

Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Ps 53: 6, 8

Collect

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants
and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace,
that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity,
they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.
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

Wisdom 12:13,16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly;
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope
that after sin you will grant repentance.

Psalm

Psalm 85:5-6,9-10,15-16

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.
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full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.**
All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **R.**
But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **R.**

Second reading

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot
choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself express-
es our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God
who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he
means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are
according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation

cf.Ep1:17,18

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus put another parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of
heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his
field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel
all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprout-
ed and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's serv-
ants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you
sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?"
"Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said,
"Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, be-
cause when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat
with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I
shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bun-
dles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."
He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven
is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It
is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the big-
gest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air
come and shelter in its branches.'
He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like
the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of
flour till it was leavened all through.'
In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he
would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil
the prophecy:
I will speak to you in parables
and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.
Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples
came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the
field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the
Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of
the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy
who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world;
the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gath-
ered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The
Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his
kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and
throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping
and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in
the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'
Prayer over the Offerings
O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice
brought to completion varied offerings of the law,
accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants
and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel,
so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty
may benefit the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord.
Communion Antiphon
The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.


Sunday 11.15am Mass		
Entrance Hymn	582	Praise to the holiest in the height
Offertory	450	Lord of all hopefulness
Communion	628	Soul of my Saviour
Marian antiphon	597	Salve, Regina
Recessional	182	Breathe on me, breath of God

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• 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time •


Year A



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The Wheat and the Tares

Let both grow together until the harvest. Matt 13:30


MEDITATION

kingdom, Jesus teaches his impatient
The temptation to restrict the Church to followers that the Lord of the harvest is
the perfect has always haunted the more concerned with the growth of the
Christian community, animated as it is by a wheat than with the elimination of the
high ideal of holiness. To conquer evil has weeds. The time for separation and for
sometimes been interpreted as meaning burning will come, but it is not now.
to destroy sinners. Many a "holy war" has Today's readings call the servants of God's
been fought in the name of Christian kingdom to share in the patient tolerance
righteousness. Even James and John of the kingdom's Lord. Rather than
wanted to command fire from heaven to devoting our energies to hunting out and
consume the inhospitable Samaritans (Lk destroying every sign of deviation, we are
9:54). urged to nurture every sign of goodness in
Yet the God who has the power to wreak the world. To foster the growth of what is
destruction on the wicked rules instead good is in itself to overcome evil.
with leniency. In his parables of the

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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 23rd	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Polish Mass Mass Polish Mass Mass	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Alejandro Patroni-Sobia RIP Intentions of the Diocese Deceased Members of Stonehouse Family
Mon 24th			Mass	12.30pm
Tue 25th	Saint James, Apostle	Mass	7.00pm	Thanksgiving Denzil Fernandes
Wed 26th		Mass	12.30pm	Martin Stonehouse RIP
Thu 27th		Mass	7.00pm	
Fri 28th		Mass	12.30pm	Ebube Udeh Birthday Thanksgiving
Sat 29th		Mass	10.00am 7.00pm	Daniel Slattery RIP
Sun 30th	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Polish Mass Mass Polish Mass Mass	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Mr Joe Menzies
Mass Intention Envelopes				
These are available at the back of the Church. Print details and post through Clergy House letter box. It may not always be possible for Mass to be celebrated on your preferred date or at the			Cathedral itself. Recommended offering for each Mass is £5. Sunday 11:15 Mass is normally reserved for the Administrator's or Bishop's Intentions for the Parish or Diocese.	

OFFERTORY: £ 2353.63



Youth

SPONSORED HIKE FOR FATIMA

Guilia Verri will be doing a sponsored hike up Ben Nevis on the weekend of the 29th July to help raise the final £5,000 for the Youth Trip to Fatima. To sponsor her see Shannon after Mass this weekend. Donations can also be made online at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/guilia-verri

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CATENIAN ROSARY GROUP
The group is now focusing on sending white plastic rosaries to prisoners where there is an urgent need. Rosaries, especially white plastic rosaries can be sent to Michael Blackburn, 164 Green Park Rd., Halifax HX3 OSP. Any queries 'phone 01422 352559 or email: michael@jjbr.co.uk
Thank You.

SVdP	
Income	
Polish Collection	£14.20
Box Collection	£169.17
Total	£183.37
Food and Expenses:	£786.40
Thank you all for your welcome help.	

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BELOVED DISCIPLES
Pope Francis calls us to discover the Joy of Discipleship.
Find out more about your faith in a supportive and friendly environment.
Gain the tools needed to be an effective disciple.
The Group has gained many insights from the various courses we have followed so far.
We are now about to begin studying the Gospel of Matthew (this year the Church takes its Gospel readings from Matthew).
We would love you to join us on Wednesdays in the Cathedral House after 12:30 Mass.
Please come along! You will be made very welcome! Kevin O'Carroll

Please take me home

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COMBONI MISSIONARIES
There will be a second collection today for the Comboni Missionaries, an international Catholic religious and missionary order founded specifically to serve the missionary endeavour of the Catholic Church.

REBOOT LIVE
Chris Stefanick, International Author and Speaker, coming to Glasgow on the 27th of July 7-10pm. Tickets £10 or £8.00 with concession. Interested? Contact St Andrew Community to book your seat on the bus.

