

# St Mary's Cathedral

*A Christ-centred community which is alive, forming and sending out joyful disciples*

16 - 20 Huntly Street, Aberdeen, AB10 1SH



**Sunday 28 January 2024 | Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B**

Our Weekly Sunday Mass Times

08:00 • 11:00 • 15:00 (Polish) • 18:00



# Meditation

Jesus spends the sabbath at Capernaum with his first disciples. He manifests his extraordinary authority as much by his teaching as by healing the possessed and sick. Thus, from the beginning of his ministry, his fame spreads through Galilee. After Easter, this region will become the point of origin for the Church's universal mission. In today's gospel, Jesus goes to the synagogue and teaches there. After the scribe's catechesis on the Law, Jesus no doubt reads a prophetic text and gives the homily as he did at Nazareth. He provokes wonder and astonishment in his hearers.

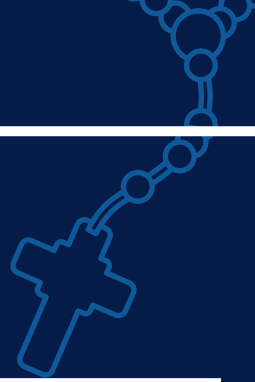


Jesus Casts Out Unclean Spirit  
*Meister Konrad von Friesach (year 1458 A.D.)*

Unlike the scribes, who were anxious to explain the letter of the Law based on commentaries received from their masters, Jesus speaks from his authority. He confirms that authority when he heals the man with an unclean spirit. That healing gives rise to the question, "Who is this man?" Many are uneasy with such healing miracles. Medicine and depth psychology seem to reduce to a purely natural pathology that antiquity attributed to the supernatural world. Yet, many scientists recognize that there is more to the human than the eye can see. Thus we should not fall into the trap of a new reductionism by having recourse exclusively to the empirical sciences. Like the people in Capernaum, we who live in a technological age must confront the same question, "Who is this man?"

- Vienna International Religious Centre -

# Our Mass Times



Monday	12:00 (noon)   Rosary		12:30   Mass	18:00   Rosary & Mass
Tuesday	12:30   Mass	17:30   Rosary	18:00   Mass	
Wednesday	12:00   Rosary	12:30   Mass	13:00 - 14:00   Confessions	18:00   Rosary & Mass
Thursday	12:30   Mass	17:30   Rosary	18:00   Mass	
Friday	12:00 (noon)   Rosary		12:30   Mass	18:00   Rosary & Mass
Saturday	10:00   Mass		11:00 - 12:00 (noon)   Confessions	
Sunday	08:00   Mass	11:00   Mass	15:00   Polish Mass	18:00   Mass

Spanish Mass at 17:00 every second and last Saturday of the month.

Ukrainian Greek Catholic Mass at 15:30 every third Saturday of the month.

Filipino Mass at 13:00 every third Sunday of the month.

African Mass at 11:00, the third Sunday of every second month.

## Curious about Faith?

If Christmas has made you curious about faith and got you thinking about some of life's big questions, why not try Alpha? You'll have the chance to discover more about the Christian faith and chat through your thoughts in a fun, relaxed environment. Join us on **Wednesday, 31 January** at **19:00**.



## Eucharistic Adoration

Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is here. If you want to grow in love, come to the Eucharist, come to Adoration.



# Mass Intentions

DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Monday 29 January	12:30	Vaz Family Souls In Purgatory
	18:00	Rodrigues Family Souls In Purgatory
Tuesday 30 January	12:30	Peter Kelly RIP
	18:00	Thanksgiving
Wednesday 31 January	12:30	Mrs Simply D'Souza & Other Souls In Purgatory
	18:00	Thanksgiving
Thursday 1 February	12:30	St Anthony - Thanksgiving
	18:00	Virtual candle intentions and also Barbara Chiappisi RIP
Friday 2 February	12:30	St Anthony - Thanksgiving
	18:00	For Stella' s Intentions
Saturday 3 February	10:00	Victor D'Souza & Other Souls In Purgatory
Sunday 4 February	08:00	Mr Jacques Vasseur RIP
	11:00	For the Diocese
	18:00	For the Parish

*"We pray for our Government, that their ability to support pregnant women would increase and that they would anchor themselves in the desire to protect all human life. Lord hear us."*

(Right to Life UK)

## Second Collection

There will be our regular **second collection** on **Sunday, 4 February** for the **Building Fund**.

## Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)

The Bishop will celebrate an additional Mass on **Friday, 2 February** at **10:00** for the schools and Women Religious (sisters).  
The Cathedral stocks of candles will also be blessed.



**Wednesday 31 January** | Memorial of St John Bosco

**Friday 2 February** | Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)

**Saturday 3 February** | Memorial of St Blaise

## Financial Results | 21 January 2024

Offertory for all Masses | £1,599.06

Previous Week | £1,634.49

December Weekly Average | £1,573.91

2nd Collection for SPUC - all Masses | £534.99



## Standing Order

Never have cash with you at Mass? You can make your offertory collection by setting up a weekly or monthly standing order using online banking.

## Mass Intentions

If you would like a Mass said for any intention, please get in touch with our Church Secretary, Cowan Watson.

You are also welcome to make an offering by direct banking.

