

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 September 2022 | 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Weekly Sunday Mass Times

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

Meditation

Three times in this Sunday's gospel we witness the same outburst of joy on the part of someone who has found what was lost: the shepherd his sheep, the woman her silver piece, the father his son. This joy stands in sharp contrast to the dour recriminations of the scribes and Pharisees who see Jesus welcoming sinners and eating with them.



At the time Luke's gospel was written, some were indignant at the rejoicing which accompanied the entry of the Gentiles into the household of the Church. Some, like the older brother, baulked at crossing the threshold of a house open to sinners. The book of Acts, also written by Luke, confirms this. The fifteenth chapter of Luke reminds us that ostracism and intolerance, even when motivated by unquestionable fervour, are contrary to the gospel.

- Vienna International Religious Centre -

Our Mass Times

Monday	12:30 18:00
Tuesday	12:30 18:00
Wednesday	12:30 18:00
Thursday	12:30 18:00
Friday	12:30 18:00
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.

Confessions

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	12/09/2022	12:30	Lorenzo Mulet RIP
		18:00	Mr Margaret (Rita) Nugent RIP
Tue	13/09/2022	18:00	Chizoba - For a safe journey for my family
Wed	14/09/2022	12:30	-
		18:00	-
Thu	15/09/2022	18:00	Marina Pinto RIP
Fri	16/09/2022	12:30	-
Sat	17/09/2022	10:00	Philip C
Sun	18/09/2022	08:00	-
		11:00	For the Diocese
		18:00	For the Parish

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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Please note:

Wednesday 14 September

Friday 16 September

Saturday 17 September

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

St Ninian, Bishop - Feast

St Hildegard of Bingen

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.



[Sign Up
via ChurchSuite](#)

What's Happening

Alpha Task Force

Alpha exists to equip St Mary's in our mission to help people discover and develop a relationship with Jesus.

You can be part of this by joining our Task Force. This is a chance to help everyone who walks through our doors feel like they've come home.

[Find Out More](#)

A graphic featuring a large red circle with the text "Alpha Task Force" in white, set against a background of horizontal blue brushstrokes.

Alpha
Task Force

Alpha 21 Day Prayer Campaign

Are there people you know who you would like to draw into the church?

Alpha is a great way to introduce them or bring them back, but you may feel worried about asking. The first most important step is to pray for them. We are going to start a 21-day Prayer campaign for anyone we would like to invite to Alpha. You will find a prayer card in the holder at the end of your pew on which you can name three people that you will pray for.

THE CALL

- 1 Write down the names of **three people** you would like to explore faith.
- 2 Set a daily alarm for **11:02** as a reminder to pray for your three people and the U.K. for the next 21 days.
- 3 Be open and expectant to see how God might use you.

A vertical prayer card template with a red border and three white rectangular boxes for writing names, each preceded by a red circle containing a number (1, 2, 3).

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Try Alpha!

Curious about ALPHA? Then this is the perfect session for you! This is a taster evening for you to experience what Alpha is all about, with absolutely no commitment.

Discover Alpha on the **21 September** at **19:00.**

A graphic with the text "Join Us!" in a stylized font, where "Join" is blue, "Us" is red, and there is a blue exclamation mark.

Join Us!

[Sign Up Now](#)

Celebrity Organ Recital

Aberdeen Organists' Association are celebrating their 75th anniversary this month. Another milestone, they now have their first ever Catholic president, Dr Shelagh Noden from St Mary's Cathedral.

To celebrate the anniversary, there will be a celebrity organ recital (free entry) on **Saturday 17 September** at **14:00** given by John Kitchen MBE at St Machar's Cathedral. All welcome! It would be great to have some St Mary's folk there.



Searching for Singers

St Mary's Cathedral Choir is looking for more singers, especially altos, tenors and basses. If you enjoy singing in choirs, we would love to hear from you. Previous choral experience is helpful, as is an ability to read music or solfa, but this is not essential. More important is a commitment to regular rehearsals so that we can learn new music.

We rehearse on **Thursday evenings** at **19:00** in the Cathedral Upper Hall.



[Sign Up Now](#)

Free Draw | Win a Trip to Medjugorje

Win one week's all included package trip to Medjugorje for one person. This includes 7 nights B&B, return airport transfer and flight (up to €300 flight & luggage value).



[Enter Now](#)

New Dawn Day

You are invited to St Mirin's Cathedral, Paisley on **Saturday 17 September 2022** for Mass at **10:00** followed by a day filled with praise & worship, workshops, youth ministry, inspiring talks, testimonies and finishing with a healing service in the evening. The event finishes at **20:30**.



Catholic Men of Aberdeen | Pray the Rosary

The Catholic Men of Aberdeen will pray the Rosary together on the **First Saturday of each month** at **St. Mary's Cathedral** from **17:00**. 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!



[Sign Up Now](#)

Hospitality Team

The hospitality team have the critical responsibility of ensuring that those people who come to the parish are given a warm welcome and helped to feel a real sense of belonging to the community.

