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8TH FEBRUARY 2026 – THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Thursday
No public Mass

Friday and Saturday Morning
09:30am Mass

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

Sunday
9:30am

CONFESSION

Saturday 10:00-11:30 (when there's a Sat. a.m. Mass; please ring on Presbytery doorbell); **Sat 5:30-5:50pm**; before/after any Mass; or on request

Assisted Suicide: Action Needed

MSP Audrey Nicoll recently [withdrew her support](#) for the McArthur Bill: "My perspective on this has, to a great extent, been shaped by my policing career, and my exposure in public service to those most vulnerable in our communities.

"I believe, even with the most robust legislative provision in place, the reality is individuals will experience coercion and pressure from others."

Please use this handy online tool to [contact your MSPs](#) to ask them to vote against the Bill if you haven't already – it only takes a few seconds! (<https://carenotkilling.scot/>)

Watoto Children's Choir

River Church Banff (Castle Street, AB45 1DH) are hosting the Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda on the **27th of Feb at 7pm**. They will be performing their powerful production, Better Days, which celebrates faith, courage, and the promise of brighter tomorrows. Don't miss this inspiring night that will move your heart and leave you full of hope. Free, but [reservation recommended here](#). For more info, see <https://www.watoto.com/choir/>

LITURGICAL DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 9th February
Weekday of 5th Week of Ordinary Time

Tuesday 10th February
Saint Scholastica, Virgin - Memorial

Wednesday 11th February
Our Lady of Lourdes
World Day for the Sick

Thursday 12th February
Weekday of 5th Week of Ordinary Time

Friday 13th February
Weekday of 5th Week of Ordinary Time

Saturday 14th February
St. Cyril, Monk, and St. Methodius, Bishop, Copatrons of Europe - Feast

Sunday 15th February
6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Vocation Discernment

Do you sense a call to serve God and His people in the priesthood? The Catholic Church in Scotland is inviting you to explore the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood. If you are considering a life dedicated to serving in the ministry, we encourage you to apply for seminary starting in 2027. To learn more about the application process and what a priestly vocation entails, please contact our diocesan director of vocations, Fr. Mark Impson. He is here to support you in your journey of discernment and will guide you through each step along the way. Don't hesitate; the Lord may be calling you to something extraordinary! Take the first step and contact Fr. Mark today: mark.impson@rcda.scot

Youth 2000 Pilgrimage to Medjugorje!

The Youth 2000 Trustees and Staff Team believe that God is inviting Youth 2000 to 'Return to the Source'. They're delighted to announce that, for the first time in a generation, the Summer Festival this year will be in Medjugorje, the place Youth 2000 began, for the Mladifest Youth Festival, 30.07-06.08.26. Young people are invited to join them on this pilgrimage. It'll give you a unique opportunity to experience the original festival together with young people from all over the world. More info [here](#) or at www.youth2000.org

NET Scotland Event 21st March

The wintry weather forced the NET youth ministry to cancel the event planned for 10 January. However, it's now been successfully rearranged for Saturday, 21 March 2026! Following on from our previous successful NET events, The Inverurie Parish, Immaculate Conception, wishes to announce that once again they are holding the very popular one-day fellowship event for young people P6-S6, led by the Glasgow-based National Evangelisation Team (NET). Click here for [more info](#), or visit www.rcda.scot/events/

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](#)

Recent Offertory Collections

25th Jan: Cash £188; Gift Aid Envelopes £40.

1st Feb: Cash £192.50; Gift Aid £10; Crib Offerings for St. Vincent de Paul Society £23; Fabric Donation £40; Justice and Peace Special Collection £72.60; Piety Stall £28.06; Candles £75.45; Tea and Coffee Donations £69.38.

Thank you for your support!

'Why Should We Believe in God?' The Thomistic Institute Chapter at the University of Aberdeen is hosting a lecture by Professor Gaven Kerr of St Patrick's Pontifical University entitled *Why Should We Believe in God?* Thursday, 19th March at 6:30 pm in the Taylor Building Room TA21 of the University of Aberdeen. This is a great opportunity for Catholics and non-Catholics alike to explore the rationality of belief in God. This lecture is free and open to the public and will be followed by a reception. All welcome.