

Entrance Antiphon

1 Pt 2: 2
Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First reading

Acts 2:42-47
The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.
The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.
They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117:2-4,13-15,22-24

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
‘His love has no end.’
Let the sons of Aaron say:
‘His love has no end.’
Let those who fear the Lord say:
‘His love has no end.’ **R**

I was thrust down, thrust down and falling,
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

Second reading

1 Peter 1:3-9
Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God’s power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn20:29
Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus said: ‘You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-31
In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you’, and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you.

‘As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.’
After saying this he breathed on them and said:
‘Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.’
Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, ‘We have seen the Lord’, he answered, ‘Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you’ he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him:
‘You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 20: 27
Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Sunday 11.15am Mass		
Entrance Hymn	678	Thine be the glory
Offertory	498	Now the green blade riseth
Communion		Misericordias Domini in aeternum cantabo (choir)
	588	Regina caeli
Recessional	469	Majesty



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**‘You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’**

(John 20:29)



MEDITATION

“We have seen the Lord!” the risen Lord appeared to his disciples. Only Thomas was absent. Jesus showed them the wounds of his passion, shared with them his peace, and breathed on them the Spirit who would bring the work of salvation to fulfilment through them. But Thomas, who shared the experience only by hearsay, demanded physical proof.
We are surprised by his change of heart. Accepting the risk of faith is not easy. Thomas reminds us of ourselves with our need to touch. He mistrusts any claim upon his faith not rooted in daily experience. The Lord accepts this need. Eight days later he takes Thomas at his word and gives in to his demand, “Put your hand into my side. Do not persist in your unbelief, but believe!”
Shall we, the believers of the twentieth century, remain unmoved by the liturgical celebration of the Easter season? Are we content simply to repeat, “Blest are they who have not seen and have believed?” Thomas’ experience must become ours. We must strive to make tangible the power of the resurrection in our lives. We must allow the power of the Lord to heal the wounds begotten by oppression. Our sense of wonder leaves us open to the surprise of faith. Thus we can believe in the seemingly impossible and do all we can to give flesh to our hope. May we so live that Jesus becomes for each of us, “my Lord and my God!”

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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

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Speak to clergy before Mass

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Mass Times				
Date	Details	Service	Time	Mass Intentions
Sun 23rd	Divine Mercy Sunday Second Sunday of Easter	Mass Polish Mass Solemn Mass Polish Mass	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Patrick McFadden For the Diocese For the Parish
Mon 24th		Mass Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	Intentions of Dominic Dieseru Mr. Plotek RIP
Tue 25th	Saint Mark, Evangelist—Feast	Mass Mass	7.00am 7.00pm	Joyce Muscat RIP Elizabeth Marchewka RIP
Wed 26th		Mass Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	D. Dieseru Special Intentions Cecilia Martins RIP
Thu 27th		Mass Mass	7.00am 7.00pm	Waclaw Chewicki RIP Mr. Plotek RIP
Fri 28th		Mass Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	D. Dieseru Special Intentions Mr. Plotek RIP
Sat 29th	Saint Catherine of Siena	Mass	10.00am 7.00pm	Miriyam Pathrose RIP A. Dieseru Special Intention
Sun 30th	3rd Sunday of Easter	Mass Polish Mass Solemn Mass Polish Mass Mass	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Thanksgiving for Blessings Ese Dieseru Special Intention For the Parish
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: £2939.55 POLISH COLLECTION: £2008.32 SCIAF £2443.50

Fair Trade tea, coffee, home-made soup & baking after Mass

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.

EDGE

At St. Mary’s Cathedral

Fridays 7pm to 9pm

Upper Hall

A youth group for teens aged 11-13

Contact: St. Andrew’s Community

VENEZUELAN MEDICAL APPEAL

Appeal for your unused medicines (must be within the ‘use by’ date) for Venezuela.

SVdP

Polish Collections: £130.72

Box Collections: £405.95

Donation: £10.00

Expenditure: £423.85

Our grateful thanks to all those who donate money to our boxes, food and clothing. We are deeply grateful for all the help received.

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)

Please take me home

Sunday 23rd April, 2017

Cathedral

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

Uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so that you can get the “big picture” of the Bible and understand what it is all about. The Bible is a story about the Father’s unfailing love for you - a love that you are now called to share with others

Experience the life-changing power of God’s Word with this new Scripture Course.

Sundays

Begins today (23rd April) until 11th June

7.30 to 9.00pm

(after 6.00pm Mass)

Cathedral Main Hall

Register on Cathedral website

Registration fee: £20.00

(Concessions available)

CHILDREN AT 11.15 AM MASS

Children can get bored at Mass because they can’t see what is going on. From Sunday 23rd April onwards we would like to encourage all children of primary school age to sit in the front left rows of the church with the Catechists. Hopefully, both you and them should find it easier to engage with Mass.

FUNERAL OF WINNIE MIDDLETON

Winnie Middleton’s funeral will take place on 25th April at 1pm in the East Chapel of Aberdeen Crematorium. Winnie led the Cathedral Seniors’ Group for many years.

PETER, CORNERSTONE OF CATHOLICISM

Join us, ‘The Beloved Disciples Group’ on a journey into the life of one of history’s most compelling characters. Cathedral house after the Wednesday lunch time Mass.

UPLIFTING WALKS—APRIL’S WALK

Join Uplifting Waks on Saturday 29 April and find yourself lost in the woods as we discover what the Scolty Forest has to offer! We will wind our way through the tranquil forest as we ascend Scotly Hill with its views over Royal Deeside. Everyone welcome! To register, and for further info, visit: upliftingwalks.wordpress.com or email Sabrina: sabrina@rediscovered.me

CHILDREN’S MONTHLY MASS

On the first Sunday of each month, beginning in May the 11.15 am Mass will be set aside as a Children’s Mass.

PRAYER MINISTRY

“Pray for each other so that you may be healed” (James 5:16)

Trained prayer teams are now available after the 11.15am and 6pm Masses to pray with anyone who would like to receive, not only the benefit of prayer, but of hearing and experiencing the prayer. This can be a moment of profound encounter with God.

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.

BOOK SHOP

Book of the Month: St Joseph’s Prayers and Devotions (Explains the origins of devotion to St Joseph and our journey of faith).

Our Lady of Aberdeen rosaries just arrived. Also, lovely leather rosary pouches now on sale.

Confirmation and Communion gifts, cards etc. New stock!

Raffle tickets for special Book Shop Easter candle! Large selection of children’s religious books for all ages.

Book shop open after every Mass

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

Want to help build a better world?

Dear Friends, St Mary’s Cathedral Justice and Peace Group inaugural meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 April at 7.45pm in the Cathedral Main Hall. The meeting will be facilitated by Danny Sweeney, Social Justice Coordinator of Justice and Peace, Scotland.

Come along and be part of it!

Any questions?

Email Kenneth Sadler

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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