

16 APRIL 2016

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Mass Readings:

Reading 1: Acts 10:34,37-43

Psalm: 117

Reading 2: Colossians 3: 1-4

Gospel: John 20: 1-9



| Date | Details | Service | Time |
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| Sunday 16 APRIL | EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD Second Collection (FABRIC) | Mass – (Polish) Mass Mass – (Polish) Mass | 09.00 11.00 13.00 18.30 |
| Monday 17 APRIL | Monday Within Octave Of Easter | Morning Prayer Mass Mass | 09.45 10.00 18.00 |
| Tuesday 18 APRIL | Tuesday Within Octave Of Easter | Mass Morning Prayer Mass | 07.00 09.45 10.00 |
| Wednesday 19 APRIL | Wednesday Within Octave Of Easter | Morning Prayer Mass | 09.45 10.00 |
| Thursday 20 APRIL | Thursday Within Octave Of Easter | Morning Prayer Mass | 09.45 10.00 |
| Friday 21 APRIL | Friday Within Octave Of Easter | Mass | 12.30 |
| Saturday 22 APRIL | Saturday Within Octave Of Easter | Morning Prayer Mass Vigil Mass | 09.45 10.00 18.00 |
| Sunday 23 APRIL | Second Sunday of Easter (DIVINE MERCY) Second Collection (THE PARISH MISSION) | Mass Mass – (Polish) Divine Mercy Exposition Mass | 11.00 13.00 14.00 18.30 |

Dear friends in the Risen Lord,

The long dark days of winter, the lengthening day-light of spring, so Lent began and continued until now, on the threshold of new life, with the greening of the trees and the singing of the birds. With the seasonal changes in the warming sun, the new born lambs and the cheerful optimism of the dawn chorus so nature provides a backdrop to the central mystery of our Faith. The ghastly darkness of death on the Cross has given way to the Empty tomb, to a New Life always going ahead, the Risen Lord persuading us to follow, to walk the Way, amid a chorus of joyful voices, 'Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed Alleluia!'

The singing of the Easter choir, the chorus of faith, resonates in every fibre of our being. We are renewed in Spirit, brought to life continually as we share in the Bread of Life and the Cup of our Salvation week by week. The great attraction of Catholic life is the Real Presence of Christ always with us in our churches. Within the Tabernacle, the great Mystery of God-in-Christ, is veiled in the Holiest of the Holies- The True and Living Bread. When we come to church we are aware of this Presence, which encourages us to Silence and to Prayer. How awesome is this place; here we are at The Gate of Heaven.

This Easter is a time when the wretched Earth, broken by warring nations, riven by hostile voices, needs the Message of a Loving Creator God, of the Son who suffers for the sinfulness of us all, and the dynamic Spirit who breathes New Life and transforms our chaos into order.

To be open to the Message of Easter, we should enter into the Silence of the Mystery of the persuasive Presence. Silence, prayer and the unfolding of Mystery will assist us in discovering the attraction of Christ, and in our attractiveness others will come to know our Sovereign Lord.

Pope Francis reminds us today of a "passage from the Letter to the Romans. 'For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you.. have received the spirit of sonship. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!'' it is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided that we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.'" (Rom8:14-17).

'This precious gift gives us a new perception of others, close and far, seen always as brothers and sisters in Jesus to be respected and loved.' (Pope Francis)

These precious gifts which we have as Catholics are ours for sharing, being attractively there for others, ever beckoning, inviting people from all over the place to come and sit with us at the table of the Lord. May the joy and hope of Resurrection faith, give us all a new hope, and a generous love. Every Blessing Fr James

Sunday 23 April: Divine Mercy Sunday – afternoon of guided devotions at St Mary’s, Inverness.

The programme is as follows:

2.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

• Guided meditation on the Mercy of God
(English & Polish)

• Opportunity for Confession

3.00 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet

3.20 pm: Address/Spiritual Conference

3.45 pm: Afternoon Prayer

4.00 pm: Benediction

4.10 pm: Solemn Veneration of the Image and
Act of Consecration

See the poster on the notice board.

Dancing Party

Saturday 29 April at 7:00 pm in St Mary’s
Hall. **TICKET £15** from Parish Office.
Live music provided by the Group
THE BROTHERS from Inverness and
DJ COLI. Bring your own bottle and your
food. **Everyone is welcome.** Phone PJ @
Parish Office for enquires Tel. 01463 233 519

**Could anyone who has not yet
collected Gift Aid envelopes for
2017/18 please collect this weekend. If
you wish to join Gift Aid scheme
please see Carol for further
information.**

THE DAUGHTERS OF DIVINE LOVE

**Tuesdays Tea/coffee and Craft Time in
Marian Room with Sisters:**

10.45 am – 12.30 pm: Crocheting and
knitting (*bring your own style if you wish*).

Prayer Time (in Sisters’ Oratory):

6.00 pm – Exposition and silent Adoration,
then from 6.30 pm – 7.20 pm:
Rosary and Vespers

**Lectio Divina Second and Fourth
Wednesday 3.00 pm – 4.30 pm**

THE NEW SPRING EDITION OF
“**LIGHT OF THE NORTH**” magazine has
just arrived; be sure to collect your copy.
Lots of photos and features on **Inverness** and
the **Highland Deanery**. Please consider
making a donation towards cost of each copy.

St. Andrew’s Adoption and Foster Care

There are many children across Scotland
who need stable, loving families to care for
them on a long term or permanent basis.
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 adopting or fostering a
child could be an option for you?
**Contact us on 01224 878158
or info@standrews-children.org.uk**

St Margaret Pilgrimage Dunfermline Sunday 11 June 2017

10.00 am - Visit the sites associated with
St Margaret’s life. **2.00 pm** - Gather at
gates of Pittencrieff Park for procession.

