

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL BULLETIN

22ND MAY, 2021



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



Thinking about becoming a priest?

The RC Church in Scotland is now inviting enquiries from men considering applying for seminary. For more information contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. Mark Impson at mark.impson@rcda.scot or by telephone on 01569 762433

New Church Opening Times

Thanks to our Phase III Volunteers we are now able to open the church at the following times in addition to the regular Mass times for private prayer and devotions:

- Saturdays: 11 - 12 noon The **Bookshop** will open at this time.
- Wednesdays: 7 - 8 pm
- Thursdays: 7 - 8 pm Vocations Holy hour

Rosary with Anh and Quynh on Zoom



On 'Zoom' every Tuesday to Friday at 2:00pm and Saturdays at 11:00am, rosary led in the church by Anh and Quynh, our two Vietnamese aspirants for seminary. No need to sign up. Just click on [this link](#) to join the meeting.



Altar Servers

We are looking forward to seeing Altar Servers returning to their duties at weekday and Sunday Masses from Sunday 6 June.

We need to observe the current restrictions in place for 'Level 2' which requires that a maximum of six people from three households be in the sanctuary at any one time, excluding Servers under the age of 12.

Everyone who wishes to serve in the sanctuary, including those under 12, need to be registered with Churchsuite so they can book their place at Mass and be included in the rota.

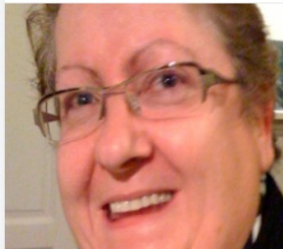
STARTING THIS WEEK SIGN UP **HERE**

BELONG & BELIEVE

How our Celtic past can help us today

Refreshing our communities and renewing our mission

Belong & Believe with Ann Ryans



📅 Weekly on Tuesday
🕒 7:00pm
💻 Online - Zoom
📅 Starts 11-May-2021

There is a greater need now than any other for us to gather together online, especially as we cannot do so in person. We need to be able to meet and support one another, both on a human level and for the sake of our faith.

Belong & Believe groups (3 - 7 people) meet once a week for 5 weeks for 1 to 1 ½ hrs to share thoughts on a series.

Kindle one another's faith. Be light in this darkness!

Belong & Believe with Deacon Tony



📅 Weekly on Tuesday
🕒 11:00am
💻 Online - Zoom
📅 Starts 11-May-2021

We agreed we wanted to continue to meet as a Fire & Light groups once a week on Thursday mornings at 11 am, discussing Bishop Hugh's Sunday homily and ending with a time of prayer.

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God bless

Deacon Tony

Belong & Believe with Graham Stuart



📅 Weekly on Sunday
🕒 3:00pm
💻 Online - Zoom
📅 Starts 09-May-2021

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Belong & Believe with Veronica Young



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🕒 7:00pm
💻 Online - Zoom
📅 Starts 10-May-2021

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Belong & Believe with Kieran McLernan



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📅 Starts 10-May-2021

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Belong & Believe with Sean Hayes



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Belong & Believe with Sr Mary Chidalu



📅 Weekly on Wednesday
🕒 7:30pm
💻 Online - Zoom
📅 Starts 12-May-2021

Wednesdays at 7.30 pm will be the initial time but we shall arrange a suitable time with the group when you sign in.

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Sound Desk Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help on the sound desk for our live-streamed Masses. Training will be given to ensure full confidence.

Contact Sean Hayes at seankhayes@me.com

Hospitality

“First impressions count”. Teas and coffees after Mass will begin again as soon as it’s feasible.

Contact Graham Stuart: grahamstu@aol.com

Stewards

Enabling us to keep celebrating Mass while at the same time keeping everyone safe.

Contact Liam Knox: liam@tonyknox.co.uk

Level II Volunteers

Helping to keep the church open for private prayer.

Contact Alison De Souza: alison.desouza@rocketmail.com

Year-End Financial Results For 2020/2021

I am pleased to be able to report that the Cathedral made a Surplus of £24,421.39 for the Financial Year ended 31st March 2021. Considering the Church was closed for over half the year due to the Coronavirus pandemic and, even when open, operating under huge restrictions, this is a very encouraging result for us all. This builds nicely on the Surplus of £18k that was reported in 2019/2020 and consolidates the progress away from our nadir in 2018/2019, which saw a large Deficit of £62k.

