

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Est 4: 17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard.

My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 79:9,12-16,19-20

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R.**

Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R.**

Second reading

Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn15:15

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

Communion Antiphon

Lam 3: 25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Sunday 11.15am Mass		
Entrance Hymn	584	Praise to the Lord, Almighty
Offertory	893	Ubi Caritas (Taize)
Communion	511	O Godhead hid
Marian antiphon	597	Salve, Regina
Recessional	229	Crown him with many crowns

Sunday Bulletin

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Meditation

The parable of the murderous tenants describes a radical crisis in the life of the Messiah and in the history of salvation. Having spoken tirelessly to those responsible for the vineyard of Israel, God finally appeals to them through his Son. With unequalled authority, Jesus announces the approach of the harvest of the last times. Earth must yield its fruit. The people of God must welcome their Messiah!

But the children are no better than their ancestors. Just as the latter rejected the just ones and the prophets, so also the scribes and Pharisees prepare to murder the heir to God's beloved vineyard. The people of the promise run the risk of rejecting their election, of breaking the covenant through which God's plan was to be realized. Jesus uses this parable as a clear proclamation of his death. He came into the world and his own people did not receive him. They finally rejected the Son and heir and even crucified him outside the city. The parable ends with a prophetic threat: the Church of the riser One will soon take up the mission once laid upon Israel. Matthew expresses the conviction that this new people will bring the vineyard to fruit.



Yet these new tenants must not in their turn disappoint the Lord who never ceases to demand the fruit of his vineyard. We cannot remind ourselves enough that the Church is built on the stone that was rejected. Called together by this outcast, we must open ourselves to the banished of this world and make choices which may be punished by death outside the walls. If not, then "the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will yield a rich harvest."

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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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Mass Times				
Date	Details	Service	Time	Mass Intentions
Sun 8th	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	8.00am	Special Intentions Charles Dieseru
		Polish Mass	9.30am	Maureen and Michael Symon
		Mass	11.15am	
		Polish Mass	3.00pm	Parish Intentions
		Mass	6.00pm	
Mon 9th		Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	Rev Fr. James Donnelly RIP William Gallie RIP
Tue 10th		Mass	7.00am 7.00pm	Charles Dieseru Thanksgiving Obi & Mary
Wed 11th		Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	Fidelis Aghogho RIP Thanksgiving Babu
Thu 12th		Mass	7.00am 7.30pm	Mary Idahosa RIP Mathew Ovwigifo RIP
Fri 13th		Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	Veronicaw Eziro RIP Rudolph Vandershoot RIP
Sat 14th		Mass Vigil Mass	10.00am 7.00pm	Raul Mendoza Requena Aiyeetan Family, God's Blessing
Sun 15th	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Polish Mass Mass Polish Mass Mass	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Intentions of Alex Dieseru Parish Intentions Rev. Fri James Donnelly



Each year, the Church celebrates November as the month of the Holy Souls as a reminder to us to pray for the faithful who have gone before us. If you would like a loved one remembered at Mass please use one of the special envelopes you will find at the back of the church and return it to the Cathedral Office.

OFFERTORY: £2,86341.00

BUILDING FUND: £1365.88



Fair Trade tea, coffee & home-baking after Mass

Youth

LIFE TEEN

Please note that there will be no Life Teen nor Edge on Friday, 13 October.

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



There will be a bake sale next weekend to raise money for our youth activities

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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.

Income	SVDP
Polish Collection	£ 51.42
Box Collection	£82.72
Total Income	£134.14
Spend on Food	£272.00
Food Containers & Socks	£46.27
Total Spend	£318.27

Our grateful thanks must go to all support our work. We are deeply grateful to you all for your kind donations.

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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: music@cathedral-abdn.org.

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

PLUSCARDEN FUND RAISING

Ann Ryans wishes to thank all those who sponsored her on her pilgrimage walk which raised £810.

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OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

October is the Month of the Queen of the Holy Rosary. The rosary will be prayed after each daytime Mass this month, followed by the litany of Loreto and the prayer in honour of St Joseph.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to John Courtney, William Montalto, Elliot Love Gilbert, Benjamin yagazie Ogbu and Brianna Skye Menezes. Please remember them in your prayers.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Please come along to a Pro-Life Mass that will be celebrated by Bishop Hugh at St. Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday 10th October at 7 pm. After the Mass a reception will take place with an opportunity of meeting Robert Colquhoun from London, Director, International Campaigns. 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

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.

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: music@cathedral-abdn.org Thank you!

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/ for more details.

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.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Practice for the 11:15 choir takes place on Thursday evenings in the Ogilvie Centre, up the stairs at the side entrance to the Cathedral at 7pm. New members are very welcome. If you are interested but can't attend contact music@cathedral-abdn.org

CHILDREN'S MONTHLY MASS

On the first Sunday of each month the 11.15 am Mass will be set aside as a Children's Mass.

CHILDREN AT 11.15 AM MASS

Children can get bored at Mass because they can't see what is going on so 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.

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NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

Monday 9th October at 7.30pm in St. Mary's House, 14 The Chanonry, Old Aberdeen.
Joyce Webster and others will give a presentation on the recent Diocesan Pilgrimage to Orkney in honour of the 900th anniversary of St Magnus' Martyrdom. If you were there, please come and share your impressions. All welcome.

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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

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

CATENIAN ASSOCIATION DINNER

Fri 20th Oct Catenians will be hosting a black tie dinner and Ceilidh at the Hilton Doubletree Hotel, Beach Boulevard. Tickets are £25pp. Funds raised will be for HCPT. Contact Peter Helms on 01224 868041 or Simon Winstanley on 07857 869798 for tickets

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.

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.

ROHINGYA EMERGENCY APPEAL

SCIAF
Uniting to end poverty
Caritas Scotland

Facing brutality and destruction, the suffering Rohingya people are in agony; may we hear their cries and respond! Please pray for these people in great need and donate to SCIAF's emergency appeal: www.sciaf.org.uk

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.
Why we're Catholic—Trent Horne
Who do you say you are?—Lucy Russell
How to find your Soulmate—Jason Evert
A little way of Healing—T Pauline Edwards
Benedict XV1—Last Testament
Finding God in Anxiety and Depression—Antonio Ritaccio
Ways of forgiveness—John Edwards
Lovely organic soap
5 pack Christmas cards £2.00
Selection of candles
2018 Diary only 80p
Raffle for Christmas baubles to hang on your tree. Pop into the shop and have a look!

Weekly Calendar

Mon **Mother & Toddler Group**
For parents with young children. All ages welcome. Main Hall from 1.30-15.30pm
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
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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 Ogilvie Centre

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