3.00 pm – Holy Mass at St Margaret’s
Memorial Church. Those interested in
attending should go to
www.stmargaretdunfermline.co.uk

for further details or contact us by
e-mail st.margaretdunfermline@gmail.com

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Orkney:

**900th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of
St Magnus – 28th to 30th July 2017.**

See the poster in the foyer. Those
interested in attending should go to
www.magnus900.co.uk for further details.
Please note that pilgrims will need to make
their own travel and accommodation
arrangements. www.visitorkney.com

FRIDAY ADORATION

After 12.30 Mass, Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Fridays of the month: until 3:30 pm

All other Fridays: until 1:30 pm

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES.

Classes will start soon. Please register your child's interest by obtaining a registration form from Dcn Patrick or contact him by email patrick.darbyshire@btinternet.com

'Young Believers Group'

A social / faith group for 11 to 16 year olds
The group meets in the Church every Thursday from 6.00pm until Easter.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Schools Vouchers: St Joseph's Primary School

are collecting vouchers to purchase sports equipment for the children. If you, or someone you know, shops at Sainsbury's – either in store or online – they will receive tokens towards the Active Kids Scheme. A collection box will be available at the back of the church in the next few weeks. Vouchers are available from Sainsbury's until 2 May. Thank you for your support.

SPRING FAIR AT ST. MARY'S INVERNESS

The Tuesday Craft Group is organising a **Spring Fair for Mary's Meals on Saturday 20th May 2017. From 10:45 am until 12: 30pm.** The Group will be showing crafts for the first time and selling them for Mary's Meals. Have you any wool you want to give away? Please give your wool to the members on Tuesdays in the Marian Room or to any of the Sisters (DDL) at any time. The Group will also welcome any of your knitting, crochets or any crafts which you want to donate for the Sales. Please come and support Mary's Meals.

Pluscarden Abbey

Volunteers are needed to operate a new Visitors Information Centre which will be situated near the North Door of the Abbey Church. This new facility is planned to be in operation about 1st May 2017. Volunteers will ideally be able to cover one or more three hour slots per month, either 1000/1300 or 1300/1600. Duties will include outlining the daily routine of the Abbey, the 1230 Pilgrimage, and many other initiatives to help raise funds for the construction of Phase One of the South Range Project. Would all those interested in volunteering please email your personal details to Grenville Johnston at gsj@spyniekirchouse.co.uk or post to the Pluscarden Abbey shop, 216 High Street, Elgin, IV30 1BA. Many Thanks. JFK

Wanted ~ Live in Care // By Isle of Skye
Position exists for Carer to 'live-in':
Would suit retire Nurse or professional lady with good domestic skills and experience in personal care and manual handling. Client is elderly lady. Unique Hebridean Island location with car and home facilities provided. Position offers compassionate caring nature lover person new challenges working on CRB approved self-employment. Please Call&Discuss
mob. 07796285723



~~SICK OR HOSPITAL VISITS~~

Please contact The Parish office if you require a visit or know of anyone who is sick and house bound or in hospital and wishes a visit and or Holy Communion.

~~TEA AND COFFEE~~

Tea, coffee & biscuits are served after the Sunday 11.00 Mass in St Mary's Church Hall.
A warm welcome awaits visitors.
Please come along and enjoy a friendly chat.

~~FOR YOUR PRAYERS~~

+ Sick +

+Christopher Brown + Mary Cumming +
+ George Taylor + Maureen Rattray + Florian Alvaran + + Ian Cameron + Leslie Allan + Evelyn Farry + Catharine Stewart + Louise Hendry + Hilary Smith + Mary MacInnes + Mary Grant + Harry Lawless + Leslie Murray + Kathy Krenz + + Sabrina MacAllen+ James Connelly + + Ruth & John Huggett + Kate Fraser + +Claude & Hilary Hayward + Irene Robertson + +Agnes MacLean + Joyce Connelly + + Emmy MacNicol + Henry Pieraccini + + Louise Bestau + Ann Cameron + Margaret Carr +

+Anniversaries+

+ Ronald Mclellan + Dorothy Mchardy + + Esther Bell + Jennie Mackenzie + + Annie MacDonald + Andrew Mackintosh + + Thomas MacDonald + Catherine Curran + + Jean Cumming + Sheila Shewan + + Mario Morrison + Zygmunt Krause + + Margaret Mackenzie + Catherine Jackson + + Patricia Scott + Theresa Munro +

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon, Tue, Wed 10.30 – 11.00
Saturday 10.30 – 11.00

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 10.30 – 11.00
(or on request, if there is a priest available)

Sacrament of Baptism

Sunday during or after the 11.00 Mass
Sunday during or after the 09.30 Mass

Weddings

By arrangement; see website
www.stmarysinverness.co.uk/marriage.htm



~~CONTACT DETAILS~~

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| Carol MacLean | Finance & Gift Aid Organiser | 01463 233519 |
| Stephen Dunphy | Safeguarding Officer | 01463 233519 |
| Daughters of Divine Love Convent (Sr Grace) | | 01463 718690 |
| St Joseph's Primary School | | 01463 231837 |

~~FINANCE~~

COLLECTIONS:

St Mary's no.1: £1239
Holy Places: £611

St Mary's Accounts

Running Account:

Sort Code: 80-91-26

Account No: 00809323

Fabric & Windows Account:

Sort Code: 80-91-26

Account No: 00793076

Visitors & locals - your continued generosity is appreciated for the upkeep of our beautiful Church.