

# 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 5 June 2022 | Pentecost Sunday**

Our Weekly Sunday Mass Times

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



# Meditation

"Do not be surprised that I tell you, you must all be begotten from above..., but you do not know where it (the wind) comes from or where it goes" (John 3:7-8). Although Luke places the sending forth of the Spirit on Pentecost, fifty days after the Resurrection, John places it on Easter night. Each one, then, has his own way of portraying the glorification of Jesus. For John, this glorification took place when he was raised up on the cross. For both, the Spirit is the fruit of the victory Christ won by his death and resurrection. Pentecost cannot be separated from Easter. But why must the disciples receive the Spirit?



From Luke's perspective, they must receive the Spirit to be able to speak to all in their proper language and thus inaugurate the universal mission of the Church. John does not say anything different, but he says it in a different way. The apostles are in the upper room with all the doors locked for fear of the Jews. They are afraid and their fear is contagious. They are attentive to every sound outside. They fear arrest.

Suddenly, Jesus is there in their midst: "Peace be with you!" Peace is what they lack most in this atmosphere of anxiety. Jesus still carries the marks of his passion. He is there, alive and stronger than death. The doors which were once locked no longer hinder his mission. The hour is no longer one of self-centered fear. Now is the time to allow the Spirit to shatter all barriers and lead the Church where God wills.

- Vienna International Religious Centre -

# Our Mass Times

Monday	07:00   12:30
Tuesday	07:00   18:00
Wednesday	07:00   12:30
Thursday	07:00 (Igbo)   18:00
Friday	07:00   12:30
Saturday	10:00
Sunday	08:00   11:00   15:00 (Polish)   18:00

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

## Please note:

<b>Monday 6 June</b>	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church - Memorial
<b>Thursday 9 June</b>	St Columba - Feast
<b>Saturday 11 June</b>	St Barnabus - Memorial

<b>Confessions</b>	Wednesday	13:00 - 14:00
	Saturday	11:00 - 12:00

## Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

The church is open for public adoration and private prayer during the week and on Saturdays.

***"And he said to them, 'my soul is full of sorrow, even to death. Remain here and stay awake with me'"***

***Matthew 26 : 38 - 40***

We are looking to extend time for adoration. If you are willing to accompany our Lord Jesus Christ for one hour weekly, please sign up as an adorer.

**Sign Up for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**



# Mass Intentions

Mon	06/06/2022	07:00	Lan Beaton
		12:30	Diomedes Buitrago Bernal - Good Health & Healing
Tue	07/06/2022	07:00	Pierce
		18:00	-
Wed	08/06/2022	07:00	Kate Sharkey
		12:30	-
Thu	09/06/2022	07:00	-
		18:00	-
Fri	10/06/2022	07:00	-
		12:30	-
Sat	11/06/2022	10:00	Patricia Coyne RIP
Sun	12/06/2022	08:00	Maurice's Birthday - Thanksgiving
		11:00	-
		18:00	-

If you would like a Mass said for any particular 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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## Register as a Parishioner

Are you a parishioner at the Cathedral? Register with us on ChurchSuite to keep up to date with the latest news and activities happening within our church community.



# What's Happening

## Day for Life Message | Pope Francis

His Holiness Pope Francis sends cordial greetings and good wishes to those participating in the 2022 Day for Life to be celebrated in Scotland, England and Wales, and Ireland under the theme **"Caring for the Older Person"**. His Holiness prays that the efforts in the defence of God-given value and dignity of every human life, in all stages, will be fruitful in drawing attention to the particular worth of our elderly brothers and sisters, for they "are not outcasts to be shunned, but living signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance" (message for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the elderly).

He likewise, trusts that a greater awareness of the essential contribution the elderly make to the spiritual and material well-being of every society will help to counter the "throwaway culture" and foster the bonds of charity and fraternity between the generations. With these sentiments and the assurance of his closeness in prayer, the Holy Father sends his blessing as a pledge of joy and peace in Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life.

## Life in the Spirit Seminars *Prayer Group of the Magnificat*

Every Tuesday | 18:30 - 20:00 | St Mary's Cathedral Hall

Each Tuesday evening seminar will feature a talk from a gifted speaker followed by a small group discussion/sharing session.

