

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 11 February 2024 | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B

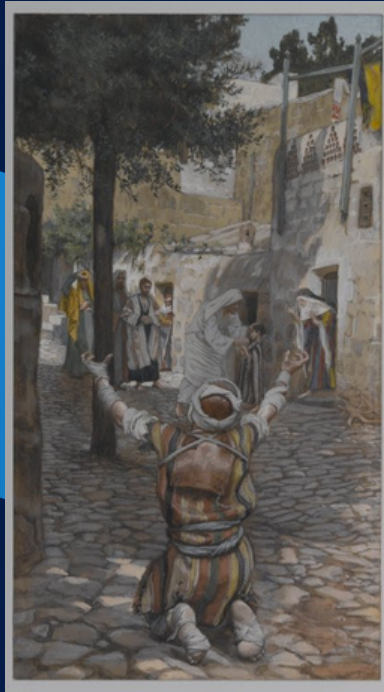
Our Weekly Sunday Mass Times

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

Meditation

In Jesus' day, leprosy meant not only incurable physical disintegration but also social and cultural death. It was the supreme "plague" which God inflicted on sinners. It is under the image of a leper that Isaiah depicts the sinful people. Under this same image, he describes a mysterious Servant who expiates Israel's sin.

In this context, Jesus' face-to-face meeting with the leper takes on its full meaning. We see the unclean before the Holy One, the outcast before the Servant who will be cast out, the leper who is impure before the pure one who will be disfigured like a leper. It is the sinful world that the Saviour touches and purifies. The Messiah has arrived. In him, the banished of society, the living dead are restored.

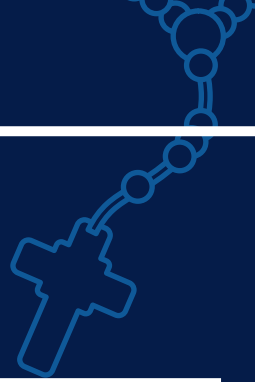


Healing of the Lepers at Capernaum
James Tissot (1836 - 1902)

In different degrees, under different forms, leprosy still creates barriers between people. Today's lepers are the very ill forgotten in hospitals, the marginal poor shut up in unhealthy tenements, and the addicts shunned by high-minded societies. Before all these lepers, we must take part in the simple story of the encounter between Jesus and the leper. For we must recognize that we are all lepers. We must disclose the sins that we keep hidden. We must cry out in acknowledgement of our moral frailty. Thus we regain life and take our places in the community of the redeemed. Once touched and healed, we can in turn proclaim the Word. Rejoicing in health regained, we can welcome the outcast and the rejected, acknowledged in their human dignity.

- 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.

Criminalisation of Prayer in Scotland

A radical new law proposes criminalising prayer around abortion centres in Scotland. The law, which would be the most extreme of its kind in the world, proposes criminalising people for 'praying audibly' and engaging in 'silent vigils'. Please help us to stop this unnecessary and disproportionate attack on fundamental rights, including the right to pray, by writing to your MSPs today.



[Find Out More](#)

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 12 February	12:30	Souls in Purgatory
	18:00	Sergio - Birthday Thanksgiving
Tuesday 13 February	12:30	Frank La Croix RIP
	18:00	Socorro Del Rio RIP
Wednesday 14 February	12:30	Penelope Walsh RIP
	18:00	Elma John RIP
Thursday 15 February	12:30	Annette John RIP
	18:00	Mary and Gordon Bennett RIP
Friday 16 February	12:30	Ferdinand John RIP
	18:00	Christine John RIP
Saturday 17 February	10:00	Valerie Bennett RIP
Sunday 18 February	08:00	Vilma Bain-John RIP
	11:00	For the Parish and Diocese
	18:00	Luz Maria Ramirez and Candelaria Mancilla RIP

"Today we commemorate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick. Let us especially pray for all those who are nearing the end of their lives, that they may experience God's comfort and peace. We pray too for medical professionals who work in hospice care, that they might continue to safeguard the dignity and wellbeing of all patients who are made in the image and likeness of God. Lord hear us."

(Right to Life UK)

Second Collection

There will be a second collection on **Sunday 11 February** for the **Scottish Catholic Education Service**. The SCES work with a range of individual colleagues, partner associations and Church agencies in their efforts to promote and support Catholic education in Scotland.

Sunday 11 February | World Day of Prayer for the sick

Wednesday 14 February | Ash Wednesday

Friday 16 February | Day of Prayer for those who have suffered abuse

Sunday 18 February | First Sunday of Lent

Financial Results | 4 February 2024

Offertory for all Masses | £1,441.97

Previous Week | £1,584.24

December Weekly Average | £1,524.75

2nd Collection for the Cathedral Building Fund | £561.44



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](#)

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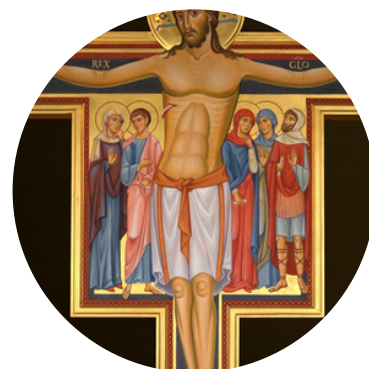
SCAM WARNING

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.

