



## St. Mary's Cathedral

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**First reading**

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her?  
 She is far beyond the price of pearls.  
 Her husband's heart has confidence in her,  
 from her he will derive no little profit.  
 Advantage and not hurt she brings him  
 all the days of her life.  
 She is always busy with wool and with flax,  
 she does her work with eager hands.  
 She sets her hands to the distaff,  
 her fingers grasp the spindle.  
 She holds out her hand to the poor,  
 she opens her arms to the needy.  
 Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;  
 the woman who is wise is the one to praise.  
 Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,  
 and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 127(128):1-5

**R. O blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
 and walk in his ways!  
 By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
 You will be happy and prosper. **R.**  
 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
 in the heart of your house;  
 your children like shoots of the olive,  
 around your table. **R.**  
 Indeed thus shall be blessed  
 the man who fears the Lord.  
 May the Lord bless you from Zion  
 all the days of your life! **R.**

**Second reading** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.  
 But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

**Gospel Acclamation** Rv2:10

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Even if you have to die, says the Lord,  
 keep faithful, and I will give you  
 the crown of life.  
 Alleluia!

**Gospel**

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.  
 'The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.  
 'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."  
 'His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."  
 'Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."  
 'Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

**Communion Antiphon** Ps 72: 28

To be near God is my happiness,  
 to place my hope in God the Lord.

Sunday 11.15am Mass		
Entrance Hymn	290	God is love, his the care
Offertory	186	Brother, sister, let me serve you
Communion	Choir	Ecce panis angelorum
Marian antiphon	597	Salve, Regina
Recessional	297	God's Spirit is in my heart



### Meditation

Again this Sunday we hear the insistence on the active vigilance and bold risk required of those who await the Lord. Matthew clearly has in mind a smug community without zeal. He describes as a "worthless, lazy lout" the servant who is satisfied with burying his talent and carrying out in a servile way what he thinks are his orders. Matthew has so consistently urged believers to outdo themselves that we should not be surprised when the servant who takes the greatest risk reaps the greatest reward. Matthew does not mince words. What is at stake is the eternal relationship between Christ and the Christian, that "master's joy" which we

are called to share. On the last day we will have the judge that we deserve. Jesus is neither harsh nor arbitrary. What he expects of us is in proportion to his love. He asks us to risk everything in order to be open to receive all he has to give. The capital which the Lord entrusts to us is first and foremost his word: it opens our lives to infinite horizons. Have Christians failed to proclaim the word for fear of risk, for lack of imagination and of initiative in the face of the world's needs? We must not miss our rendezvous with history because of an excess of that caution that has too long confined us.

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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) 10.30am

**Housebound? Coeliacs:** John MacKinnon (See above) for visits  
Speak to clergy before Mass

**Sunday Coffees:** Ann Ryans 07545 615 198  
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Mass Times				
Date	Details	Service	Time	Mass Intentions
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
Mon 20th		Mass Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	Holy Souls
Tue 21th		Mass Mass	7.00am 7.00pm	Holy Souls
Wed 22th		Mass Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	Holy Souls
Thu 23th		Mass Mass	7.00am 7.00pm	Holy Souls
Fri 24th		Mass Mass	7.00am 12.30pm	Holy Souls
Sat 25th		Mass Vigil Mass	10.00am 7.00pm	Holy Souls
Sun 26th	34th Sunday in Ordinary Time Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	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.  
It may not always be possible for Mass to be celebrated on your preferred date or at the

**OFFERTORY: £3,601.22 RENOVATION: £242.35**

**Fair Trade tea, coffee & home-baking after Mass**

### Youth

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.

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### 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	
<i>Income</i>	
Polish Collection	£ 28.09
Box Collection	£157.55
Donation	
Stoneheaven	£ 250.00
Anon Donation	£40.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£ 515.23</b>
Spend on Food	£135.09
Underwear (Men)	£77.00

As the winter is now approaching we are in need of gentlemen's footwear, jackets, jumpers. Thanks to everyone for

### Cathedral

**CHILDREN'S MONTHLY MASS**  
This Sunday's 11.15 am Mass is our Children's Mass.

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
There will be a special collection next Sunday for the Seminarian's Bursary Fund.

**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.

### Cathedral

Monday 11th December, 2017 at 6.30pm in St Mary's Cathedral with Aberdeen Diocesan Choir, African Choir and children from St Joseph's, Holy Family and St Peter's primary schools.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**  
Congratulations to Adomale Frederick Ganago who was Baptised on the 4th of November, 2017. Please remember him in your prayers

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**AFRICAN CHOIR OPEN DAY**  
Date: 25th November 2017  
Time: 5.30 - 8.00 pm  
Venue: Lower Hall, St. Marys Cathedral  
There will be lots to eat and drink!

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**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.

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**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: [nnesin@yahoo.com](mailto:nnesin@yahoo.com)

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**ST JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS FAIR/RAFFLE**  
Pupils from St Joseph's Primary School will be selling Christmas raffle tickets after Masses on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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**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.

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**SUNDAY PRAYER MINISTRY**  
After 11.15am & 6.00pm Masses  
Patrons Altar  
If you require prayer for yourself, a family member, or friend, please feel free to make yourself known to the team.

### Maintenance to Mission

Wednesday 22nd 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.

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**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](mailto:music@cathedral-abdn.org) Thank you!

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**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](http://www.stmaryscathedralaberdeen.org) or contact Ruth Paterson on 01224 593068  
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**WILLIE MAILEY**

Willie is back home from hospital and would like to thank all those who supported him during his illness, in particular the Holy Family Sisters of the Needy and the St Andrew Community. Special thanks also to Jackie and friends for the gift of the chair.

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### Deanery & Diocese

**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](http://www.sciaf.org.uk)

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**WILL AID**

Every November, Will Aid solicitors volunteer their time and waive their fee for writing a basic Will. Instead, they invite clients to make a voluntary donation which will support the work of nine charities, including SCIAF and Trócaire. For more details visit: [www.willaid.org.uk](http://www.willaid.org.uk).

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**HCPT CAROLS**

HCPT Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 10th December  
3-4.30pm, includes hot drinks and mince pies. Donations at door to help HCPT bring children with disabilities/dis-advantages to Lourdes next Easter.

Weekly Calendar	
Mon	<b>Mother &amp; Toddler Group</b> For parents with young children. All ages welcome. Main Hall from 13.30-15.30pm Contact: Yi-pei Chou 0745 5479 479  <b>Credo Community Meeting</b> Polish charismatic prayer group. Main Hall at 7.30pm . Contact: Klaudiusz Mozolewski 0792832313
Tue	<b>Magnificat Prayer Group</b> 7.30pm in the Lower Hall after Mass. Contact: Stella Maria Onuoha 0744 9951 415 <a href="mailto:nnesin@yahoo.com">nnesin@yahoo.com</a> <b>St. Vincent de Paul</b> Feeding the homeless Contact: Evelyn Murray <a href="mailto:murray.evelyn@sky.com">murray.evelyn@sky.com</a> <b>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (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>Beloved Disciples</b> Bible study and growing in faith Clergy House Dining Room After 12:30 Mass Contact: Kevin O'Carroll <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 <a href="mailto:bebbie_no1@hotmail.com">bebbie_no1@hotmail.com</a> <b>Youth Groups</b> For teenagers between 11 & 17 Halls 7pm to 9pm Contact: St. Andrew's Community
Sat	<b>Church Cleaning</b> Church at 10.30am Contact: Joyce Webster 01224 319 154 <b>K4J (Kids for Jesus)</b> Youth group for P2's to P7's in the Main Hall from 12.30pm to 2pm <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 7.30