Week 1 | The Father's Loving Plan

**Week 2 | The Joy of the Gospel**

Week 3 | The Gift of the Spirit

Week 4 | Unwrapping God's Gift

Week 5 | Encountering God's Spirit

Week 6 | Living in the Spirit



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## Catholic Men of Aberdeen | Pray the Rosary

The Catholic Men of Aberdeen will pray the Rosary together on the **First Friday of each month** at **St. Mary's Cathedral** from **19:00**. After, the men are invited to have pizza together in the clergy house (if you have any dietary requirements, please put a note in the sign-up comments box).

This is an informal men's gathering for the Catholic Men of Aberdeen to pray together and continue growing in fellowship and fraternity! Attendance is open to all practicing Catholic men over the age of 18 from all walks of life in Christ (single, married, lay, or religious).

Sign up to receive latest information about our upcoming events!

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## Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Wednesday 15 June | 19:00 | St Mary's Cathedral Hall

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, an eight-part Bible study, helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so you can get the “big picture” of the Bible and understand what it’s all about, without getting bogged down by a sea of Old Testament names and places.

Aided by a unique colour-coded Bible Timeline Chart that arranges the key people, places, and events of the Bible in chronological order, Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible will help you pick up the Bible with confidence and understand how you fit into God’s plan.

Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship.



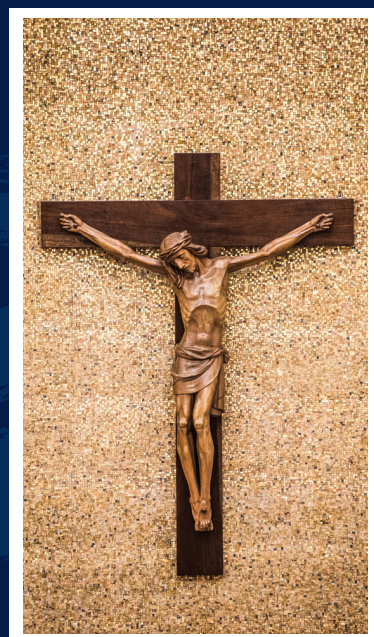
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## Pluscarden Pilgrimage

Bishop Hugh would like to extend an invitation to you to the Pluscarden pilgrimage which takes place on **Sunday 26 June**.

Arrangements are well underway for the pilgrimage and the events that are planned will provide a perfect opportunity for relaxing in the grounds of the Abbey, with a chance to meet people from other parishes within the Diocese. Parishioners are encouraged to bring their own picnics; however, refreshments will also be available from **12:00** in the refreshment tent.

At the conclusion of the mass, which will be led by Bishop Hugh, there will be a Marian procession to the garden in front of St. Benedict's retreat, weather permitting.



## Musical Memories

A night of songs from the musicals at **Our Lady of Aberdeen Church, Kincorth. Friday 3 June** at **19:00** in aid of funds for Roxburgh House. Tickets: adults £5.00 and children under 12 years £2.50. Raffle & refreshments.

[Donate](#)



## Paella Day

**Sunday 12 June** is Paella Day! Watch out for this delicious event coming to your table soon!



## "It ain't no sin to be glad you're alive': Praise in an Age of Agitation"

Explore the 2022 Pluscarden Pentecost  
Lectures with Dr Christopher Ruddy from  
**Tuesday 7 June to Thursday 9 June**



We live in times marked by the omnipresence of agitation—political, religious, economic, cultural, 'virtual', psychological, familial. Anger and unsettledness are everywhere. And, yet, the first words that the Church speaks every day are: "Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise!"

These lectures will suggest that such agitation is rooted in a rejection of the goodness of being, in self-hatred that leads ineluctably to death. Praise rightly understood and lived, is not escapism, irresponsibility, or even complicity in oppression. It is the highest possible affirmation of God's goodness and—in the words of the American musician Bruce Springsteen—of the joy in being alive.