SOUND DESK
We are looking for people who can commit to going on a rota to help on the sound desk during weekend Masses. This is a vital ministry as it helps everyone to hear what is going on clearly. The role isn't technically demanding and instruction will be given. Contact: Fr Keith on administrator@cathedral-abdn.org

PLUSCARDEN 1230 PILGRIMAGE
Parishioner Ann Ryans is participating in the sponsored pilgrimage walk from the Val des Choux in Burgundy to Pluscarden Abbey, Moray, to raise money for the Abbey's South Range Project. If you would like to sponsor Ann, please see her justgiving page at: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ann-ryans>

ST MARY’S CATHEDRAL FOOTBALL CLUB (SMCFC)

Saint Mary's Cathedral Football Club (SMCFC) are still looking for team members (age 17+), coaches and trainers. We are also appealing for help to buy training bibs and for individual or group sponsors for the team jersey. The sponsor's name will appear on the shirts or bibs. Donations can be left at the Cathedral office though, if you feel you can help in any way to develop the team, please contact Michael at: mife@globasure.net or 07482 646 411. The team train every Thursday at the Tillydrone Football Pitch, opposite Zoology building, Aberdeen University, AB24 2TZ.

PARISH REGISTER UPDATE
As from next week, we shall be updating our parish registers. Initially, all we shall be asking you is if you are still a parishioner at the Cathedral. This will be done as follows:
1. Fr Keith will e-mail those for whom we have e-mail addresses.
2. Our volunteers will phone those for whom we do not have e-mail.
3. A letter will be sent to those for whom we have neither e-mail no phone numbers.
Once we know who is still a parishioner then we shall be in touch again to update your information.
Thank you for your help with this. Fr Keith.

BOOK SHOP
A great selection of books now in the shop.
Benedict XVI Last Testament in his own words
Pope St John Paul—In God’s Hands—Spiritual Diaries
Reason to Believe—Abortion—Marriage Annulment—Contraception and Chastity
25 tough questions on the Catholic faith
20 answers Divorce and Remarriage
20 answers Abortion, Divine Mercy Prayer book
Divorce Explanations
Living with Illness and Suffering
Contraception and Chastity
The Word of the Lord —Discovering Verbum Domini
The Inspiration of Truth of Sacred Scripture—the Word that comes from God and Speak
O God for the Salvation of the World
Simple Prayer Book, Theology of the Body
Opening hours of shop 1 hour after every Mass
Remember to pick up your Herald and Observer.

Sunday 23th July, 2017

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SAINTS HELPING US TODAY

The course resumes this Sunday after the 6.00pm Mass.

AFRICAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY RETREAT
All are invited to a retreat on 12th August 2017 at St. Columba. Bridge of Don.
Theme: Overcoming the challenges of modern world through the power of the Holy Spirit and Mother Mary. Time. 10am to 4pm
Organisers: The African Catholic Community
There will be child minder for the period.
Light refreshments will be provided but please come with your packed lunch.

CELEBRATE SCOTLAND
A Catholic family conference for all ages. Lively worship, good teaching and good company in a vibrant faith-filled atmosphere; includes mime and drama and Sunday family Mass. Celebrate is designed for families. It has streams to accommodate all ages of children and youth to help them grow in their faith in a relevant and joy filled way.
This year's theme is “Seek first his Kingdom”, running in St Ninian’s High School, Giffnock, East Renfrewshire from Saturday 2nd till Sunday 3rd September.
For more details and to book see website www.celebrateconference.org or phone Ged Farrell on 07793 370910. An Early bird discount is available if booked before 31st July.

Grube Violin Concert 2017

Professor Michael Grube’s Violin Recital on Monday 21st August 2017 between 7.00pm to 8.15pm at Pluscarden Abbey. Tickets, only available at the door, £10.

National Pilgrimage to Carfin 2017
In honour of our Lady of Fatima to consecrate our country to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Sunday 3rd September at 3.00pm. Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Philip Tartaglia and Homilist: Bishop Brian McGee

CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR PUPILS OF ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL SECONDARY SCHOOLS
Aberdeen City Council is continuing its programme of Catholic Religious Education for pupils of its secondary schools in Session 2017-2018.
Classes will begin in the week of Monday August 28th. Classes will meet from 4pm until 5pm.
This year there is a choice of days and venues.
Classes for First and Second Year pupils will meet in Harlaw Academy on Mondays and St Machar Academy on Wednesdays. Classes for Third and Fourth Year pupils will meet in Harlaw Academy on Tuesdays and in St Machar Academy on Thursdays. An individual pupil will be able to choose to attend on the day and at the venue which suits she or he best. For further details and to register please go to www.abernet.org/rcrc/ or telephone Mr Charlie Love on 01224 522287.

MONASTIC EXPERIENCE WEEKEND
An opportunity for young, Catholic men, aged 18-35, to discover at first hand what monastic life is about. Interested? Contact Fr Benedict Hardy OSB: novicemaster@pluscardenabbey.org or call: 01343 890 257

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: Stella Maria Onuoha 0744.9951.415_nnesin@yahoo.co.uk 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 3 021 851 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 Band Practice Contemporary music for Sunday 6pm Mass Upper Hall after Mass Contact: John Costaschuk Cathedral Choir practice 7pm in the Lower Hall
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 10.00am Contact: Shelagh Noden Alpha Main Hall after 6.00pm