

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Sir 36: 18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant,  
and of your people Israel.

Collect

Look upon us, O God,  
Creator and ruler of all things,  
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,  
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.  
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

Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,  
and both are found with the sinner.  
He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the  
Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.  
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,  
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.  
If a man nurses anger against another,  
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?  
Showing no pity for a man like himself,  
can he then plead for his own sins?  
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;  
who will forgive him his sins?  
Remember the last things, and stop hating,  
remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.  
Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour  
ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook  
the offence.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102(103):1-4,9-12

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. *R.*

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. *R.*

His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. *R.*

For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins. *R.*

Second reading

Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we  
live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that  
alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both  
died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the  
dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

1S3:9,Jn6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
you have the message of eternal life.  
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, ‘Lord, how often must I forgive  
my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?’ Jesus an-  
swered, ‘Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.  
‘And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who  
decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckon-  
ing began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand tal-  
ents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders  
that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all  
his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw him-  
self down at his master’s feet. “Give me time” he said “and I will  
pay the whole sum.” And the servant’s master felt so sorry for  
him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant  
went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him  
one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began  
to throttle him. “Pay what you owe me” he said. His fellow serv-  
ant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, “Give me time and I  
will pay you.” But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he  
had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow  
servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had hap-  
pened, and they went to their master and reported the whole  
affair to him. Then the master sent for him. “You wicked servant,”  
he said “I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to  
me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow serv-  
ant just as I had pity on you?” And in his anger the master handed  
him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is  
how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each for-  
give your brother from your heart.’

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord,  
and in your kindness accept these, your servants’ offerings,  
that what each has offered to the honour of your name  
may serve the salvation of all.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon


Cf. Ps 35: 8

How precious is your mercy, O God!  
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Prayer after Communion

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray,  
take possession of our minds and bodies,  
so that its effects, and not our own desires,  
may always prevail in us.  
Through Christ our Lord.


Sunday 11.15am Mass		
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Meditation

Scripture abounds with accounts of God's tireless mercy. As often as his people fall into infidelity, so often does he stand ready to forgive them. One wonders that he does not grow weary of their ever-faltering love and call a halt to the endless story of sin, repentance and restoration. He never does. He is the "prodigal Father" of the gospel parable. He would not dream of refusing pardon to a beloved child. Jesus reveals this attitude in action. He turns no sinner away. Today's readings make it clear that God's pardon is given to be shared unstintingly. The community of the new covenant is characterized by the mutual love of its members. We are commanded to love one another as Christ has loved us.

Forgiveness is the gift of love. So we must forgive one another as the Lord has forgiven us – "seventy times seven times," a biblical way of saying "without limit". The scriptures suggest that God's forgiveness is not entirely unconditional. If we do not share it, we shall lose it. The inconstancy does not lie with God. If we have truly allowed ourselves to be transformed by his forgiving love, we can do no other than forgive one another. If we have refused to be so transformed, we have in fact rejected the gift of his pardon from the beginning. Before we bring our gift to the altar, then, we must offer to share freely with one another the forgiveness we have freely received from God.

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<b>Adoration:</b>	Monday– Saturday	6.00am-12 midnight
<b>Confessions:</b>	Tuesdays Saturdays	6pm 10.30am & 6pm
<b>Morning Prayer:</b>	Monday - Friday	7.30am
<b>Evening Prayer:</b>	Thursdays	6.30pm
<b>Night Prayer:</b>	Thursdays	8.30pm
<b>Rosary:</b>	Fridays (Vocations) Saturdays (Priests)	1.30pm 10.30pm
<b>Housebound?</b>	John MacKinnon (See above) for visits	
<b>Coeliacs:</b>	Speak to clergy before Mass	
<b>Sunday Coffees:</b>	Ann Ryans 07545 615 198 <a href="mailto:annryans@aol.com">annryans@aol.com</a>	
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Mass Times				
Date	Details	Service	Time	Mass Intentions
Sun 17th	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	8.00am	Intentions of Dominic Dieseru
		Polish Mass	9.30am	
		Mass	11.15am	James Patrick RIP
		Polish Mass	3.00pm	
		Mass	6.00pm	
Mon 18th		Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	Mr. M.J. RIP Intentions of Tony & Gail
Tue 19th		Mass	7.00am 7.00pm	Alesandro G. Velasquez RIP Varun 12th Birthday
Wed 20th		Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	God's L & C through these tears Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thu 21st	Saint Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist.	Mass	7.00am 7.00pm	Mary Kelly RIP Intentions of Dominic Dieseru
Fri 22nd		Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	Alesandro G. Velasquez RIP Thanksgiving Aditya 18th Birthday
Sat 23rd		Mass Vigil Mass	10.00am 7.00pm	Canon Donald J. Mackay RIP Ints. of M. Sopuluchukwu & J. Chukwuemeka
Sun 24th	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	8.00am	Private intention
		Polish Mass	9.30am	
		Mass	11.15am	Mr. M.J. RIP
		Polish Mass	3.00pm	
		Mass	6.00pm	Parish Intentions
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.	

