## Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord
Fills the earth;
By the word of the Lord the heavens
were made, alleluia

## First Reading

Acts 4:8-12
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117: 1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29. R. v.22
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men;
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes. $R$
I will thank you for you have answered and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. $\boldsymbol{R}$

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord
You are my God, I thank you.
My God, I praise you.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end. $\boldsymbol{R}$

## Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2
Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

## Gospel Acclamation

## Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

## Gospel

John 10: 11-18
Jesus said:
'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his
life for his sheep.
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd
and the sheep do not belong to him,
abandons the sheep and runs away
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep
this is because he is only a hired man
and has no concern for the sheep.
'I am the good shepherd;
I know my own and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for $m y$ sheep.
And there are other sheep I have
that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock,
and one shepherd.
'The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.

## Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
Who laid down his life for his sheep
And willingly died for his flock, alleluia

## Prayer after Communion

Look upon you flock, King shepherd, And be pleased to settle In eternal pasture The sheep you have redeemed By the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

| Sunday 11.15am Mass |  |  |
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| Entrance Hymn | 156 | Battle is o'er, hell's armies flee |
| Offertory | 656 | The King of love my shepherd is |
| Communion | Choir | Because the Lord is my shepherd |
| Marian Antiphon | 588 | Regina caeli |
| Recessional | 466 | Loving shepherd of thy sheep |

## Sunday Bulletin

|  | 22nd April 2018 | $\bullet$ | 4th Sunday of Easter | $\bullet$ | Year B |
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Fr. Keith's Story ... I never wanted to be a priest. I remember a priest speaking about vocations at a Mass in the Cathedral, asking young men to think about becoming priests. My internal response was, "No way!" He then asked for people to pray for vocations. That I was happy to do, but to be a priest, no thanks.

Fast-forward a number of years and my faith had changed. There was a before and after Before: God was distant, uncaring and impotent; the time of miracles was long over. After the opposite. I heard about the apparitions of Our Lady in Medjugorje. If it was true then that changed everything; then God was not distant but loves us, and that miracles still hap pened!

I read all I could on the subject and started trying to live out the message: Conversion, re turn to God. She wanted us to go to Mass, pray every day, read the bible each day, go to confession at least once a month and fast twice a week.

Eventually, after starting work as an engineer, I went on pilgrimage to Medjugorje. The re sult of that was a personal encounter with Jesus, something I never imagined possible for me. Instead of falling in love with Mary however, I fell in love with Jesus. In retrospect, that's not really surprising: Mary is always leading us to her Son.

From that time onwards life took on a new freshness, a new vitality. I continued trying to live the Blessed Mother's messages. About a month after the pilgrimage, whilst driving home from Sunday Mass, I was reflecting about life, the universe and everything. I was thinking about how long eternity is and how short this life, the blink of an eye in comparison. I wanted to go to heaven, no two ways about it. How could I ensure that would hap pen? Give my life to God. Do His will, as completely as I could. Live for Him. That would be the way.
The moment these thoughts entered my head, a sense of confirmation/affirmation flooded me in a way that I had never experienced before. It was as if God's Spirit was confirming in my spirit the decision I had made; He was giving His 'YES' to my 'yes'. An excitement filled me, a joy. I now had a direction and a purpose. I knew that I had to pursue this immediate ly otherwise I'd never follow it through. The thought of becoming a priest entered my head for a split second, but I quickly kicked it out: my image of priesthood was negative. thought it better to be a monk or a religious brother, but not a priest!
I began an amazing journey that was one of the most exciting times of my life as I sought to discern my vocation. After four years I realised that what I had initially rejected out of hand was what God actually wanted me to do. The thing that I had dismissed was what would bring me the fullness of life: the priesthood. Facebook


