

First reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 129(130)

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. **R.**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. **R.**

My soul is waiting for the Lord.
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) **R.**

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. **R.**

Second reading

Romans 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn11:25, 26

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will never die.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel

John 11:1-45

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, ‘Lord, the man you love is ill.’ On receiving the message, Jesus said, ‘This sickness will end not in death but in God’s glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.’
Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, ‘Let us go to Judaea.’ The disciples said, ‘Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?’ Jesus replied:

‘Are there not twelve hours in the day?
A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling
because he has the light of this world to see by;
but if he walks at night he stumbles,
because there is no light to guide him.’

He said that and then added, ‘Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.’ The disciples said to him, ‘Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.’ The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by ‘rest’ he meant ‘sleep’, so Jesus put it plainly, ‘Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.’ Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, ‘Let us go too, and die with him.’
On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, ‘If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.’ ‘Your brother’ said Jesus to her ‘will rise again.’ Martha said, ‘I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.’ Jesus said:
‘I am the resurrection and the life.
If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,
and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.
Do you believe this?’
‘Yes, Lord,’ she said ‘I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.’
When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, ‘The Master is here and wants to see you.’ Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.
Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’ At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, ‘Where have you put him?’ They said, ‘Lord, come and see.’ Jesus wept; and the Jews said, ‘See how much he loved him!’ But there were some who remarked, ‘He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man’s death?’ Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, ‘Take the stone away.’ Martha said to him, ‘Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.’ Jesus replied, ‘Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:
‘Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.
I knew indeed that you always hear me,
but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me,
so that they may believe it was you who sent me.’
When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, here! Come out!’ The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, let him go free.’
Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

Sunday 11.15am Mass		
Entrance Hymn	582	Praise to the Holiest
Offertory		Response: I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; revive me according to your word.
Communion	759	Eagle’s wings
Antiphon	150	Ave, Regina Caelorum
Recessional		Blest are the pure in heart

Sunday Bulletin

2nd April 2017 • 5th Sunday of Lent • Year A

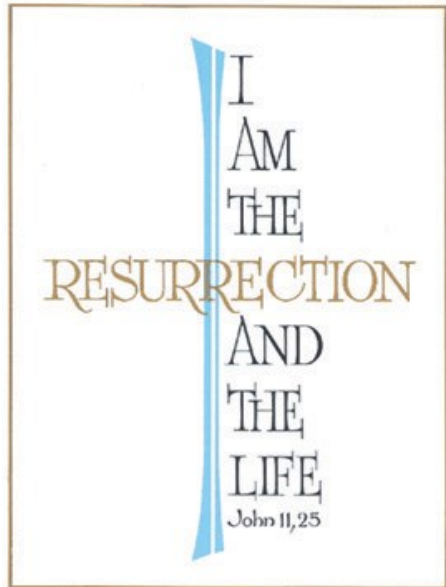


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MEDITATION

The raising of Lazarus is the final sign, the final great miracle, in the Gospel of John. Paradoxically, even as the death of Lazarus works for the glory of God, his restoration to life leads to the death of Jesus. The battle lines are drawn for these final weeks of Lent. Death seems to conquer, but the dying itself holds the seed of life.

At the time of the Babylonian exile the people Israel seemed to be dead. The temple had been destroyed, the land laid waste, and the leaders of the people taken into captivity. But Ezekiel proclaims that the Lord will restore his people. Just as the Lord breathed the breath of life into the moulded clay and Adam became a living

being, so now the Lord sends his spirit into the dry bones of Israel that it may live.