Youth

LIFE

TEEN

Please note that Lifeteen (S3-S6) and Edge (P7-S2) youth groups meet on Fridays in the Lower and Main Halls, respectively. Time is 7-9 pm.

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.

K4J

KIDS 4 JESUS

Cathedral	
SUNDAY PRAYER MINISTRY	
Sunday Prayer Ministry takes place after 11.15am/6.00pm Mass, to the side of the Patrons Altar. If you require prayer for yourself, a family member, or friend, please feel free to make yourself known to the team.	
CATHEDRAL CHOIR	
The 11.15am choir is looking for new members, especially altos, tenors and basses. We sing a wide range of music from Gregorian chant to Graham Kendrick. Please do consider joining us. Speak to a choir member after Mass or email: <a href="mailto:music@cathedral-abdn-org">music@cathedral-abdn-org</a>	

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Income

Polish Collection £ 51.43

Box Collection £153.49

Total £204.92

Spend on Food £119.77

Our grateful thanks to all who contribute to our work. Your donations are very much appreciated.

Cathedral	
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: <a href="mailto:michael@jjbr.co.uk">michael@jjbr.co.uk</a>	
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	
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS NEEDED	
Do you have an old electronic keyboard, or a violin, or any other musical instrument that you no longer want cluttering up your home? If so we could put them to good use. Collection can be arranged. Please get in touch with any member of the choir/music group, or email us at: <a href="mailto:music@cathedral-abdn.org">music@cathedral-abdn.org</a> Thank you!	

Please take me home

Cathedral

My greatest adventure

Your Greatest Adventure!

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore faith, life and God in a relaxed open environment. Engage your friends in conversations about the big questions of life. When? Starts Sunday 1 October at 7.15pm. Where? St Mary’s Cathedral. Who? Anyone, any faith or none. All welcome. You can register for these Alpha sessions on the Cathedral website: [www.stmaryscathedralaberdeen.org](http://www.stmaryscathedralaberdeen.org) **????????????**

7AM MASS

Please note that this coming week Mass will be celebrated at 7am from Monday to Friday this coming week.

HCPT GROUP 118

HCPT Group 118 Aberdeen are taking children to Lourdes at Easter. They are seeking some financial support, new volunteer helpers and children). Hear their story at every weekend Sunday Mass or join us for a £2 Bacon buttie after 11.15 Mass

SENIOR CLUB

We Are Having Music And Movement on Wednesday 20th September at 2.00 pm By Elaine. All Welcome.

COUNTERS REQUIRED

Do you know what the “counters” do at the Cathedral? Would you be interested in getting involved as a volunteer counter? We have a need for some willing volunteers each Monday late afternoon. If you are interested please speak to Fr Keith or contact Robin at the Cathedral office or by e-mail at [manager@cathedral-abdn.org](mailto:manager@cathedral-abdn.org)

ABERDEEN DIOCESAN CHOIR

Rehearsals on Tuesdays at 7.30pm in the Upper Hall, St Mary's Cathedral. New members are most welcome (especially tenors and basses!) Further information available on ADC website and Facebook.

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](http://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](mailto:ruthpaterson@hotmail.com)

SPUC SCOTLAND

A SPUC Petition is available at the back of the church to oppose the campaign to extend abortion. Please sign the Petition to help mobilise opposition to this threat to future generations of children.

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 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.

JUSTICE AND PEACE

St Mary's Cathedral Justice and Peace Group will meet on Friday 22nd September; 19:30 to 21:00 pm at the Cathedral Ogilvie Centre. “All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents” - Pope Francis

Sunday 17th September, 2017

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VISIT FROM THE LORD PROVOST

The Lord Provost of Aberdeen, Barney Crockett, will be visiting the Cathedral on Wednesday at 11.45am before attending the 12.30pm Mass. He would be delighted to meet you, so please do come along to say hello.

FOUNDATIONS IN THE FAITH CATECHISM COURSE

All interested in the Foundations in the Faith online catechism course as offered by the School of the Annunciation please contact Ruth Paterson ASAP for more information. Course begins October 2017 and is excellent for catechists, parents and anyone who wants to learn more about our Faith. [ruthpaterson@hotmail.com](mailto:ruthpaterson@hotmail.com)

TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE

From September 27 to November 5, our community will take part in 40 Days for Life ... With God’s help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city — and beyond. See [www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/aberdeen/](http://www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/aberdeen/) for more details,