| Date | Details | Service | Time | Mass intentions |
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| Sun 22nd | Fourth Sunday of Easter | Mass <br> Polish Mass <br> Solemn Mass <br> Polish Mass <br> Mass | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { 8.00am } \\ & 9.30 \mathrm{am} \\ & \text { 11.15am } \\ & \text { 3.00pm } \\ & 6.00 \mathrm{pm} \end{aligned}$ | Dominic Dieseru - Thanksgiving <br> Parish Intentions <br> Benefactors of Suppl Aid Society |
| Mon 23rd |  | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { Mass } \\ \text { Mass } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7.00 \mathrm{am} \\ & 12: 30 \mathrm{pm} \end{aligned}$ | Mrs Cristalin Isabel Pereira RIP Baboo Ram Paul RIP |
| Tue 24th |  | Mass Communion Service | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 7.00 \mathrm{am} \\ 7.00 \mathrm{pm} \end{array}$ | Dom Francis Davidson OSB |
| Wed 25th | St Mark Evangelist | Communion Service Communion Service | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 7.00 \mathrm{am} \\ & 12.30 \mathrm{pm} \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Thu 26th |  | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l} \hline \text { Mass } \\ \text { Mass } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 7.00 \mathrm{am} \\ 7.00 \mathrm{pm} \end{array}$ | Dominic Dieseru Benefactors of Suppl Aid Society |
| Fir 27th |  | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l\|} \hline \text { Mass } \\ \text { Mass } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 7.00 \mathrm{am} \\ & \text { 12.30pm } \end{aligned}$ | Intentions for Norway For Health and Work |
| Sat 28th |  | Mass Vigil Mass | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 10.00 \mathrm{am} \\ \text { 7.00pm } \end{array}$ | Dom Francis Davidson OSB Catherine Docherty RIP |
| Sun 29th | Fifth Sunday of Easter | Mass <br> Polish Mass <br> Solemn Mass <br> Polish Mass <br> Mass | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 8.00 \mathrm{am} \\ & 9.30 \mathrm{am} \\ & \text { 11.15am } \\ & \text { 3.00pm } \\ & 6.00 \mathrm{pm} \end{aligned}$ | Benefactors of Suppl Aid Society <br> Parish Intentions <br> Thanksgiving Agnieszka, Ba. St. |

