



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

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23RD MARCH 2025 – 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday
No public Mass

Tuesday
7.00pm

Wednesday & Thursday
No public Mass

Friday & Saturday
9.30am

Sunday
6pm (Vigil Mass, Polish)

10.30am (English)

CONFESSION

Saturday 10.00am
after Mass (*go to the Priest's House*) or call/email to make an appointment.

A date for your diary:

Lenten Penitential Service in the church
on Tuesday 8th April, at 7pm. 🙏🙏

Station Mass

All Banff parishioners are warmly invited to attend the Lent Station Mass at Our Lady's Church, Fraserburgh,* on Friday 4th April at 6:30pm! We're delighted to welcome Bishop Hugh to preside at this Station Mass!

What's a "station Mass"? The term goes back to Christian-Roman antiquity, when the Pope, the Bishop of Rome, would celebrate Mass on specific days at particular churches in or around Rome. The gatherings often involved a procession to the church. In Lent they were marked by fasting and special prayers, which were seen as part of one's Christian service or duty, rather like that of soldiers who remained attentive at their posts (*statio*) when on duty. For this reason, the churches in which these papal Masses were celebrated came to be known as "Stations".

Today, we gather during Lent at designated churches in our deanery with Bishop Hugh. It's an opportunity to celebrate our common faith, encourage one another, and ask for God's blessings as we undertake a programme of Lenten renewal.

The Annunciation. This Tuesday the Church celebrates the beautiful solemnity of the Annunciation. It's the feast of the Incarnation of the Word, when God became man – became a part of His own creation – to enable us to participate in His divine nature and thus receive the gift of divine life and love for ever! Thanks be to God! And thanks to Mary for Her "Yes" to the heavenly messenger!

Please note that there's a **special Mass for the solemnity on Tuesday this week at 7pm**. It's not a holy day of obligation, but if you can, going to Mass on this day is a source of great blessings!

Weekly Collections: Sun 2nd March: Cash £191.70; Gift Aid: £80; Fabric: £115; SCIAF: £22.50
Sun 9th March: Cash £253.90; Gift Aid: £60
Sun 16th March: Cash £209; Gift Aid: £60

Thank you!

Easter Raffle: Don't miss your chance to win an Easter basket filled with chocolate treats, and other prizes, at this year's Easter Raffle! 🍫🥰🍫

Tickets £1 per square. To be drawn after 10:30 Mass on Easter Sunday!

The Chrism Mass, at which Bishop Hugh will receive the renewal of priestly promises of the clergy of the diocese, and bless or consecrate the holy oils to be used in the Sacraments for the coming year, will take place at **St. Mary's RC Church, Inverness, 6pm 10th April**. Fr. Bruno will be going to the Chrism Mass, leaving Banff at about 2:30pm. If anyone would like a lift, please let him know.

Stations of Cross during Lent. Every Wednesday evening at 7pm in English; and before the Saturday evening Mass, beginning at 5:30pm, in Polish. 🙏

Since we're still in St. Joseph's month, here's another chance to catch the lovely prayer to our great heavenly Patron, written by Pope Francis:

"Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen." (Ap. Lett. Patris Corde)

LITURGICAL DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 24th March
Weekday of Lent

Tuesday 25th March
Solemnity of the Annunciation

Wednesday 26th March
Weekday of Lent

Thursday 27th March
Weekday of Lent

Friday 28th March
Weekday of Lent

Saturday 29th March
Weekday of Lent

Sunday 30th March
4th Sunday in Lent, Year C