

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 25 February 2024 | Second Sunday of Lent | Year B

Our Weekly Sunday Mass Times

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

Meditation

Every year the first two Sundays of Lent present the whole gamut of human existence, the whole range of the history of salvation. On the first Sunday of Lent the temptation of Jesus recalls the temptation of every human being since the beginning. On this second Sunday of Lent the transfiguration of Jesus holds out the transformation in glory which is the goal of every human hope.



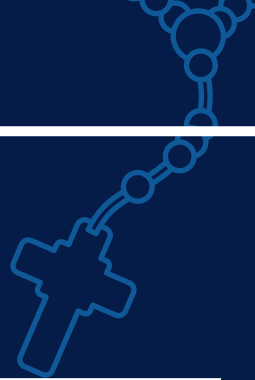
The Transfiguration
Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640)

The hope remains as yet unfilled. It is too soon to set up tents. Jesus continues to remind his disciples that first the Son of Man must suffer and be put to death. Only then will they begin to understand what "to rise from the dead" means.

We celebrate Lent caught in the tension between the images of the first and second Sundays, between temptation and transfiguration. Like Abraham, we must walk in faith through the trial, confident that the "sufferings of the present are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed in us" (Rm 8:18). For "what we shall later have not yet come to light, but we know that when it comes to light we shall be like him for we shall see him as he is" (1 Jn 3:2).

- 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 26 February	12:30	Mrs Okoduwa & Family - Good Guidance & Protection
	18:00	Hugh Byrne
Tuesday 27 February	12:30	Stella Maria Onuoha - Birthday Thanksgiving
	18:00	Hugh Byrne
Wednesday 28 February	12:30	Thanksgiving for good health and divine favours
	18:00	Reny Manoj - Thanksgiving
Thursday 29 February	12:30	F Correia - Thanksgiving
	18:00	Julia Csajkovszki - Thanksgiving
Friday 1 March	12:30	Virtual Candle Intentions
	18:00	George and Isabella Cabral RIP
Saturday 2 March	10:00	Ayleigh Graham: Birthday
Sunday 3 March	08:00	Thanksgiving for good health and divine favours
	11:00	For the Parish and Diocese
	18:00	Maria Fani Rangel RIP

We pray for all considering abortion. We pray that the love and kindness of those around them would support pregnant women everywhere to continue with their pregnancy and find peace and joy in what the future holds. Lord hear us."

(Right to Life UK)

Brecbannoch Pilgrimage

This year's walking pilgrimage from Oban to Iona Abbey will take place from **Friday 7 to Monday 10 June 2024**. The purpose of the pilgrimage is to pray and make penance for the evangelisation of Scotland and the sanctity of her priests. Pilgrims will walk for 3 days, carrying the relics of St Columba across the Isles, until they reach Iona Abbey, where Holy Mass and a Solemn Procession will take place on the Solemnity of St Columba. The deadline for bookings is **Thursday 29 February 2024**.

[Find Out More](#)

40 Hours for the Lord and Confessions

Begins **Friday 8 March** at **13:00**.

[Find Out More](#)



Financial Results | 18 February 2024

Offertory for all Masses | £1,619.91

Previous Week | £1,608.65

January Weekly Average | £1,524.75

There will be our regular **second collection** for the **Building Fund** on **Sunday 3 March 2024**.

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](#)

Phase Two | Reordering the Sanctuary

We are pleased to announce that, thanks to your generosity, phase one of the project to reorder the sanctuary has now been accomplished. Find out how you can help us complete this stage of the work.

[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!



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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.



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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 23 February | St Columba’s, Braehead Way, Bridge of Don, Aberdeen AB22 8RR

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 Francis of Assisi, 231 Deeside Gardens, Aberdeen AB15 7PR

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

Parish Manager

Robin Harding, our Parish Manager, has announced his retirement at the end of March. After nine years of working for the good of the parish, we are very sorry to lose him.

Robin has made a tremendous difference to us here at the Cathedral and has been an invaluable support to me personally, dealing with many of the practical unseen issues of ensuring that we can function as a parish. We thank him for all that he has done and wish him well in his retirement. As a result of his departure, we are looking to recruit a new parish manager.

[View Vacancy](#)

Family Adoration Hour

Every family is welcome to come and spend time at the feet of our Lord in the Eucharist on **Saturday 2 May** from **15:30 - 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.

Support SCIAF

In Rwanda, many women and girls suffer directly from gender-based violence. Your donations, prayers and actions make a real and lasting difference in their lives. To learn more about how you can help support women in Rwanda, please visit SCIAF's website



[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**.

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](#)

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!

[Find Out More](#)