The Lord restores his people to life. Jesus, in the power of God, restores Lazarus to life. But these events are only a figure of the gift of life which comes through the death and resurrection of Jesus. In him we have been freed from the law of sin and death. Baptized into his death, we believe that we will live with his life through the Spirit of God dwelling in us. "We are God's children now, what we shall later be has not yet come to light. We know that when it comes to light we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." (1 John 3:2)

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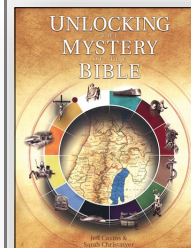


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Notices		
Adoration:	Monday– Saturday	6.00am-12 midnight
Confessions:	Tuesdays	6pm
	Saturdays	10.30am & 6pm
Morning Prayer:	Monday - Friday	7.30am
Evening Prayer:	Thursdays	6.30pm
Night Prayer:	Thursdays	8.30pm
Rosary:	Fridays (Vocations)	1.30pm
	Saturdays (Priests)	10.30pm
Housebound?	John MacKinnon (See above) for visits	
Coeliacs:	Speak to clergy before Mass	
Sunday Coffees:	Ann Ryans 07545 615 198 annryans@aol.com	
Natural Family Planning (NFP)	Margaret Hammond nfp@cathedral-abdn.org	

Mass Times				
Date	Details	Service	Time	Mass Intentions
Sun 2nd	5th Sunday of Lent	Mass Polish Mass Solemn Mass Polish Mass Mass	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Patricko Fernandes RIP Intentions of the Diocese Parish intentions
Mon 3rd		Mass Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	Intentions of Daniel Manoj God’s healing for all sick
Tue 4th	Saint Isidore, Bishop, Doctor	Mass Mass	7.00am 7.00pm	Private Intention Margaret Ryans RIP
Wed 5th	Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest	Mass Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	Intentions of Dominic Dieseru Regina Olewczynska RIP
Thu 6th		Mass Mass	7.00am 7.00pm	Healing for Catherine Siloko Joyce Muscat RIP
Fri 7th	Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest	Mass Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	Private Intention Successful Marriage Ceremony
Sat 8th		Mass Mass	10.00am 7.00pm	Mary Midgley RIP Alberto DeSouza RIP
Sun 9th	Palm Sunday	Mass Polish Mass Solemn Mass Polish Mass Mass	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Parish Intentions Intentions of the Diocese Healing for Catherine Siloko
Mass Intention Envelopes				
These are available at the back of the Church. Print details and post through Clergy House letter box.		Cathedral itself. Recommended offering for each Mass is £5.		
It may not always be possible for Mass to be celebrated on your preferred date or at the		Sunday 11:15 Mass is normally reserved for the Administrator’s or Bishop’s Intentions for the Parish or Diocese.		
OFFERTORY: £1223.30		GIFT AID	£1010.00	POLISH Collection: £1024.92
				GIFT AID £187.20
				
Youth				
FAITH & FUN ON SATURDAYS Youth group for P2’s to P7’s In the Main Hall from 12.30pm to 2pm every Saturday afternoon. For more details and to register online please see our website. 				
 At St. Mary’s Cathedral Fridays 7pm to 9pm Upper Hall A youth group for teens aged 11-13 Contact: St. Andrew’s Community				
 There will be a Bake sale next weekend to raise money for this year’s St Andrew Youth Pilgrimage to Fatima.				
Cathedral				
YOUR PERSONAL HOLY HOUR Give the Lord one hour each week any time between 6am to Midnight, Mon to Sat. The following hours are still needed: Mon: 1pm, 2pm, 4pm. Tue: 8am, 10am, 8pm, Wed: 8am, 10am, 2pm Thu: 3pm, 5pm, 11pm* Sat: 9am. *Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion needed to repose for this hour. To book your Holy Hour go to: https://stmarysadoration.youcanbook.me				
ICON-WRITING COURSE 24th -28th April Monday to Friday 10 am-1 pm, 2 pm-5 pm  The course will be led by Br. Lucho Alvarez To register please contact: standrewscommunity@cathedral-abdn.org Suggested Donation: £200 (includes all materials, instruction, and lunch)				
VENEZUELAN MEDICAL APPEAL Appeal for your unused medicines (must be within the ‘use by’ date) for Venezuela.				