I would like to thank you all for your generosity in helping us to make this possible – when the Church closed back in March 2020, there was a great deal of trepidation as to

what the financial consequences would be. However, we are emerging from the crisis in a relatively strong position due in large part to your generosity and also resourcefulness in finding different ways to give and support the Mission of the Church.

The way ahead poses many challenges – later this year, we are due our 5-yearly Quinquennial survey of the Cathedral Buildings and Complex, which will no doubt trigger increased Renovations expenditure. For the moment, though, thanks once again for your support over the last couple of years and we look forward to this continuing into 2021/2022 and beyond.

Paul Webster
Finance Officer



Come
into
His
presence
with a
song



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR

IS STILL MEETING IN LOCKDOWN AND
WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

For more information contact: | music@cathedral-abdn.org

CATHOLIC WOMEN ORGANISATION (CWO) ABERDEEN, UK Invites you to our 2021 Virtual Retreat

Theme – Evangelisation

2 Corinthians 5:20 "Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."



Topics:

- ❖ The Role of Women in Evangelisation; Mary the Perfect Model
- ❖ Overcoming Lukewarmness

Featuring: Bishop Gilbert Hugh & Rev. Fr Gabriel Emeasoba

Other Activities:

- Testimonies – Mary's inspiration and intercession
- Quiz - The life of Blessed Virgin Mary
- Praise & Worship

Date: Sunday 30th May 2021

Time: 3:30pm to 6:30pm

Place: Zoom

Meeting ID: 5867975772

Passcode: 778249

Contact us:

cwo.stmaryscathedral@yahoo.com

THE PARENTING CHILDREN course



Beginning 1st June **The Parenting Children Course** is for parents and care-givers looking for practical support to strengthen family relationships. Over five sessions, the course will help you to:

- Build strong foundations
- Meet your children's needs
- Set clear boundaries
- Teach healthy relationships
- Consider your long term aim.

The Parenting Children Course is for parents, step-parents, prospective parents or carers of children aged 0-10 years. The course is for every type of parenting situation including parenting on your own, step-parenting and parenting as a couple.

The Parenting Children Course is based on Christian principles but designed for all couples with or without a church background.

You can sign up for this event or any other of our events on Churchsuite or the [Cathedral website](#)

Zoom Evening Prayer



Take part in Evening Prayer of the Church each day at 5pm. You can participate by clicking here: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5862057755>

Password: evening

Diocesan Family Life Centre

Mondays and Thursdays from 10am to 4pm

Our Diocesan Family Life Centre is for people battling with family or other difficult life issues. During the lockdown, it is still open for online or phone appointments. It is also now open for forty minutes physical appointment (applying social distancing rules) and the necessary PPE measures for people's safety.

The centre contact details remain: Sr. Mary Joseph Justin HFSN, St. Mary's Family Life Centre, 80 Rose Street, AB10 1UE. Email: hfsnflifec@rcd-abdn.org, tel. 01224 631 319.

Hospital Chaplaincy

Fr Emmet continues to provide Hospital Chaplaincy here in the city, though in a more limited way due to the present situation.

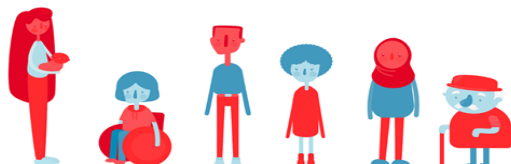
If you know of any Catholics in hospital in Aberdeen at this time can you please let Fr Emmet know at ari@rcda.scot

St. Andrew's Children's Society

There are many children across Scotland who need stable, loving families to care for them because their birth families are not able to provide the nurturing or safe environment that would allow them to flourish and become confident and well balanced adults. Could you provide the stability and love these children deserve? Would you like to hear more about whether fostering a child could be an option for you?



