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5TH APRIL 2026 – EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – YEAR A

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Thursday
No public Mass

Friday – Saturday morning
9:30am Mass

Saturday evening
6:00pm Vigil Mass (Polish)
preceded by divine Mercy chaplet

**2nd Sunday of Easter, also known as
Divine Mercy Sunday**
9:30am Mass (English)
preceded by divine Mercy chaplet

CONFESSION

before/after any Mass,
or on request

Wisdom of the Saints: Melito of Sardis on the Mystery of Easter

“There was much proclaimed by the prophets about the mystery of the Passover: that mystery is Christ, and to him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

For the sake of suffering humanity he came down from heaven to earth, clothed himself in that humanity in the Virgin’s womb, and was born a man. Having then a body capable of suffering, he took the pain of fallen man upon himself; he triumphed over the diseases of soul and body that were its cause, and by his Spirit, which was incapable of dying, he dealt man’s destroyer, death, a fatal blow.

He was led forth like a lamb; he was slaughtered like a sheep. He ransomed us from our servitude to the world, as he had ransomed Israel from the hand of Egypt; he freed us from our slavery to the devil, as he had freed Israel from the hand of Pharaoh. He sealed our souls with his own Spirit, and the members of our body with his own blood.

He is the One who covered death with shame and cast the devil into mourning, as Moses cast Pharaoh into mourning. He is the One who smote sin and robbed iniquity of offspring... He is the One who brought us out of slavery into freedom, out of darkness into light, out of death into life, out of tyranny into an eternal kingdom; who made us a new priesthood, a people chosen to be his own for ever. He is the Passover that is our salvation.”

LITURGICAL DAYS THIS WEEK

This week, every day is part of the **Easter Octave**. That means that we celebrate the Resurrection every day – renewing our joy every day at our Lord’s victory over sin and death. The 8th day, divine Mercy Sunday, sums up the whole octave. It’s an appropriate day on which to celebrate God’s merciful love!

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!

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 (Divine Mercy 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!

The Feast of Divine Mercy – Divine Mercy Sunday - is a most powerful gift of God’s merciful love: for not a few souls it is “the last hope of salvation” (Dairy of St. Faustina, n. 965).

On this day, in fact, Jesus tells us that “**all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened**” (699). “**I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy.**” How one approaches the “Fount of Mercy” the Lord Himself explains: “**The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment**” – which means, nothing more ‘owed’ to divine Justice – like a new Baptism!

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](https://forms.gle/XzZAcqBVKZkPffjK7)** so we have an idea of numbers, and you can weigh in to help us create our pilgrim package: <https://forms.gle/XzZAcqBVKZkPffjK7>.

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.