Please take me home

Cathedral	
CONGRATULATIONS Congratulations to Nina Girdle and Osarobo Almas Aigbekaen who were Baptised on the 25 th of March, 2017. Please remember them in your prayers.	
SECOND COLLECTION FOR BUILDING FUND This Sunday we will have our monthly second collection for the Building Fund.	
GIVE, REFLECT, ACT WITH SCIAF Your donations, prayers and campaign Actions make a real and lasting difference To families in Zambia and around the world. You’ll find prayers and video clips online at www.theweebox.org . 	
THIS YEAR’S DEANERY STATION MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED ON FRIDAYS AT 7.30PM DURING LENT PRECEDED BY STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 7.00PM.	
7th April	St Joseph's, Woodside AB24 4AQ
PALM SUNDAY PARKING Next week is Palm Sunday. Please note that the car park will be closed to allow the traditional procession to the church to take place. Incidentally, there is no charge to use the Golden Square Car Park at the back of the Cathedral up until 1pm and then from 5pm on Sundays.	
LENTEN/EASTER RETREAT “Drink from the wells of the Church” Tuesdays in Lent after 7.00pm Mass by Fr Raniero Cantalamessa O.F.M. Cap., Preacher to the Papal Household (via DVD) and the only person in the history of the Church to have occupied the office under three consecutive Popes. A man with an outstanding teaching ministry and a deep love for the Holy Spirit.	
PLUSCARDEN CONCERT A classical concert in aid of the Pluscarden 1230 pilgrimage will be held in the Cathedral on Wednesday, 12th April at 7.30pm. Tickets £10.00 are available from the Cathedral office or sacristy after Mass.	
 UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE Experience the life-changing power of God’s Word with this new Scripture Course. Sundays 23rd April to 11th June 7.30 to 9.30pm (after 6.00pm Mass) Cathedral Main Hall Register on Cathedral website Registration fee: £25.00	
STATIONS OF THE CROSS BOOKLET The Altar Servers, led by Simon Winstanley, have produced a Stations of the Cross booklet which will be on sale after the Station Masses. All funds raised will be used for altar server’s training and Cathedral repairs and restoration projects.	
BOOK SHOP Book of the month: Saint Joseph—Prayers and Devotions [Explains the origin of devotion to St. Joseph and the importance in our everyday life and on our journey of faith]. Great selection of cards for Easter. Have some wonderful gifts for Mothers’ Day. Lots to choose from including lovely angels (In stock and not expensive). Remember your copies of the Herald and Observer. Thanks to all who have supported the shop over last 2 years and to all my volunteers who do such a wonderful job. Special thanks to Norma, Ash, Virginia, Obi & Maria who received there certification for 2 years service. Shop open after every Mass.	