This is achieved firstly, by the way they engage with people, especially those new to the parish. Secondly, by creating space for relationships to form, especially at and after Mass.

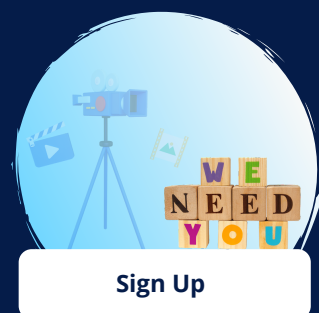
Sign up now to join our lively team!

[Join the Team](#)

Join the Audio-Visual Team

We are looking for people who enjoy using technology to evangelise, who can make a commitment to livestream on one or more specific days during the week, and who enjoy learning and handing on AV skills within our community.

There is a real sense of reward in delivering something of such value to the community and evangelising to people all around the world - our Easter Vigil 2020 had 20,000 viewers!



Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, and new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided.

The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work.

Get in touch to find out more about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on **13 - 16 October 2022** or a face to face weekend in Welwyn Garden City.



[Visit the Website](#)

[Email Retrouvaille](#)

[Call 07887 296983
/ 07973 380443](#)

Diocesan Discipleship Retreat Courses

Creating a connected, confident community of Catholics across the north of Scotland.

The retreat courses aim to create a community of connected, confident Catholics across the north of Scotland. Therefore, Catholics or those actively interested in becoming Catholics who live in the Diocese of Aberdeen, Scotland are given priority.

Our Courses

The Philip's Course is an experience of the basic foundation of the Christian life: God's love, our need for salvation, the power of Christ's death and resurrection and the gift of the Holy Spirit to renew our lives.

Course Dates:

23 - 25 September 2022 [Men]

4 - 6 November 2022 [Women]

The Emmaus Course is an experience of the Word of God, a companion on our journey to heaven.

Course Dates:

2 - 4 December 2022 [Men]

3 - 5 February 2023 [Women]

The John the Beloved Course is an experience of meaning and conditions of discipleship, equipping participants to be life-long disciples of Jesus Christ.

Course Dates:

3 - 5 March 2023 [Men]

12 - 14 May 2023 [Women]

The retreat is held at Kilcoy Castle on the Black Isle.

The retreats cost £60.00 per weekend for residents in the RC Diocese of Aberdeen and £150.00 per weekend for those out with the Diocese.

Attended before?

If you have attended the Philip's course in the past but have not attended the Emmaus or John the Beloved course, please contact the Ogilvie Centre to register your interest.

Retreat spaces at Kilcoy Castle are limited therefore, preference is given to first-timers. However, please contact us to register your interest. If space is available within two weeks before the retreat, you will be offered a space to attend again.

Are you a Priest?

At each retreat we need a priest available for confession, to offer the Holy Mass, and present to the retreatants by participating in the talks and activities. You will receive accommodation, meals, and a stipend for your service.

Email The RC Diocese
Ogilvie Centre

Contact Via Phone
01343 547 806

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At the end of the year, participants are encouraged to continue developing their individual formation and connection as a community by:

- participating in an online Called and Gifted course to discern individual charisms
- participating in retreats at Kinnoull, Craig Lodge, or other catholic retreat centres across Scotland
- organising their own days of recollection or retreats at Kilcoy Castle, Pluscarden Abbey, or local parishes
- participating in diocesan pilgrimages, parish groups, online diocesan study groups
- creating small prayer or study cells in their local deaneries
- as appropriate, contributing skills to Ogilvie Centre events and formation opportunities and the next year's retreats
- contributing to their local communities through works of justice and peace such as volunteering with the diocesan family life centre, local foodbanks, catechesis/youth work, environmental groups or other charitable works.

21st Anniversary Mass - Aberdeen Diocesan Choir

Saturday 17 September | 12:00 (noon) | St Mary's Cathedral

The Hospitality Ministry will be serving food & drinks after this in the Main Hall. If you could spare a couple of hours on Saturday afternoon to help with this please contact the Hospitality Lead Graham Stuart either in person or by email.

Your assistance would be very much appreciated. Serving in the team is fun and a great way to meet people across the Diocese.

*Come
join
us!*

**Email Graham
Stuart**

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PICK OF THE WEEK | 11 September 2022

The Reluctant Saint: The Story of St. Joseph of Cupertino

Maximilian Schell starts as "the flying friar," St. Joseph of Cupertino, in this story of the humble Franciscan friar. In Cupertino, Italy, Joseph's peasant mother convinces the reluctant Abbott to accept her son into the monastery. With the support of the kindly local Bishop who sees in him a great deal more than others do, and by a series of miraculous incidents, the simple but pious Joseph is ordained a priest.



[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](#)

Right to Life Prayer

"For all going through difficult pregnancies, we pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends and local communities. Lord hear us"



Support the Church

Mother and Toddlers Group

**Every Tuesday | 10:00 - 12:00 (noon) |
St Mary's Cathedral Hall**

A place for parents/grandparents/carers to bring their toddlers (0 -5 years) and to meet other people in the same stage of life as them! Tea, Coffee, and biscuits provided with lots of toys for the Children to play with!



