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18TH JANUARY 2026 – THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday
No public Mass

Saturday Morning
09.30am Mass

Saturday Evening
6pm (Vigil Mass of Sunday, Polish)

Sunday
9.30am

CONFESSION

before or after Mass, or any time on request

Jubilee Year of St. Francis. The wonderful St. Francis of Assisi, Deacon and Founder of the Franciscan family of religious, died in 1226. That makes this year the 800th anniversary of his passing. Pope Leo has proclaimed a special Jubilee Year of St. Francis. A plenary indulgence is available under the usual conditions during this year for any of the following: **a pious pilgrimage to a Franciscan church, participation in Jubilee celebrations, prayer and meditation in the Franciscan spirit, as well as daily acts of charity and humility that express the spirituality of Saint Francis.**

This is a great year to get to know better the "Poverello" (little poor man) of Assisi. He was a gentle soul who loved Christ with an ardent and tender love. For love of Jesus, to draw close to Him through imitation, Francis chose a life of poverty and did not reject the cross in his life. He showed great charity to others, especially the poor, the sick, and his own confreres in religion. He also loved Our Lady very much. He was the first Saint to bear the stigmata: the marks of our Lord's nails in his hands and feet, with a wound in his side like that of Christ on the Cross.

Ogilvie Centre Online Bible Study. Join Catholics from around the Diocese for a six-week online Bible study titled *Bible and the Mass*. The series led by Martin Gray **begins Tuesday, January 20th**, and will meet weekly from 7:00–9:00 PM. Contact Martin Gray at biblestudy@rcda.scot for Zoom info/details.

LITURGICAL DAYS THIS WEEK

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Monday 19th January
St. Faolan (Fillan), Abbot and Bishop (Irish missionary to Perthshire, 7th C)

Tuesday 20th January
St. Sebastian, Martyr

Wednesday 21st January
St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr - Memorial

Thursday 22nd January
St. Vincent of Zaragoza, Deacon and Martyr

Friday 23rd January
Weekday of 2nd Week of Ordinary Time

Saturday 24th January
St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - Memorial

Sunday 25th January
2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday of the Word of God

John Paul II Boys Retreat, 20-22 Feb 2026. S3-6 boys are invited to a retreat at Tomintoul. Saint John Paul II developed a beautiful way of discovering God's plan for love and the meaning of life for each person. He called this the **Theology of the Body (TOB)**. During the weekend, we will discuss topics related to everyday life, relationships, and how to be a true man in today's culture. There will also be plenty of fun, activities, and adventure!

The Marriage Course (online) Commencing on Sunday 25th January, a series of seven sessions, designed to help couples invest in their relationship and build a strong marriage. Nicky and Sila Lee, authors of *The Marriage Book*, developed *The Marriage Course* for couples looking for practical support to strengthen their relationship. The course is designed to help couples build strong foundations, learn to communicate more effectively and resolve differences well. [More Info & Registration](#)

A big "thank you" to all who kindly sent cards or gifts to Frs. Christopher and Bruno over the Christmas season. May God reward you for your kindness. Be assured of the daily prayers of your priests.

Join Aberdeen Churches Together for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. From Mon 18th to Fri 23rd Jan we will gather on Zoom each evening at 18:00 for prayers and reflections led by members of Aberdeen Churches Together. For more info and Zoom details: <https://www.rcda.scot/christian-week-of-prayer-aberdeen-churches-together/>

Generation Hope Camp 8-12 June 2026. S1 to age 15 students are invited to a Mary's Meals, high-adventure summer camp! (Youth ages 16+ may also attend as young leaders.) It is called "Generation Hope Camp" because it combines the faith and inspiration of the Mary's Meals story with an adventure-sports camp venue. During this five-day camp, we'll hear testimonies from the faith and work of Mary's Meals charity around the world and enjoy water sports, kayaking, zip line, football, crafts, music and games. Cost: £328.50 (£100 deposit due by end of January). We will run fundraisers for this event and would love to find ways for young people to participate if this is too expensive.

Stronghold Festival 22-25 May 2026. Each May there is a camping festival for 16s-30s at Craig Lodge Family House of Prayer, Dalmally. This is a festival of non-stop worship of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament set in the beautiful Scottish Highlands with wonderful young people and musicians from across the UK. You are invited to come "Worship the Lord with gladness; and come before him with joyful songs" (Psalm 100:2). The price for under 18s is £100 and £140 for 18+. If this is too much, in the past Craig Lodge has offered a discounted price for our youth. [Click here](#) to register or find out more information, or email Sr. Angela Marie at op@rcda.scot.

Weekly Collections

Sun 4th Jan 2026: Cash £242.40.

Sun 11th Jan: Cash £250; Gift Aid Envelopes £10

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