b> Contemporary music for the Sunday 6pm Mass Upper Hall after Mass Contact: Margaret Spence <a href="mailto:mag.m.spencer@btinternet.com">mag.m.spencer@btinternet.com</a>
Fri	<b>Our Lady of Aberdeen Prayer Group</b> Gentle prayer & praise Chapter Room from 1.30 - 2.30pm Contact: Teresa Coyne 07901851526
Sat	<b>Church Cleaning</b> Church at 10.30am Contact: Joyce Webster (01224) 319 154  <b>African Choir</b> As above Upper Hall from 6 - 8.00pm
Sun	<b>11:15 Choir</b> Leading the music for 11:15 Sunday Mass Contact: David & Liz Meiklejohn

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