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“WAR ROOM” - FILM NIGHT

“War Room” - Film Night: Friday, 6 October 2017, starts 7.00pm, in the Clergy House. Free admission and popcorn. Film is 1 hr 55mins approx.; discussion afterwards (15 minutes). All welcome. RSVP by Tuesday 3 October 2017 contact: [irmalallan@aol.com](mailto:irmalallan@aol.com) or phone 01224 869889. **A Synopsis:** On the surface, Tony and Elizabeth Jordan seem to have everything going for them: a lovely daughter, good-paying jobs, a dream house. Underneath their seemingly smooth lives, however, is a strained and unhappy marriage. As Tony becomes more successful, he neglects his family and flirts with temptation. Elizabeth has resigned herself to a loveless family life until she meets Miss Clara, one of her clients, who challenges her to create a “war room” in her home, and to engage in a battle plan of prayer to save her family. Tony's hidden struggles become exposed, and he must make a decision to prove the effectiveness of Miss Clara's prayer plan.

RETREAT FOR MOTHERS OF CHILDREN AND TEENS

Refresh your spirit and renew your faith at Kilcoy Castle, Muir of Ord, 27-29 October. To register please contact Sr Anna Christi OP at [op@rcda.scot](mailto:op@rcda.scot).

ENCOUNTER CHRIST RETREAT

The Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia invite single Catholic women ages (18-35) for a quiet weekend with Christ at Greyfriars Convent, Elgin, 10-12 November, 2017 and 20-22 April, 2018. Suggested donation £30.00 To register please contact Sr Anna Christi OP at [op@rcda.scot](mailto:op@rcda.scot).

HMP GRAMPIAN CHAPLAINCY VACANCY

Vacancy for a practicing Catholic with experience of addiction issues, 6 hours (1 day) at HMP Grampian (Peterhead) Chaplaincy. For further details contact Deacon Harry Schnitker by email [harry.schnitker@sps.pnn.gov.uk](mailto:harry.schnitker@sps.pnn.gov.uk)

Weekly Calendar	
Mon	<b>Mother &amp; Toddler Group</b> For parents with young children. All ages welcome. Main Hall from 1pm-3 pm Contact: Yi-pei Chou <a href="mailto:chou.turvey@gmail.com">chou.turvey@gmail.com</a>  <b>Credo Community Meeting</b> Polish charismatic prayer group. Main Hall at 7.30pm . Contact: Klaudiusz Mozolewski 07928323313
Tue	<b>Magnificat Prayer Group</b> 7.30pm in the Lower Hall after Mass. Contact: Stella Maria Onuoha 0744 9951 415 <a href="mailto:nesin@yahoo.co.uk">nesin@yahoo.co.uk</a>  <b>St. Vincent de Paul</b> Feeding the homeless Contact: Evelyn Murray  <b>Adult Confirmation Class &amp; RCIA</b> Cathedral House at 7.30pm Contact: Fr Keith
Wed	<b>Light Exercise Class for all</b> Main Hall at 10:00am Contact: Laura Walker 0777 3 021 851 <a href="http://laura@laurawalkerlimited.co.uk">laura@laurawalkerlimited.co.uk</a>  <b>Seniors Club</b> Speakers, fun & fellowship Main Hall at 2 pm every 2 weeks Contact: Jean on 01569 765 799  <b>Healing of Memories</b> 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  <b>Legion of Mary</b> Lower Hall from 6pm to 7.30pm Contact: Nogie Osula <a href="mailto:nogisula@yahoo.com">nogisula@yahoo.com</a>  <b>African Choir</b> For Africans and anyone else. Upper Hall from 6 - 8.00pm Contact: Patricia Malikebu 07891 714 549
Thu	<b>Cenacolo Prayer Group</b> Exposition & Rosary praying for healing of those with addictions Church after Mass Contact: Liam Sharkey 07774 931 996 <b>Band Practice</b> Contemporary music for Sunday 6pm Mass Upper Hall after Mass Contact: John Costaschuk <b>Cathedral Choir practice</b> 7pm in the Ogilvie Centre
Fri	<b>Altar Servers’ Practice</b> Church from 6.00 to 7.00pm Contact: Simon begbie_no1@hotmail.com  <b>Youth Groups</b> For teenagers between 11 & 17 Upper Hall 7pm to 9pm Contact: St. Andrew’s Community
Sat	<b>Church Cleaning</b> Church at 10.30am Contact: Joyce Webster 01224 319 154  <b>Parenting Class</b> Clergy House after 10am Mass <b>K4J</b> (Kids for Jesus) Youth group for P2’s to P7’s in the Main Hall from 12.30pm to 2pm <b>Saturday Club</b> Informal social gathering, includes prayer Main Hall from 4pm to 7pm Contact: <b>African Choir</b> (As above) Upper Hall from 6 - 8.00pm
Sun	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> Leading the music for 11:15 Sunday Mass Upper Hall 10.00am Contact: Shelagh Noden <b>Alpha</b> Main Hall after 6.00pm