[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](#)

Station Masses

The “Station Mass” originated in Rome under the auspices of Pope Gregory the Great (590 – 604). They were conceived as a daily pilgrimage in the footsteps of the martyrs and saints. Pilgrims and penitents visited forty churches in Rome on foot performed penitential exercises and celebrated Mass in each “stopping place” or “station”. In doing so, they were also following the example of Jesus who went out into the desert and fasted for forty days and forty nights in preparation for his mission. It is this “journey” which forms the spiritual background to the forty days of Lent and the journey each of us has to make into the desert of our hearts and lives.

Each of the Station **Masses begins at 19:00**, preceded by **Confession at 18:00** and the **Stations of the Cross at 18:30**.

Friday 16 February | St Mary’s Cathedral

Friday 23 February | St Francis of Assisi, 231 Deeside Gardens, Aberdeen AB15 7PR

Friday 1 March | Holy Family, 117 Deveron Rd, Aberdeen AB16 6LZ

Friday 8 March | King’s College Chapel, College Bounds, Aberdeen AB24 3FX

Friday 15 March | Sacred Heart, 15 Grampian Rd. Aberdeen, AB11 8ED

Friday 22 March | St Columba’s, Braehead Way, Bridge of Don, Aberdeen AB22 8RR

Please note that while the Friday Deanery Station Masses are taking place there will be **no 18:00 Mass** at the Cathedral.

Diocese of Aberdeen Singing Tutor (Choral Director)

The Diocese of Aberdeen, in conjunction with the National Schools Singing Programme (NSSP), seeks to appoint a Choral Director commencing as soon as possible. This is a part-time post (1 day per week) suitable for an ambitious and creative musician with exceptional gifts in working with young voices and a desire to achieve the highest possible standards in choir development.

With an interest in promoting traditional Catholic music, including plainchant, our third Choral Director will provide inspirational teaching in the development of school choirs. These choirs will have the capacity to sing in local churches.

The post will be based at St Joseph’s R.C. Primary School, Inverness.

Closing date: **Thursday 22 February 2024 at noon**.

Interviews will be held on **Monday 26 February** at St Joseph’s Primary School, King Street, Inverness.

[View Job Description](#)

[View Application Form](#)

WEE Box Big Change Launches

On Ash Wednesday, SCIAF will launch the WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE appeal. This year's Lent appeal focuses on communities in Rwanda. In April 1994, 100 days of mass genocide began in Rwanda. Thirty years on, Rwanda and its people are still recovering from the genocide that ripped their country apart and the deep trauma it left behind. This Lent, use your WEE BOX to make a BIG CHANGE.



[Visit the Website](#)

[Call 0141 354 5555](tel:01413545555)

Novena and Chaplet to the Divine Mercy

The Novena and Chaplet to the Divine Mercy will take place every weekday in the church at **15:00** from **Ash Wednesday onwards**.

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](#)



Home for Good

Do you adopt, foster or offer supported lodgings? Have you ever thought about it or wondered how you might support vulnerable children locally? Rosie Campbell is the North-East Scotland Coordinator for Home for Good and is looking to connect with anyone passionate about fostering or adoption or considering this journey.

Home for Good is a Christian charity that believes we all have a part to play to ensure that every child and young person has a home in which they are loved, nurtured, and enabled to thrive. We work to mobilise the Church to respond to the need for homes by inspiring people to step forward to foster, adopt or provide supported lodgings, journeying with them throughout the process. We also want to see churches better equipped to wrap around these children and families with practical, emotional, and spiritual support, encouraging church communities to think bigger when it comes to family, hospitality, justice and supporting one another.

We have a wide range of resources available for individuals and churches wanting to dig deeper and explore. Visit our website for more information, to sign-up to our newsletter, support us financially or to access our resources and events, or join our Home for Good Scotland Facebook group. What part could you play?

[Email Rosie Campbell](#)[Visit the Website](#)

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](#)

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](#)

2024 Youth Conference

Calling Pro-Life Champions!

Are you passionate about defending the rights of unborn babies and eager to make a lasting impact? Look no further! SPUC invites you to be part of a transformative experience at the 2024 Youth Conference, themed "Call to Courage."

In a world where the sanctity of life is under constant threat, your commitment to the pro-life cause is more crucial than ever. This empowering event is your opportunity to gather with like-minded young advocates, learn effective strategies, and fuel your passion for defending the most vulnerable among us – unborn babies.



[Find Out More](#)

ARISE - Youth 2000 Day Retreat

A one-day retreat for 18-35's in Edinburgh with St. Albert's Catholic Chaplaincy for everyone from Edinburgh and the wider Scotland area and beyond!

YOUTH DAY

[Find Out More](#)

National Day of Prayer & Fasting for Life

On **Saturday 10 February**, the Vigil of the Feast Our Lady of Lourdes, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Through God's grace, we have seen thousands of Mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support.

Fasting

Fast from all food except bread and water for the day Or Fast from a particular food or luxury, e.g. chocolate, alcohol, cigarettes, TV. Fast from whatever you can given your state of health etc, but make sure it is something that involves a sacrifice to yourself.

Prayer

We are asking people to say a Rosary (or an extra Rosary if you say it daily already). You could also offer an extra effort such as going to Mass (or an extra Mass) on the day or going to Adoration. You can even pray before a closed tabernacle if Adoration is not available near you.



[Find Out More](#)