



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

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21ST SEPTEMBER 2025 – TWENTYFIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Thursday

No public Mass

Friday

9.30am

Saturday Morning

No public Mass this week

Saturday Evening

6pm (Vigil Mass of Sunday – in English this week)

Sunday

10.30am (English)

CONFESSION

Before Mass on Saturday evening,
or any time on request

"The body of Jesus, taken down from the cross, is carefully wrapped, as one does with something precious. John the Evangelist tells us that he was buried in a garden, inside 'a new tomb where no one had ever been laid' (Jn 19:41). Nothing is left to chance. That garden recalls the lost Eden, the place where God and man were united. And that tomb, never used, speaks of something that has still to happen: it is a threshold, not an end. At the beginning of creation, God planted a garden; now the new creation also begins in a garden: with a closed tomb that will soon be opened." - Pope Leo, General Audience 17.09.25

Lobby Against Assisted Suicide. From the Catholic Parliamentary Office: You may recall that on 13th May, MSPs narrowly voted through Liam McArthur's Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill, by 70 votes to 56. The Bill is expected to return to Parliament in the coming weeks.

To coincide with this, SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children), will be holding a mass lobby of MSPs on Tuesday 7th October, between 10am - 3pm. The aim of a mass lobby is for as many people as possible to go into parliament on the same day to lobby their MSPs. It is a very effective way of engaging with MSPs and making your views known. SPUC staff will be present on the day to provide all the advice and guidance you need to lobby MSPs. **Click this link to sign up for the mass lobby of parliament:**

<https://spuc.org.uk/event/mass-lobby-of-holyrood-against-assisted-suicide/>.

SPUC will also be holding a [pre-lobby Zoom webinar](#) on Tuesday 30th September, at 7pm, to help prepare for the event at Holyrood. Remember, we need just eight MSPs to switch their votes in order to defeat this Bill. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Internet Matters – has published a blog post on children's exposure to harmful violent content online. The blog explores: the impact of online violence on children's development; the types of online violence children might encounter such as videos or images of real-life physical assaults or posts showing or referencing instances of sexual assault, harassment, or exploitation; and how parents can recognise the signs and help keep their children safe online. To learn more go to: <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/expert-opinion/protecting-children-from-online-violence/>

Autumn Retreats. You are invited to a weekend away to encounter Christ and his Gospel anew! Join the Dominican Sisters at beautiful Kilcoy Castle near Inverness for times of prayer and the sacraments, dynamic talks, and fellowship. The Women's Philips Course Retreat takes place 3-5 October 2025, and the Men's Philips Course Retreat is 14-16 November 2025. If you've already attended this retreat, ask about other retreat options. Contact Sr. Mary Gianna at ogilvie@rcda.scot with questions or to register.

St. Michael and the Archangels. The wonderful prince of God's heavenly court, St. Michael, is commemorated liturgically at the end of this month, on 29th September, when he is remembered especially with Archangels Gabriel and Raphael – two other very great members of the heavenly Court. The angels are spiritual beings who love God and are with Him in Heaven. They are our close friends and powerful helpers as we journey through this "vale of tears".

You may be interested in **starting a novena in Michael and the other angels' honour this weekend.**

On **Monday 29th September**, there will be a special Mass in honour of St. Michael and the Archangels at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Fraserburgh: 11:30am Eucharistic Adoration; 12:00noon Mass; 1:00pm Refreshments in the Parish Room.

We welcome **Fr. Emmet O'Dowd** this weekend, 20th/21st Sep, to celebrate the Masses at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Next weekend, Fr. Martin OSB from Pluscarden Abbey will be celebrating the Masses at our parish.



LITURGICAL DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 22nd September

Weekday of 25th Week of Ordinary Time

Tuesday 23rd September

St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Priest - Memorial

Wednesday 24th September

Our Lady of Walsingham

Thursday 25th September

Weekday of 25th Week OT

Friday 26th September

Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Saturday 27th September

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest - Memorial

Sunday 28th September

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Registration for First Communion Classes. Registration forms are now available for First Communion classes, which will **begin in October**. Anyone with children who will be **8 or over in April 2026** and would like a form, please speak to Fr. Bruno or Theresa Allen. 😊