Contact us on 01224 878158 or info@standrews-children.org.uk



The shielding programme for the clinically vulnerable has stopped in England, Scotland and Wales. Across the UK things are also gradually opening up. It's important for everyone to take things at their own pace, and our free workshops and resources are here to support those who are feeling worried.

[Adapt and recover workshop](#): aimed at adults (19+), the workshop will help adults speak openly about how the coronavirus pandemic has impacted on them and learn skills to help adapt to normality.

[Back to better workshop](#): aimed at young people, this workshop involves reflection, thinking about the things that have happened, how they have coped and how they can prepare for the future.

[Judging risk](#): if you or someone you support is feeling worried about going out, this resource can help with judging risk to feel more comfortable making decisions.

ROSARY STRONGHOLD

PROTECTING OUR FAMILIES AND THE FAMILY OF NATIONS
MAY 2021



➔ **DAILY ONLINE ROSARY AT 8PM**

➔ **24TH MAY: ROSARY DAY FOR SCHOOLS & YOUNG PEOPLE**

➔ **30TH MAY: NATIONAL ROSARY RELAY RALLY**

➔ **31ST MAY: ONLINE ROSARY WITH BP JOHN KEENAN**

Carfin Lourdes Grotto in collaboration with
Rosary Movement of Reparation & Basilica of Our Lady at Walsingham

www.carfingrotto.org + www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk +
www.walsingham.org.uk

For further information email: Atonia@Walsingham.org.uk

2021 Pluscarden Pentecost Lectures

25th–27th May 2021 – possibly live streamed direct from Rome

“One of the Trinity was Crucified”: On the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ as Revelation of the Trinity



2021 Pluscarden Pentecost Lectures to be given by Fr Thomas Joseph White OP
Director of the Thomistic Institute and Professor of Systematic Theology
Pontifical University of St Thomas (Angelicum), Rome

Tuesday 25th May at 3.00 pm
The Agony of Gethsemane and the Obedience of the Son

Wednesday 26th May at 10.30 am
Suffering and Crucifixion: Atonement as Trinitarian Revelation

Wednesday 26th May at 3.00 pm
Jesus' Descent into Hell and the Mystery of Trinitarian Love

Thursday 27th May at 10.30 am
Bodily Resurrection and Exaltation: Cumulative Revelation of Jesus as Son and Lord

Each year the Abbot and Community of Pluscarden Abbey sponsor a series of four lectures by an invited Theologian on an aspect of Catholic Theology. Previous Lecturers have included Fr Aidan Nichols OP, Fr Thomas Weinandy OFM Cap, Fr Anthony Meredith SJ, Fr Paul McPartlan, Prof. Carol Zaleski, and Dom Erik Varden. The Lectures are held on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after Pentecost in St Scholastica's Retreat House at the Abbey. They are open to all.



FINDING HOPE IN A FINANCIAL CRISIS

OSCR Registration SCO44705, FCA Registration 626268

If you or someone you know is in financial crisis and feel they have nowhere to turn, then you've come to the right charity for debt support and advice.

Founded in Aberdeen, Scotland in 2014, Ditch Debt with Dignity is a registered charity with a mission to provide free, non-judgemental, confidential, professional advice and support to people who are privately struggling with their finances.

Our experienced debt advisers guide families and help you deal practically with financial stress, gain control and establish a healthy financial foundation. We empower you to have the confidence to put a debt repayment plan in place allowing you to have clarity and a positive fresh perspective for the future.

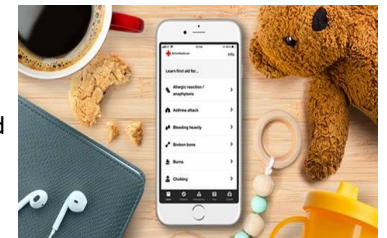
Information on our free non-judgmental, confidential support and guidance can be found at www.ditchdebtwithdignity.com



Free baby and child first aid app

We've just updated our free baby and child first aid app. The app is designed to support parents, grandparents and caregivers. You're only two taps away from learning how to help a child in a first aid emergency.

[Download now](#)



My ChurchSuite

For those of you just joining us on the parish ChurchSuite database, here is a short video on it: <https://vimeo.com/279755036>



If you find that you do not have access to My ChurchSuite then please let us know and we shall sort that out for you.

