

Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep from us all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,
we may pursue in freedom of heart
the things that are yours.
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 is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself
known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm

For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. R

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. R

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. R

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. R

Second reading

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the

Cf. Ps 87: 3

Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour
when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favour, we pray, O Lord,
upon the sacrificial gifts offered here,
that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son,
we may honour it with loving devotion.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

Sunday 11.15am Mass		
Entrance Hymn	514	O God our help in ages past
Offertory	897	Wait for the Lord
Communion	Choir	Dona nobis pacem
Marian antiphon	597	Salve, Regina
Recessional	704	Waken, O sleeper

Mt24:42 44

Matthew 25:1-13

Cf. Ps 22: 1-2

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Meditation

The marriage customs at the time of Christ are somewhat unclear, but a typical ceremony seems to have progressed in the following way. The groom, having previously negotiated with the bride's father for a bride price, went with his friends to the bride's house. Then, in grand procession, bride and groom together with their friends went with singing and dancing to the groom's house. There a great feast of celebration was held.

It would seem that today's gospel portrays a scene in which the groom has not yet arrived at the bride's house. The details of the wedding ceremony are neglected in favour of the basic message of the parable, the need to remain ready. The delay of the

groom may lull the invited guests into carelessness, but there will be no allowance for the unprepared. The Church waits at the bride's house for the return of the groom. The wait has been long. For this reason we continue to exhort each other with the words of the gospel: "Keep your eyes open, for you know not the day or the hour."

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Terms & Conditions see Parish website

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Notices

Adoration:	Monday - Saturday	6.00am-12 midnight
Confessions:	Tuesdays	6pm
	Saturdays	10.30am & 6pm
Morning Prayer:	Monday - Friday	6.30am
	Saturdays	9.30am
Evening Prayer:	Thursdays	6.30pm
Night Prayer:	Thursdays	8.30pm
Rosary:	Fridays (Vocations)	1.30pm
	Saturdays (Priests)	10.30pm
Housebound? Coeliacs:	John MacKinnon (See above) for visits	
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 12th	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Polish Mass Solemn Mass Polish Mass Mass	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Holy Souls
Mon 13th		Mass Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	Holy Souls
Tue 14th		Mass Mass	7.00am 7.00pm	Holy Souls
Wed 15th		Mass Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	Holy Souls
Thu 16th	Feast of St Margaret of Scotland	Mass Mass	7.00am 7.00pm	Holy Souls
Fri 17th		Mass Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	Holy Souls
Sat 18th		Mass Vigil Mass	10.00am 7.00pm	Holy Souls
Sun 19th	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Polish Mass Solemn Mass Polish Mass Mass	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Holy Souls For the Diocese Holy Souls

November: Month of the Holy Souls

This month is 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.

Mass intention envelopes 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. Sunday 11:15 Mass is normally reserved for the Administrator’s or Bishop’s Intentions for the Parish or Diocese.
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OFFERTORY: £2,818.39 RENOVATION: £274.25

Fair Trade tea, coffee & home-baking after Mass

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.

SVDP

Income

Polish Collection	£ 43.52
Box Collection	£279.67
St Columbas Church, Banchory	£ 176.04
Anon Donation	£40.00
Total Income	£ 539.23

Spend on Food £166.77

As the winter is now approaching we are in need of gentlemen’s footwear, jackets, jumpers. Thanks to everyone for your help last week, the extra funding in our box was very welcome. Evelyn Murray.

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CHILDREN’S MONTHLY MASS

This Sunday’s 11.15 am Mass is our Children’s Mass.

BAKE SALE

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

SENIORS CLUB

On Wednesday the 15th of November at 2.00 pm, we are having Poetry and Stories of Trinidad. All are welcome.

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.

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FIREPROOF

MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday 18th November at 7:00 pm
Clergy House
Free admission. Watch & discuss afterwards (15 minutes). Film is 1 hr 55 mins. All welcome.
Synopsis:
Caleb Holt is a formidable firefighter chief who lives by the firefighters’ motto: “Never leave your partner behind.” At home, however, he lives by his own rules; consequently, his wife is contemplating leaving him. While Caleb’s job at work is to rescue people, his biggest challenge at home is to try to save his wife’s heart. What plan does he follow in order to win back his wife’s love?

