



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

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25TH MAY 2025 – 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

MASS SCHEDULE this week

Monday - Wednesday
No public Mass

Thursday
9.30am and 7.00pm

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.

LITURGICAL DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 26th May
St. Philip Neri, Priest

Tuesday 27th May
Weekday of Eastertide

Wednesday 28th May
Weekday of Eastertide

Thursday 29th May
Solemnity of the Ascension of
Jesus into Heaven
Holy day of Obligation

Friday 30th May
Weekday of Eastertide

Saturday 31st May
The Visitation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary - Feast

Sunday 1st June
7th Sunday of Easter, Year C

May, the month of Mary!

"The Father's eternal love, which has been manifested in the history of mankind through the Son ... comes close to each of us through this Mother, and thus takes on tokens that are easier to understand and access by each person. Consequently, Mary must be on all the ways for the Church's daily life. Through her maternal presence the Church acquires certainty that she is truly living the life of her Master and Lord..." (Redemptor hominis, Pope St. John Paul II)

Let's stay close to Mary as we prepare for our **Parish consecration** next weekend!

Ordination of Deacon Aidan Matheson.
Deacon Aidan, originally from Elgin, will be ordained a priest for our Diocese of Aberdeen at a Mass at 6pm on Friday 27th June (Solemnity of the Sacred Heart) in St. Mary's RC Cathedral, Huntly Street, Aberdeen. All are welcome to attend.

Next Banff Parish Council
meeting, Thursday 12th
June, in the parish room at
7pm. 😊😊😊

Pentecost Vigil Mass



Join us in **Fraserburgh** for a special **Pentecost Vigil – Saturday 7th June, with Mass starting at 9pm.** In it we gather together with Mary and the Apostles, as if with them in the Upper Room, waiting with longing 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 promised Gift of the Holy Spirit and His place in our lives. 🙏

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.** 🙏

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Pluscarden Abbey. This will take place on Sunday 29th June. Gather from 12:00pm; Mass with Bishop Hugh at 3pm. Refreshments available. Come and enjoy the beautiful grounds of Pluscarden Abbey and be refreshed through the prayers of the Church and the gift of God's peace!

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://carenotkilling.scot>**

Day for Life: A second collection will be taken up **this weekend, Sat/Sun 24th/25th May**, in support of The Day for Life. This provides financial assistance to organisations working to support the Church's mission to protect human life from conception to natural death. Thank you for your support!