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2. Click Sign Up
3. Select "Sign Up As A Parishioner"
4. Find **St Mary's Cathedral** by parish name, address, or post code
5. Enter your email - and you're in!



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 means we can claim an additional 25% on top of all contributions you make in whatever form, without it costing you a penny more!!

Please complete the Gift Aid Declaration Form [here](#) and Peter Simpson, our Gift Aid Co-ordinator, will then enrol you onto the Gift Aid Scheme

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- CATHEDRAL to 70450 to donate £5
- CATHEDRAL10 to 70450 to donate £10
- CATHEDRAL15 to 70450 to donate £15
- CATHEDRAL20 to 70450 to donate £20



If you do donate by PayPal please use the "Friends & Family" option when making your payment. This allows us to avoid charges and ensures that your full donation is received by the Cathedral. Thank you.



Those of you who are not giving by standing order or who may just want to give an extra donation may do so whilst in the church without having to go to a cash machine first.

You will find a Tablet, a SumUp device & some Gift Aid forms on a table near the entrance. To donate:

1. Enter the amount on the tablet
2. If you wish a receipt, type in either your email or mobile number when prompted (otherwise press 'skip')
3. Place your card next to the SumUp device till it beeps
4. Fill in a Gift Aid form if you are not already Gift Aiding (UK tax payers only)

I hope this will make things easier for many of you.

Mass Times

Confessions*

Monday	6pm — Communion Service	
Tuesday	6pm	
Wednesday	6pm	13.00 - 14.00 car park
Thursday	6pm	
Friday	6pm	
Saturday	10am, 5pm Spanish Mass (2nd & last Saturday of the month)	11.00 - 12.00 noon car park
Sunday of Pentecost	8am; 11am; 6pm	

*The priest will stand within the entrance to the clergy house. Penitents are asked to form a queue no closer than the drain cover in the middle of the car park so as to give privacy to those making their confession. If no priest is visible, please ring the house doorbell.



The 6pm weekday Masses, 10am Saturday Mass, and 11am Sunday Mass are also streamed live from the Cathedral on our [YouTube Channel](#)

Signing up for Mass

1. **ChurchSuite App** (probably the easiest method) or on the ChurchSuite website
2. **Cathedral website:** <http://www.stmaryscathedralaberdeen.org/index.php?cID=1>
3. **Phone:** For those without internet access, phone the office (01224 640 160) between 10am and 2pm

Names and contact details of all attendees will be taken at all Masses for contact tracing purposes. Please remember to arrive 20 minutes before Mass is due to begin. At 5 minutes before Mass reserved seats will be given to walk-ins.

Parishioner Registration

If you're a parishioner of St Mary's Cathedral please register with us on ChurchSuite:

<http://www.stmaryscathedralaberdeen.org/about-us/church-suite/>

This will enable us to keep our database up to date and allow us to keep in touch with you and to keep you informed about what's happening within our community. It will also enable you to register for Sunday Mass.

Polish Mass Times



Polish Mass is offered at the Cathedral at 3pm on Sundays.

Mass is also offered at St Joseph's Church, Woodside, at 7pm on Saturdays and 12.30pm on Sundays.

Mass Intentions

25/05/2021 Tue	6pm	Intentions of Stella and Emmanuel
26/05/2021 Wed	6pm	For the Cenacolo group and those suffering from addictions
27/05/2021 Thur	6pm	Colm Moune
28/05/2021 Fri	6pm	Intentions of Stella and Emmanuel
29/05/2021 Sat	10am	Wladyslawa Wojnar RIP
30/05/2021 Sun	8am 11am 6pm	For the Parish For the Diocese Birute Stregauskiene - Birthday

If you would like a Mass said for any particular intention then you can do so:

- By contacting Cowan: secretary@cathedral-abdn.org with your intention and then, if you wish, to make an offering by:

Direct Banking

Bank: Bank of Scotland Upperkirkgate Branch
Account Name: RCD Cathedral St Mary 1
Sort Code: 80-05-17
Account Number: 00759738
Reference: Type "Mass"