Sign Up Now

Cathedral Youth Social Media

The Cathedral now has a social media presence, specifically for young people! We will be using this to teach young people and change the negative narrative that they are often fed on social media.

We will also be using it to advertise events and opportunities available to young people! A place for growth on the internet for all the Diocese and further afield!



**Follow Us
on Instagram**

**Follow Us
on Facebook**

Sacramental Prep Volunteers (Parish Only)

Joe is continuing to look for more helpers to join the sacramental prep team!

Find Out More



World Youth Day 2023

World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the youth world.



Although its Catholic identity is clearly evident, WYD opens its doors to everyone, no matter how close to or distant from the Church they are. Next year it will be in Lisbon, Portugal and we cannot wait to be going together as a diocese!

As we prepare to go, please use the form to register so we know how many people are interested. You will also receive the latest updates and deadlines for this event. The form does not confirm your commitment, just interest.

Some Key information:

Location: Portugal, Lisbon

Dates: 26 July – 6 August 2023 (Travel dates may vary slightly)

Cost: Approx. £700-900 - we will be fundraising on a parish and diocesan level to support this.

Open to anyone between 16 and 35!

[Register your Interest](#)



SCIAF's Hunger Appeal

The Horn of Africa is facing its worst ever hunger crisis. The United Nations has warned that 15 million people will struggle to get through the coming months. £40 could provide a family with emergency food for nine weeks. SCIAF is working to end hunger and stop suffering. Please pray and donate now.



[Donate Online](#)

[Text SCIAF to 70460 to donate £5.00](#)

Fundraiser Required

Major changes are planned for the Sanctuary area of St Marys Cathedral in Aberdeen. This comprehensive reordering, initiated by Bishop Hugh, includes a San Damiano style hanging cross, repositioning of the Tabernacle and the Bishops chair, and other key items. The first phase of the project involving the fabrication and hanging of the new cross and removal of the existing cross is estimated to cost c£71,000.

The project will require significant fundraising and to this end the Diocese is looking for a volunteer to research and coordinate the fundraising effort.

If you would be interested in taking on this important challenge please contact Robin Harding at St Marys Cathedral using the details below.

[Find Out More](#)[Email Robin Harding](#)[Call \(01224\) 640 160](#)

Catholic Teacher's Certificate

This course is available for postgraduate students and teachers in schools. Courses will be delivered on the following dates from **13:00 - 17:00** at The **University of Aberdeen**.

- **Friday 9 September 2022**
- **Friday 7 October 2022**
- **Friday 13 January 2023**
- **Friday 17 February 2023**

For further information, please get in touch with Fr Stephen Reilly.

[Email
Fr Stephen Reilly](#)[Call \(0141\) 330 3038](#)

200 Club | Got Your Number?

Join the 200 Club and contribute to our Renovation Fund while having a chance to win one of four monthly prizes of £50 – there are also 3 annual prizes of £300 to be won!

Membership costs £5 per month.

[Find Out More](#)

Listen to the Voice of Creation

The Season of Creation has begun and ends on **Tuesday 4 October**, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

For this year, the proposed theme is: "Listening to the voice of creation" with the symbol of the burning bush. Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires is a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Creation cries out as forests crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice.

On the contrary, the fire that called to Moses as he tended the flock on Mt. Horeb did not consume or destroy the bush. This flame of the Spirit revealed God's presence. This holy fire affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered and promised to be with us as we followed in faith to our deliverance from injustice.

[Find Out More](#)

The Venerable Margaret Sinclair National Pilgrimage 2022

The Venerable Margaret Sinclair National Pilgrimage 2022 is on **Sunday 18 September**. It opens at **14:00** and Holy Mass will be celebrated at **16:30**. The event takes place at St Patrick's, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1NA. Refreshments are available. Come for an afternoon of reflection and pray for her beatification.



Pakistan Floods Appeal

SCIAF (Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund) has launched an emergency appeal to support those affected by the devastating floods in Pakistan. Over 33 million people have been affected by extreme flash flooding as rising waters have hit all corners of the country since June. Over 1,000 people have died and nearly one million homes have been destroyed.



[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.



Unfortunately, we are unable to accept any further donations of clothing as we have insufficient storage space for them. However, food and cash donations are always very welcome.

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

The National Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes

Join us on **Sunday 25 September** for the National Pilgrimage in the presence of the Relics of St Bernadette to mark the Centenary of the Grotto at **Carfin**. Holy Mass will be offered at **15:00** by Rt. Rev. Joseph A. Toal, Bishop of Motherwell, followed by a Rosary procession. All are welcome to participate.



Aberdeen African Choir

The African Choir is looking for new members. The choir is open to people from all nationalities, not just African! The group meet 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 Uzo.



Contact Uzo
Via Email

Contact Via Phone
07577 444 687

Financial Update | 4 September 2022

Offertory Collections | All Masses - £1,351.95

Building Fund | 2nd Collection - £406.26

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 18 September** for sick and retired priests.



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.

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](#)