

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

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# 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025 – TWENTYSIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YR C

## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Thursday No public Mass

Friday & Saturday Morning 9.30am

## **Saturday Evening**

6pm (Vigil Mass of Sunday - Polish)

### **Sunday**

10.30am (English)

#### CONFESSION

Before Mass on Saturday evening, or any time on request

# LITURGICAL DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels - Feast

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September

St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the
Church - Memorial

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October St. Therese of Lisieux, Virgin, Doctor of the Church - Memorial

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

The Holy Guardian Angels 
Memorial

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October Weekday of the 26<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October

St. Francis of Assisi, Deacon,
Religious - Memorial

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October **27**<sup>th</sup> **Sunday of Ordinary Time** 

### **Mission Sunday**

October is Mission Month in the Church, which culminates in World Mission Sunday on 19<sup>th</sup> October. During this Jubilee of Hope, especially during this month, we are invited by the Holy Father to recall **our baptismal vocation to share in the mission of the universal Church**, "To go out to the whole world and spread the Good News," the news of hope. We can realise this through our prayers, sacrifices, and financial support for the Church in missionary dioceses around the world. There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection on 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> October in support of the missionary work of the Church.

**Lobby Against Assisted Suicide.** From the Catholic Parliamentary Office: You may recall that on 13<sup>th</sup> May, MSPs narrowly voted through Liam McArthur's Assisted Dying for Terminally III 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>pre-lobby Zoom webinar</u> 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.

### First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting and Course

We will begin our First Holy Communion course with a meeting for all the parents/guardians of the children on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November, at 10:15am, immediately after Mass (9:30am; please note that 1<sup>st</sup> November, All Saints, is a holy day of obligation). This meeting is an important introduction to the course. The lessons for the children will begin on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Safeguarding Training Meeting**

There will be a safeguarding training meeting in the Parish Room for volunteers working with children in our First Holy Communion course and with altar servers on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October, after the evening Mass, beginning at 7pm.

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.

#### Mass in Honour of the Archangels

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

We welcome Fr.
Martin Birrell, OSB,
this weekend, 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>
Sep, to celebrate the
Masses at Our Lady of
Mount Carmel.

**Learning to be a Community that Supports Survivors:** Join two **free** webinars on November 19<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. The first webinar will explain the growth and activity of Awake, a community of abuse survivors and concerned Catholics, responding to the wounds of sexual abuse in the Catholic Church. Click here to register: **bit.ly/42DWSA0**