[Email Church Secretary](#)

### BANK NAME

Bank of Scotland (Upperkirkgate Branch)

### ACCOUNT NAME

RCD Cathedral St Mary 1

### SORT CODE

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### ACCOUNT NUMBER

00759738

### REFERENCE

'Offertory' **OR** 'Mass' for Mass Intentions

### SCAM WARNING

If you receive an email or text suggesting it is from Fr Keith requesting for money, voucher etc., please do not respond. This is a scam.

## Icon Cross

Help Deacon Tony Schmitz **raise £10,000** towards the installation of the new Icon Cross as part of the reordering of the sanctuary of St Mary's Catholic Cathedral in Aberdeen.

The new Icon Cross will be blessed by Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB on **Sunday 4 February** during the **11:00 Mass**.

[Find Out More](#)



## Gift Aid

If you are a UK taxpayer, please register for the Cathedral Gift Aid scheme.

We can claim an additional 25% on top of all contributions you make, without costing you a penny more!



[Complete Gift Aid Form](#)

[Other Ways to Give](#)



## Family Adoration Hour

**Saturday 3 February from 15:00 - 16:20**

Family Adoration is a simple practical way of coming together, with our joys and sorrows, challenges and dreams, struggles and successes, to experience the transformative power of prayer in the presence of Jesus Christ our Lord. Adoration is simply to show our love for Jesus, to adore Him in the Eucharist – and to allow Him to love us.

The purpose of a Family Adoration Hour is to welcome every family, no matter their cultural background, to come and spend time at the feet of our Lord in the Eucharist.



## O Vere Beata Nox!

The Abbot and Monks of Pluscarden invite young men and women (aged 18-35) to celebrate the 2024 Paschal Triduum with them.

The invitation extends from **Thursday of Holy Week, 28 March, until Easter Monday, 1 April 2024.**

This will be an opportunity for focused participation in the central mysteries of our faith, celebrated in both life and liturgy, with of course a particularly monastic emphasis.

The organisation for this event has been entrusted to “YouCan”: the “Young Catholic Adults Network”. Those interested, please contact the YouCan coordinator, Rina Bird.

Meals will be taken together at St Scholastica’s women’s guest house. This will also encourage the “networking” aspect of the weekend, so that participants may help build up one another in the faith.

Numbers will necessarily be limited to the number of available rooms in the male and female Abbey Guesthouses.



**Contact Rita Bird**

## New Dawn Day

Our next New Dawn Day is on **Saturday 3 February** at Saints John Cantius & Nicholas in Broxburn, West Lothian and we hope you can join us for this.

Each day starts with Holy Mass and is filled with talks, workshops, testimonies, prayer ministry and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Children and Youth Ministry is available and the spiritually packed day concludes with an evening Healing Service.

[Visit the Website](#)[Email the Team](#)

## Day of Mission

**Saturday, 10 February**, from **10:00 - 21:00** at the **Cathedral**.

This is the second Mission Day to be run by the team and starts with Mass and Holy Hour, then a time of teaching for those of us in the parish who want to be formed in evangelisation and a renewed zeal for the Gospel. In the evening, there will be a healing service with worship and prayer ministry. We hope to ignite the faith in our wonderful parish and to be set on fire to bring the good news to everyone in our community.

[Find Out More](#)

## Marriage Course

The Marriage Course is a series of seven sessions, designed to help couples invest in their relationship and build a strong marriage. This online course begins on **Sunday, 4 February**.

[Register Now](#)

## The Bishops' Committee for Interreligious Dialogue Annual Colloquium

The role of religious experience in interreligious dialogue with Professor Will Storrar at the Conforti Centre Coatbridge, starting at **17:30 on Friday 23 February** until **15:30 on Saturday 24 February**.

[Find Out More](#)

## World Leprosy Day

On **Sunday 28 January 2024**, we mark World Leprosy Day and are asking for your kind donations.

The John Bradburne Memorial Society (JBMS) endeavours to continue and uphold the legacy of John Bradburne, 'Servant of God' who was a Franciscan layman, who cared for the leprosy patients living at the Mutemwa Leprosy Care Centre in Zimbabwe for the last 10 years of his life until he was murdered. JBMS helps to provide essential items to the community at Mutemwa.

Leprosy is a curable disease, but unfortunately, the stigma and lack of education associated with the disease, means people do not get treated early enough to prevent the development of disabilities. Together with your kind support and prayers, we continue our promise to uphold John Bradburne's legacy in supporting those living at Mutemwa with leprosy.



[Visit the Website](#)

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\(+44\) 07979 187498](#)

## Blessing of St Blaise

On Saturday 3 February we celebrate the feast of Saint Blaise, who was Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia in the fourth century. Before being martyred, he is said to have healed a boy who was choking. Since the eighth century, Saint Blaise has been venerated as the patron of those who suffer from diseases of the throat. We pray in a special way on this day for protection from afflictions of the throat and from other illnesses. The blessing of Saint Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick.

## We're Recruiting!

Justice and Peace Scotland is recruiting for a Campaigns, Communication and Events Coordinator for 24 hours a week. The role requires a degree of flexibility as some travel, evening and weekend work is required.

Salary: £21,000.

Application deadline: **Monday 5 February**.

Please email our Chairperson, Jill Ken to express interest in the post or request a full job description.



[Email Jill Ken](#)