Sunday 2nd April, 2017

Deanery & Diocese	
40 DAYS FOR LIFE 1st March to 9th April Join other Christians in 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Aberdeen Maternity Hospital, Cornhill Road and help spread the word about this important community outreach. To volunteer or for more info. Contact Jo Murphy: jomurphy54@yahoo.co.uk 07557 237 606 https://40daysforlife.com	
DEANERY PENITENTIAL SERVICE The Deanery Penitential Service will take place this Wednesday at 7.00pm at St Mary’s Cathedral 	
BISHOP’S GOLDEN JUBILEE TROPHY This year, with the agreement of the golfers, we will return to Duff House Royal Golf Club, Banff for the popular Diocesan Golf Outing on Friday 30 th June 2017The cost will be £46 to include one round of golf and a two-course meal. As well as the trophy there will be various other prizes. We need sponsors for the prizes. Parishes are encouraged to enter more than one team if they so wish. A deposit of £10 per head (£30 per team) is required before 30th May 2017. Please send in details of your team. It would help catering arrangements if you would also let us know of any non-player accompanying your team who will require a meal (£15 each).	
MAXIMILLIAN’S FIRST MASS INVITATION You are cordially invited to the First Mass of Fr Maximilian Martin OFM Conv which will take place on Sunday 2nd April, 2017 at king’s College Chapel, 7.30pm. Preacher: Bishop Hugh Gilbert O.S.B.	
THE NEWMAN ASSOCIATION You are welcome to our meetings in the Bishop’s house, 3 Queen’s Cross Road, Aberdeen Tea/Coffee and biscuits will be served. Monday 3rd April 2017 at 7.30pm  <i>Sharing Mary’s Memories</i> <i>An Illustrated History of the Rosary</i> <i>Donation £1.50 per meeting inc. refreshments</i> <i>New members always welcome</i> <i>For further information contact:</i> <i>Eileen Grant: eclarebg@btinternet.com</i>	
18-30’S HOLY WEEK AT PLUSCARDEN 12th to 17th April Take part & gain deeper insight into the Christian life, monastic life and the Abbey. No charge for staying. Donations gratefully accepted. Contact Br Thomas Cole OSB at guesmaster@pluscardenabbey.org or www.pluscardenabbey.org	
PLUSCARDEN LECTURES GNOSIS AND THE THEOCRATS FROM MARS Four talks by Dr Francesca Murphy. A series of public lectures to be given at Pluscarden Abbey Elgin. 6th—8th June 2017. To register for the talks email guestmaster@pluscardenabbey.org	
BELL RINGERS Interested in learning to ring the Cathedral bells? Join the St Mary’s Band of Ringers. Call Robin at the office for more information. 	

Weekly Calendar	
Mon	Mother & Toddler Group For parents with young children. All ages welcome. Main Hall from 1pm-3 pm Contact: Yi-pei Chou chou.turvey@gmail.com Credo Community Meeting Polish charismatic prayer group. Main Hall at 7.30pm . Contact: Klaudiusz Mozolewski 07928323313
Tue	Magnificat Prayer Group 7.30pm in the Lower Hall after Mass. Contact: Paul Akagwu pakagwu@gmail.com St. Vincent de Paul Feeding the homeless Contact: Evelyn Murray Adult Confirmation Class & RCIA Cathedral House at 7.30pm Contact: Fr Keith
Wed	Light Exercise Class for all Main Hall at 10:00am Contact: Laura Walker 0777 3021 851 laura@laurawalkerlimited.co.uk Seniors Club Speakers, fun & fellowship Main Hall at 2 pm every 2 weeks Contact: Jean on 01569 765 799 Healing of Memories Prayer for the healing of painful memories of the past to bring peace to the present. Clergy House at 2.30pm (by appointment) Contact: Deacon Tony Legion of Mary Lower Hall from 6pm to 7.30pm Contact: Nogie Osula nogisula@yahoo.com African Choir For Africans and anyone else. Upper Hall from 6 - 8.00pm Contact: Patricia Malikebu 07891 714 549
Thu	Cenacolo Prayer Group Exposition & Rosary praying for healing of those with addictions Church after Mass Contact: Liam Sharkey 07774 931 996 liam.sharkey@fsmail.net Band Practice Contemporary music for Sunday 6pm Mass Upper Hall after Mass Contact: John Costaschuk john.costaschuk@googlemail.com
Fri	Altar Servers’ Practice Church from 6.00 to 7.00pm Contact: Simon begbie_no1@hotmail.com Youth Groups For teenagers between 11 & 17 Upper Hall 7pm to 9pm Contact: St. Andrew’s Community
Sat	Church Cleaning Church at 10.30am Contact: Joyce Webster 01224 319 154 Parenting Class Clergy House after 10am Mass K4J (Kids for Jesus) Youth group for P2’s to P7’s in the Main Hall from 12.30pm to 2pm Saturday Club Informal social gathering, includes prayer Main Hall from 4pm to 7pm Contact: African Choir (As above) Upper Hall from 6 - 8.00pm
Sun	Choir Rehearsal Leading the music for 11:15 Sunday Mass Upper Hall 10.15am Contact: Shelagh Noden Alpha Main Hall after 6.00pm