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29TH MARCH 2026 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – YEAR A

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Wednesday
No public Mass

Holy Thursday

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper,

followed by *Watching at the Altar of Repose* until midnight

Good Friday

3:00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death

6:30pm Stations of the Cross (English)

7:30pm Stations of the Cross (Polish)

Holy Saturday Evening

8:30pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday

8:00am Mass (Polish)

preceded by divine Mercy chaplet

9:30am Mass (English)

preceded by divine Mercy chaplet

CONFESSION

before/after any Mass,
or on request

Annual Easter Party for the Poor and the Needy, Cathedral. The Holy Family Sisters of the Needy and the coordinators of St. Mary's Cathedral Community Meals are having their annual Easter Party for the beneficiaries of their feeding apostolate on April 9th at the Cathedral main hall from 19:00 – 21:00. For any enquiry about how to get involved or render any help, please contact Sr. Eric Marie HFSN at: 01224 970812.

Public Lecture, Aberdeen University. The Thomistic Institute Chapter at the University of Aberdeen is hosting a lecture by Professor Lewis Ayres of Durham University entitled 'St John Henry Newman and the Failure of the University,' on Monday, 13th April at 18:30 in the New Kings NK1. This lecture is free and open to the public and will be followed by a reception. All welcome!

The Evening Sacrifice of the Cross

"This is generally understood of Christ, the head, as every Christian acknowledges. When day was fading into evening, the Lord laid down his life on the cross, to take it up again; he did not lose his life against his will. Here, too, we are symbolized. What part of him hung on the cross if not the part he had received from us? How could God the Father ever cast off and abandon his only Son, who is indeed one God with him? Yet Christ, nailing our weakness to the cross (where, as the Apostle says: Our old nature was nailed to the cross with him), cried out with the very voice of humanity: 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'" (Mark 15:34).

St. Augustine

World Youth Day, Seoul 2027 - Survey. Pope Leo XIV is inviting youth, aged 18-35, from all around the world to join him in Seoul, South Korea, in August 2027 for World Youth Day. There we will join young Catholics worldwide to be inspired by the words of Christ, "Take courage! I have overcome the world." (Jn 16:33). **If you are part of the Diocese of Aberdeen and interested in joining us for WYD, please register your interest via this link** so we have an idea of numbers, and you can weigh in to help us create our pilgrim package: <https://forms.gle/XzZAcqBVKZkPffjK7>.

KATECHIZM KOŚCIOŁA KATOLICKIEGO

1416 *Przyjęcie Ciała i Krwi Chrystusa w Komunii świętej pogłębia zjednoczenie komunikującego z Panem, gładzi grzechy powszednie i zachowuje od grzechów ciężkich. Ponieważ zostają umocnione więzy miłości między komunikującym a Chrystusem, przyjmowanie tego sakramentu umacnia jedność Kościoła, Mistycznego Ciała Chrystusa.*

1417 *Kościół żywo poleca wiernym, by przyjmowali Komunię świętą, gdy uczestniczą w celebracji Eucharystii. Zobowiązuje ich do tego przynajmniej raz w roku.*

Details of Services for Holy Week and Easter are on our website and also on little hand-bills at the back of the church. 😊

Special collection THIS WEEKEND to support **Sick and Retired Clergy** in our Diocese. Thank you for your generosity!

Divine Mercy Devotions at Our Lady Star of the Sea and St Drostan's, Fraserburgh.

We're holding a very special day of Divine Mercy devotions on 12 April (Low Sunday) with the blessing of a new image of the Merciful Jesus from the Shrine in Łagiewniki, Kraków. At 15:00, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a recitation of the chaplet, a sermon on the Mercy of God, and confessions. Don't miss out on special graces offered by our Lord for public veneration of the Divine Mercy image on Divine Mercy Sunday!

Scottish Parliamentary Elections, May 7th 2026

The Catholic Bishops of Scotland are calling us to use our vote in the May election *wisely*. Check out rcpolitics.org for helpful tools to guide your voting, including notes on Catholic social teaching, the Catechism on key election topics, suggested questions for candidates and a prayer for the election.