HARVEST FAIR

Saturday 25th November 11.30 - 5pm
Cathedral Main Hall

Aberdeen Cathedral Catholic Women’s Organisation invite you to a Harvest Fair & Fundraiser to help the less privileged. Begins with a Thanksgiving Mass in the Upper Hall at 11.30am.
Jumble Sale, nail painting, tombola, disco, table tennis, food and refreshments. Like to help? Call Stella on 07449 951 415 or email: nnedin@yahoo.com

ST JOSEPH’S CHRISTMAS FAIR/RAFFLE

Pupils from St Joseph’s Primary School will be selling Christmas raffle tickets after Masses on Sunday 26th November. There are great prizes to be won, including £250 cash; family return travel on any NorthLink Ferries route, Amazon Fire table, SatNav, luxury hamper and a drone with HD camera. The raffle will be drawn during the school’s Christmas Fair which will take place on Saturday 2nd December 12 noon – 2 pm. Everyone is warmly invited to attend the event and all money raised will go towards supporting our local Parish school.

BOOK SHOP

New arrivals : The colour pieta — will you help me English Divine Mercy— St. Faustina passport to heaven Holy souls handbook of devotion — I am Philomena Handbook of devotion — St Michael prince of Angels St. Pio I will wait at the gates of heaven St Anthony handbook of devotion St. Theresa the little way St. Francis handbook of devotion Surrender novena Jesus you take over Our Lady untier of knots novena prayer Holy cloak in honour of St. Joseph— protect my home. Holy hour with merciful Jesus Life offering - healing prayers for the sick- - you are not alone-the wonders of me- St. Faustina way of the cross - nothing is impossible with God. The secret of la salette revealed.

Wonderful reading, everyone is welcomed to come and visit the shop.

Our lady of Aberdeen drawings by our artist in residence Mark Robinson Again, come and view check with Barbara

Our Christmas cards and calendars are selling out quickly, get yours now, great prices - best in town.

Don’t forget your Sunday magazine and papers for sale all week.
God bless
Shop manager.

Sunday 12th November, 2017

Maintenance to Mission

Wednesday 15th November 7 - 8pm
Clergy House
We are hoping to move to a new phase in the life of the Cathedral. We are inviting anyone who is interested in seeing the parish move from a maintenance parish to a mission orientated parish to join us in reading Fr James Mallon’s book, *Divine Renovation: Bringing your parish from Maintenance to Mission*
We shall be reading through the book together and discussing its contents. Please buy a copy of the book and then join us for the meetings in the Clergy House.

CATHEDRAL 11:15 CHOIR

Practice: Thursday evenings in the Ogilvie Centre, up the stairs at the side entrance to the Cathedral at 7pm. New members are very welcome especially altos, tenors and basses. We sing a wide range of music from Gregorian chant to Graham Kendrick. Please do consider joining us.
Musical Instruments: 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!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Sacramental Preparation Classes for children at non-Catholic schools will begin in January, 2018. Children must make their First Reconciliation before making their First Communion. If your child is 7 years old or more then please register him/her online for the appropriate Sacrament at :- www.stmaryscathedralaberdeen.org or contact Ruth Paterson on 01224 593068 Email: ruthpaterson@hotmail.com

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ABERDEEN NEWMAN CIRCLE

Monday 13th November at 7.30 pm in
St Mary’s House, 14 The Chanonry, Old Aberdeen.
Pluscarden 1230 Pilgrimage
Fr Giles Conacher OSB will give an illustrated presentation on this summer’s fundraising Pilgrimage from Val des Choux, Burgundy to Pluscarden Abbey in Moray. Refreshments provided.
We ask a minimum donation of £1.50. All welcome.

ROHINGYA EMERGENCY APPEAL

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

ENCOUNTER CHRIST RETREAT

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

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

If anyone in Aberdeen is able and willing to rent a room to a professional female who works from Tuesdays to Thursdays at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, please contact Eve on 07539 976619. The room would be for Tuesday and Wednesday nights on a weekly basis. References would be available on request.

Weekly Calendar	
Mon	Mother & Toddler Group For parents with young children. All ages welcome. Main Hall from 13.30-15.30pm Contact: Yi-pei Chou 0745 5479 479 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 nnedin@yahoo.com St. Vincent de Paul Feeding the homeless Contact: Evelyn Murray murray.evelyn@sky.com Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Cathedral House at 7.30pm Contact: Fr Keith
Wed	Light Exercise Class for all Main Hall at 10:00am Contact: Laura Walker 07773 021 851 laura@laurawalkerlimited.co.uk Beloved Disciples Bible study and growing in faith Clergy House Dining Room After 12:30 Mass Contact: Kevin O’Carroll 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 Halls 7pm to 9pm Contact: St. Andrew’s Community
Sat	Church Cleaning Church at 10.30am Contact: Joyce Webster 01224 319 154 K4J (Kids for Jesus) Youth group for P2’s to P7’s in the Main Hall from 12.30pm to 2pm 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 7.30