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18TH MAY 2025 – 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Thursday

No public Mass

Friday & Saturday

9.30am

Sunday

6pm (Vigil Mass, Polish)

10.30am (English)

CONFESSION

Saturday 10.00am

after Mass (*ring at the Priest's House*), or call/email to make an appointment.

The beautiful month of May, the month of Mary!

"Against the background of the words *Ave Maria* the principal events of the life of Jesus Christ pass before the eyes of the soul. They ... put us in living communion with Jesus through – we might say – the heart of his Mother" (John Paul II, RVM).

Let's continue to offer our decade of the Rosary after Mass during Mary's month of May! This will help us to get ready for our **Parish consecration to Jesus through Mary** on the weekend of 31st May/1st June. Thanks be to God!

Pentecost Vigil Mass

The great Solemnity of Pentecost falls this year on Sunday 8th June. This is the birthday of the Church! It's the day when the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles, filling them with His powerful gifts. They immediately went out to the whole world, spreading everywhere the good news about Jesus Christ!

Quite rightly, Pentecost is recognised to be the 3rd most important liturgical celebration in the whole year (after Easter and Christmas).

Now, Easter has its amazing Vigil Mass. Christmas has midnight Mass. What does Pentecost have? Well, it's not very well known by the majority of Catholics, but there is a special Mass for the Vigil of Pentecost. In it we gather together with Mary and the Apostles, as it were in the Upper Room, waiting expectantly for the promised One, the Spirit of Life! An extended liturgy of the word – a little like in the Easter Vigil – consisting of 4 readings from the Old Testament, helps us to reflect on the Gift of the Holy Spirit and His place in our lives.

Join us in **Fraserburgh** for this special **Pentecost Vigil – Saturday 7th June, starting at 9pm.**



Volunteers Needed!

We are very much in need of a few people – especially from the Polish community – to help look after our altar servers before and after the Saturday evening Mass, and also to help at next year's first Holy Communion classes (beginning in the new school year). No previous experience is required, but both these roles are "regulated" – requiring safe recruitment procedures – because they both involve working with children.

Fr. Bruno and Mrs. Theresa Allen, Parish Safeguarding Coordinator, would like to meet with anyone interested in volunteering in these roles **after Mass on Saturday evening, 31st May.** 🙌

Weekly Collections, Sunday 11th May:

Cash £214.39

Gift Aid: £40

Vocations

Collection: £49

🙌 *Thank you for your support!*

Assisted Suicide. The Bill proposing the legalisation of Assisted suicide in Scotland passed last week's vote in the Scottish Parliament. This is a disappointment, but there is every hope that it can still be defeated at Stage 2 – expected after summer. Let's keep this difficult matter in our prayers, asking God to bestow His loving kindness on those who suffer on account of terminal or chronic illness, and also give us all the hope that our lives can always be fruitful and meaningful, with God's help. **Explore the underlying issues at <https://carenokilling.scot>**

LITURGICAL DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 19th May
Weekday of Eastertide

Tuesday 20th May
St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Wednesday 21st May
St. Christopher Magallanes and
Companions, Martyrs of Mexico

Thursday 22nd May
St. Rita of Cascia, Wife, Mother,
and later, Religious Sister

Friday 23rd May
Weekday of Eastertide

Saturday 24th May
Weekday of Eastertide

Sunday 25th May
6th Sunday of Easter, Year C

For your diaries:

Thursday 29th May is the Solemnity of the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven.

It is a *holy day of obligation*.

Pope Leo XIV's inauguration Mass takes place this Sunday in Rome. It's a moment of thanksgiving for his pontificate, which began on 8th May. Let's keep Pope Leo in our prayers, that he may always be a shepherd after the Heart of Christ our Lord!