Mass Intention Envelopes
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Cathedral itself. Recommended offering Church. Print detals and post
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| Cathedral |  | Weekly Calendar |  |
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| EXPLORE <br> LIFE <br> FAITH <br> MEANING | PEWRENOVATION PROJECT <br> Why not sponsor the renovation of a pew? You may like to suggest the name of a saint to be put on a plaque attached to the | n | Mother \& Toddler Group <br> For parents with young children. All ages welcome. Main Hall from 13.30-15.30pm Contact: Yi-pei Chou 07455479479 <br> Credo Community Meeting Polish charismatic prayer group. <br> Main Hall at 7.30pm . <br> Contact: Damian Gloc 07939418178 |
|  | pew. <br> Various options available to sponsor the renovation of a pew, contact Robin Harding for details: <br> Tel: 01224 640160, manager@cathedral-abdn | Tue | Magnificat Prayer Group <br> 7.30 pm in the Lower Hall after Mass. <br> Contact: Stella Maria Onuoha 07449951415 nnesin@yahoo.com <br> St. Vincent de Paul |
| AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED TALK St Mary's Cathedral Tuesday 24th April at 8.00pm <br> 'It takes Courage to be a Christian in the Middle East' <br> Guest Speaker: Lorraine McMahon Exhibition: Syria's Children Petition for Peace. | BOOK SHOP OPENING HOURS <br> Monday: $1.00-2.00 \mathrm{pm}$, Wednesday: 11.00 am - <br> 2.00pm, Friday: 11.00am - 2.00pm Saturday: 11.00-12.00am <br> Sunday: $12.15-1.00 \mathrm{pm}$ and $7.15-8.00 \mathrm{pm}$ Wonderful selection of sale books, only 50p each. |  | Feeding the homeless <br> Contact: Evelyn Murray <br> murray.evelyn@sky.com <br> Maintenance to Mission <br> Discussing parish transformation <br> Cathedral House at 7.30pm <br> Contact: Fr Keith |
| Deanery \& Diocese |  | Wed | Light Exercise Class for all Main Hall at 10:00am Contact:Laura Walker 07773021851 laura@laurawalkerlimited.co.uk |
| World Youth Day in Panama City, 15 - 27 ${ }^{\text {Th }}$ January, 2019 <br> "The Mighty One has done great things for me" Luke.1:49 Cost approximately $£ 1300-£ 1500$ for two weeks <br> INTERESTED? Please Let me know by 31 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ April, 2018 Gaynoll Craig, WYD Co-ordinator 2019, Tel: 01479831681 or (m) 07544020709 or gaynoll.craig@gmail.com |  |  | Seniors Club <br> Speakers, fun \& fellowship <br> Main Hall at 2.00 pm every 2 weeks <br> Contact: Jean on 01569765799 <br> Healing of Memories <br> Prayer for the healing of painful memories <br> of the past to bring peace to the present. <br> Clergy House at 2.30 pm (by appointment) <br> Contact: Deacon Tony <br> Legion of Mary <br> Lower Hall from 6pm to 7.30pm <br> Contact: Nogie Osula nogisula@yahoo.com <br> African Choir <br> For Africans and anyone else. <br> Upper Hall from 6.00-8.00pm <br> Contact: Patricia Malikebu 07891714549 |
| newman general meeting <br> A General Meeting of the Aberdeen Newman Circle wil be held on Monday 7th May at 7.30pm, in St Mary's House, 14 The Chanomry, Old Aberdeen. The meeting is being held to approve the accounts for the last year and to discuss the future of the Aberdeen Circle. For details contact Eileen Grant eclareg@btintermet.com | EXHIBITION AT BLAIRS MUSEUM The Grand Tour: The Eternal City April- September, 2018 <br> This year Blairs Museum is hosting an exquisite collection of $18^{\text {th }}$ century Piranesi's prints from the Vedute di Roma on Ioan from the Diocese of Aberdeen. Opening times: Sat 10am-4.30pm, Sun noon-4.30pm |  |  |
| A Novena to St Joseph the Worker For those who are working and those who are unemployed and seeking work we shall be saying the following Novena after Mass this week until St Joseph's feast day on the 1st May. <br> St Joseph be always our protector, that your internal spirit of peace, silence, honest work, and prayer in the service of the Church give us life and happiness in union with your blessed Spouse, our Sweet and Immaculate Mother, in the strong and mild love of Jesus, glorious and Immortal King enturies and the people. All for Jesus, all through Mary, all after thy example, 0 Blessed Joseph. Such shall be my motto in life and in death. Amen. | "MEET THE MP'S" EVENT <br> Saturday 28 th April 2018 from 10.00am - 12.30pm <br> At Boys Brigade Headquarters, Crimon Place, Aberdeen, AB10 1 RX Discover some of the things the Church is doing in your community to express the compassion and love of Jesus. |  |  |
|  |  | Thu | Cenacolo Prayer Group Exposition \& Rosary praying for healing of those with addictions Church after Mass <br> Contact: Liam Sharkey 07774931996 <br> Band Practice <br> Contemporary music for Sunday 6pm Mass Upper Hall after Mass <br> Contact: John Costaschuk <br> Cathedral Choir practice <br> 7.00pm in the Ogilve Centre |
|  | fostering the gift OF FAMILY PRAYER <br> Sunday, April 29, 2018 <br> from 12:45 pm to 2:45 p.m. <br> St. Francis Church, Mannofield 231 Deeside Gardens, Aberdeen AB15 7PR, tel: 01224315893 <br> Led by the Dominican Sisters, Greyfriars Convent, Elgin <br> Families that pray together stay together. <br> The whole family is invited for an afternoon gathering which will inspire and empower you to pray as a family. <br> Following the 11.00 am Mass, there will be a soup lunch provided for your family <br> by the parish. <br> This afternoon for the whole family includes: How to have a conversation with God <br> Creating sacred times and sacred spaces <br> Praying with your spouse, Activity-time for children We will pray the Rosary in union with "Rosary on the Coast" participants at the end. To register email ogilvie@rcda.scot. |  |  |
|  |  | Fri | Altar Servers' Practice <br> Church from 6.00 to 7.00 pm <br> Contact: Simon begbie no1@hotmail.com |
| Rosary on the Coast - Aberdeen Sunday 29th April Join us on Sunday 29th April at 3.00 pm on the beach where the Beach Boulevard meets the Esplanade. We will pray the Holy Rosary for the re-flourishing of our Faith, for a culture of Life and for true peace across all nations. |  |  | Youth Groups <br> Edge (P7-S2) \& Lifeteen (S3-S6) <br> Hall 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm <br> Contact: St. Andrew's Community |
|  |  | Sat | Church Cleaning Church at 10.30 am <br> K4J (Kids for Jesus) Youth group for P2's to P7's in the Main Hall from 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm |
| HEAD TEACHER VACANCIES IN ABERDEEN <br> The Head Teacher posts at Holy Family and St Joseph's schools have not yet been filled. The Holy Family post has been advertised again with a closing date of April 29th. The St Joseph's post will be re-advertised shortly. Details on Aberdeen City Council website, MyJobScotland and johnpetermurray@hotmail.co.uk |  |  | African Choir (As above) <br> Upper Hall from 6.00-8.00pm |
|  | SACRED HEART FORMER PUPILS <br> There will be a meeting of the association on Saturday 26 th May at 2.00 pm at the Bishop's House, 14 The Chanonry, Old Aberden. | Sun | Choir Rehearsal Leading the music for 11:15 Sunday Mass Upper Hall 10.00am Contact: Shelagh Noden |