### The Schedule

7 June (15:00) | Context: An Age of Agitation, Anger, and Acedia  
8 June (10:30) | Creator and Creation: The Affirmation of Dependence  
8 June (15:00) | Christ and Church: "In the Midst of Congregation I praise you"  
(Ps 22[21]:22)  
9 June (10:30) | Consequences: A Praised-Filled Life

All lectures will be live-streamed from the USA | [Join the Session Online](#)

### Never Too Old to Disco!

FiftyPlus Club are having a social evening on **Wednesday 8 June** at **19:00** in the Main Hall. All Seniors are warmly invited to attend and enjoy a meal and disco.

Please RSVP to Jean Greig.

Email  
**Jean Greig**

Phone **Jean Greig**  
**0778 991 4519**





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### PICK OF THE WEEK | 5 JUNE 2022

#### Baptism in the Holy Spirit and Fire

Jesus came to baptise us in the Holy Spirit, and the power and grace that comes from baptism in the Holy Spirit changes lives. Explore the meaning of this sacrament in this episode of The Wild Goose.



[Watch Now](#)

### How Do I Sign Up?

You can have full access to the resources in **four EASY steps!**

- Visit the Formed website and click 'Sign Up'
- Select 'Sign Up as a Parishioner'
- Find **St Mary's Cathedral** by Parish name, address or postcode
- Enter your email - and you're in!

[Sign up to Formed](#)

### Retreat for the Feast of Corpus Christi

Are you a young Catholic aged between 18 - 35? Join us for a weekend retreat guided by the Benedictines of Pluscarden Community from **Friday 17 June to Sunday 19 June 2022**. £50.00 full board (excluding Sunday lunch).



[Sign Up Now](#)

# Support the Church

## Join the Audio-Visual Team

The audio-visual team are looking for enthusiastic individuals who can reach out beyond the physical bounds of the parish to engage people across the globe by live-streaming the daily Masses and various other events.

Register  
your Interest



## Youth Ministry Volunteers

Joe Kelly, our new Youth and Children's Coordinator, will begin at the Cathedral on **Sunday 19 June**. He will need a team who can support him in this essential ministry.

Register  
your Interest



## SCIAF Ukraine Emergency Appeal

Caritas Ukraine is supporting people displaced by the conflict inside Ukraine, and our sister agencies Caritas Poland, Caritas Moldova and Caritas Romania are supporting refugees who have managed to find safety in neighbouring countries.

Your donation will support Caritas Internationalis' response both in Ukraine and in neighbouring countries.

Make A Donation



## St Vincent de Paul Society

The St Vincent de Paul Society at St Mary's Cathedral is responsible for the distribution of food and clothing to those in need and, with the rising cost of living, the demand for our services is straining our resources to the limit.

We desperately need your help so we can continue with this invaluable work, particularly in providing food parcels to those who depend on our support. We urgently need donations of food and cash donations to enable us to purchase food.

Please consider making a cash donation using one of the collection boxes held by our volunteers at the entrance of the Cathedral or get in touch with Evelyn Murray.



Email  
Evelyn Murray

## Junior Schola

Do you have a child or children aged 7 -18 who love to sing? Why not join the Junior Schola, led by John Horton? The choir rehearse **every Thursday** evenings in the Lower Hall from **18:00 - 19:00** and sings at the **11:00** Mass on the first Sunday of each month.



## Aberdeen African Choir

The African Choir is looking for new members. The choir is open to people from all nationalities, not just African! It meets every Wednesday via Zoom from 18:00 to 20:00 and every Saturday in the Cathedral's Upper Hall from 18:00 to 20:00.

If you are interested in joining the choir or would like to know more, please get in touch with Uze.



Join the  
African Choir



## Financial Update | 29 May 2022

Offertory Collections | All Masses - £1,269.07

Communications 2nd Collection | £515.29

We have different options available if you wish to support the church by giving:

### 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.

Alternatively, you can complete a Standing Order Mandate form and hand it into your bank.

[Standing Order Mandate Form](#)

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### Second Collection

There will be a **second collection** on **Sunday 5 June** for **Day for Life** and **Sunday 12 June** for the **Cathedral Building Fund**.



### Gift Aid

If you are a UK taxpayer, ensure all your contributions to the Cathedral are gift-aided by registering for the Cathedral Gift Aid scheme.

This allows us to claim an additional 25% on top of all contributions you make, without it costing you a penny more!



[Complete Gift Aid Form](#)

[Other Ways to Give](#)