

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Mt 17: 5

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father’s voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

Collect
O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship, grant, we pray, to your servants, that, listening to the voice of your beloved Son, we may merit to become coheirs with him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First reading Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

As I watched:
Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 96:1-2,5-6,9
The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, let all the coastlands be glad. Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right. **R.**
The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth. The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. **R.**
For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth, exalted far above all spirits. **R.**

Second reading 2 Peter 1:16-19

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.’ We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.
So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

Gospel Acclamation Mt17:5

Alleluia, alleluia!
This is my Son, the Beloved;
he enjoys my favour.
Listen to him.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. ‘Lord,’ he said ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.’ When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. ‘Stand up,’ he said ‘do not be afraid.’ And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.
As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, ‘Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.’

Communion Antiphon Cf. 1 Jn 3: 2

When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Sunday 11.15am Mass		
Entrance Hymn	361	Immortal, invisible
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Sunday Bulletin

6th August 2017 • Feast of the Transfiguration • Year A



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Meditation

The Feast of the Transfiguration is of Eastern origin. It may have commemorated the date of the dedication of the church erected on Mount Tabor in honour of the Lord’s Transfiguration. In the West the celebration of the Tabor event was observed on the Second Sunday of Lent because of its close connection with the Lord’s temptation in the desert (gospel of the First Sunday of Lent). The celebration on August 6 was taken up by some dioceses in Spain, Southern France and Southern Italy during the eight to tenth centuries. In 1457 the feast was extended to the entire Western Church in honour of the defeat of the Turks at Belgrade.

The word “transfiguration” evokes the faces of men and women who have known suffering but who radiate an inner light that illumines the very depths of their being. We might think of Helen Keller who saw light in her darkness and revealed it to others, Martin Luther King, Jr. who had been to the mountain and brought back a dream, or Archbishop Oscar Romero whose vision of Christ’s glory strengthened him even for death.

The transfiguration is more than a momentary flash of divine glory, a prelude to Jesus’ Passover and final coming. It also reveals the



hope to which we are all called: “the glory of God in humanity fully alive” (Irenaeus).

In the past, every icon painter began his career by reproducing the scene of the transfiguration, not to escape into some imaginary paradise, but to die himself by opening himself to ‘beauty crucified’. The destiny of every Christian is written between two mountains: from Calvary to the mountain of the transfiguration. The face of the living God is to be seen in the faces of those who listen to Christ’s word and are transformed by it.

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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
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Mass Times				
Date	Details	Service	Time	Mass Intentions
Sun 6th	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord	Mass Polish Mass Mass Polish Mass Mass	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Thanksgiving Samuel Rev. Father James Donnelly RIP
Mon 7th		Mass	12.30pm	Mrs Cath Watt
Tue 8th		Mass	7.00pm	Fr. Charles Kane RIP
Wed 9th		Mass	12.30pm	Healing of A. Osakwe
Thu 10th	Feast of St Laurence	Mass	7.00pm	Fr. Jim Naughton RIP
Fri 11th		Mass	12.30pm	Carla Renshaw and Rachel Duddin
Sat 12th		Mass	10.00am 7.00pm	Visa Success for Mrs Emmanuella Odoji Thanks giving Manoj
Sun 13th		Mass Polish Mass Mass Polish Mass Mass	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Mrs Rowena Menezes For the Diocese Mrs Irene Clarkson


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: £ 2577.78



Youth

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE



Please pray for all our young folk who are presently on pilgrimage to Fatima and a big thank you to everyone for your spiritual and material support without which this pilgrimage would not be possible.

SVdP	
Income	
Polish Collection	£72.84
Box Collection	£26.30
Anon Donation	<u>£50.00</u>
total £149.14	
Spend on food	£187.02
Many thanks to the couple celebrating their 50th anniversary this week. Your kind donation is very welcome.	
Thank you for all your help.	

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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

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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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Miranda Serrano who was Baptised last Saturday. Please remember her in your prayers.

AFRICAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY RETREAT

All are invited to a retreat on 12th August 2017 at St. Columba RC Church, 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.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES 2017 (P7-S4)

These classes begin on Friday, 15th September so Registration begins now. Please sign up online through the Cathedral website: www.stmaryscathedralaberdeen.org

The Confirmation Classes for this session will begin with a Parents’ Meeting at 5.30pm followed by class from 6.00-7.00pm then Youth Group from 7.00-9pm. Attendance at both Classes and Youth Group is mandatory.

Please register on line ASAP Any queries to:- ruthpaterson@hotmail.com

RCIA

Do you feel that God is calling you to explore your faith? Have you thought about becoming a Catholic? Or, have you been baptised but not received the sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation? RCIA classes have started again and are on Tuesday nights at 7:45pm in the Clergy House.

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.

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

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.

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:

- Fr Keith will e-mail those for whom we have e-mail addresses.
- Our volunteers will phone those for whom we do not have e-mail.
- 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.

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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

BUILDING FUND

Today we will have our regular monthly second collection for the Building Fund.


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UPLIFTING WALKS

You are invited to join Uplifting Walks on Saturday 12th August as we explore the local Buckie area, a varied coastal walk passing through harbours and beautiful coastline with possible wildlife sightings. The walk will end with optional Vigil Mass at St Peter’s Church, Buckie. 4, 8 or 12 mile options. Everyone welcome! To register, and for further info, visit: upliftingwalks.wordpress.com or email Sabrina: sabrina@rediscovered.me

SCOTTISH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION, Carfin Pilgrimage Centre Sunday 20 August at 2.30 pm

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

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.

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/rcree/ 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