



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

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## 29<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024 – THE HOLY FAMILY

### Christmas Services at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Dec (Holy Innocents) 09:30 Mass  
18:00 Vigil Mass (Polish)  
Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Dec (Holy Family) 10:30 Mass  
Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Jan (Mary Mother of God)  
12:00 Mass (Polish & English)  
Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan (Holy Name of Jesus) - Sat morning, 4<sup>th</sup> Jan  
No Mass  
Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 18:00 Vigil Mass (Polish & English)  
Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Jan (Epiphany) 10:30 Mass

### Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope.

Bishop Hugh writes: "We are on the brink of a Jubilee Year, the theme of which is *Pilgrims of Hope*. In Rome, the Year will be opened by the Holy Father on Christmas Eve. In the local Churches/Dioceses, it is to be **opened** on the Feast of the Holy Family by a celebration of the Eucharist led by the local Bishop. This will take place **at St Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen, at 11am this, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December**. The event is diocesan." We are spiritually united with Bishop Hugh and all who celebrate the beginning of the Jubilee in our Cathedral. May God bless all of us in the New Year, so that we may persevere, strong "in our hope of sharing the glory of God" (Rom 5:2).

Two quotes from the Saints that are both comforting and challenging:

St. Edith Stein: "Lay all your cares about the future trustingly in God's hands, and let yourself be guided by the Lord just like a little child."

St. Francis de Sales: "Anxiety is the greatest evil that can befall a soul except sin. God commands you to pray, but He forbids you to worry."

**2 New Bible Studies for the New Year!** Join other members of the diocese of Aberdeen in a FREE 🎉 6-week ZOOM study on either the wonder of the Mass (Thursdays at 7pm, starting 23 Jan) or the Virgin Mary (Wednesdays at 7pm, starting 15 Jan). Aply presented by Ogilvie Centre hosts. Materials provided by Scott Hahn's *St. Paul Center for Biblical Studies*. Register at <https://ogilvie.rcda.scot/events/> or email Sr. Mary Gianna at [ogilvie@rcda.scot](mailto:ogilvie@rcda.scot)

### Weekly Collection, 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Cash £273.09

Gift Aid Envelopes £60

Thanks to everyone from Fr. Christopher and Fr. Bruno for your kind gifts and Christmas cards.

May God reward you!

**Happy Christmas!**

Please note that there is no public Mass this coming Friday or Saturday at Banff.

### First Holy Communion

We will begin First Holy Communion classes on Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Parents/guardians are invited to register for the course children who will be 8 or older in June 2025, who have not made their first Holy Communion.

**A registration form is available at the back of the church.**

### Epiphany House Blessings

Many of you will know of the beautiful tradition of blessing homes at Christmas time and around Epiphany (5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025). We can use blessed chalk, and inscribe the initials of the 3 Wise Men over a door with crosses and the year 2025. If you'd like your house blessed, speak to Frs. Bruno or Christopher.

**Saturday 11 January 2025 Inverurie NET Retreat.** *Calling All Young People, P6-S6+ !* NET Ministries ([www.netusa.org](http://www.netusa.org)) is organising a 1-day event ("Mission Possible") for young people at the Catholic Church in Inverurie, North Street, on Saturday 11th Jan 2025.

Sandwich lunch provided. Explore your faith in an exciting way with other young people! Free!

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