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10TH MAY 2026 – 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A

MASS SCHEDULE this week

Monday – Wednesday
No public Mass

Thursday evening (Ascension)
7.00pm Mass

Friday – Saturday morning
9:30am Mass

Saturday evening
6:00pm Vigil Mass (Polish)

Sunday
9:30am Mass (English)

CONFESSION

5:30pm Saturday; before/after any
Mass; or on request

LITURGICAL DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 11th May
Weekday of 5th Week of Easter

Tuesday 12th May
Saints Nereus and Achilleus; St.
Pancras – Martyrs

Wednesday 13th May
Our Lady of Fatima

Thursday 14th May
Ascension Day

Friday 15th May
Weekday of 5th Week of Easter

Saturday 16th May
Weekday of 5th Week of Easter

Sunday 17th May
7th Sunday of Easter

"The Ascension is not only about Our Lord's Divinity ascending into Heaven, but also about our humanity being admitted to seat itself at the Right Hand of the Father in Heaven!" (Pope St. Leo the Great)

Another beautiful reflection from Pope Leo... The [Regina Caeli address](#) last Sunday, 3rd May:

"[F]aced with death, Jesus speaks of a home, but this time a very large one. It is the house of his Father and our Father, where there is room for all. The Son describes himself as the servant who prepares the rooms, so that every brother or sister, upon arriving, may find their own room ready and feel as though they have always been longed for and are at last found.

Dear friends, in the old world in which we are still journeying, what attracts attention are exclusive places, experiences accessible only to a few and the privilege of entering where others cannot. In the new world into which the risen One leads us, however, what is most valuable is within everyone's reach. Yet this does not make it any less attractive. On the contrary, what is open to all now brings joy. Gratitude takes the place of competition; welcome overcomes exclusion; and abundance no longer entails inequality. Above all, no one is mistaken for someone else, and no one is lost. Death threatens to erase one's name and memory, but in God everyone is fully themselves. Truly, this is what we spend our whole lives searching for..."

Ascension Thursday

On this day, 40 days after the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection, the Church celebrates His glorious Ascension into Heaven. It is the triumph of His saving work: the same human nature He shares with us now sits at the right hand of the Father in the glory of the majesty of God. And **this is what we are destined to share in** if we remain faithful to Him!

The Solemnity of the Ascension is a holy day of obligation, so we should do our best to go to Mass as we would on a Sunday. **There's Mass on the day itself at 7pm** (and on Wednesday evening in Peterhead at 7pm).

2026 Pluscarden Pentecost Lectures. *Heaven, Earth and Jesus: The Mysteries of Christian Eschatology*

A series of four talks given by Fr Simon Francis Gaine OP, Professor of Theological Anthropology, Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas, Rome. These lectures will take place **between 26th and 28th May 2026 at Pluscarden Abbey, near Elgin.**

Ever wondered what the Church means when it talks about the "last things"? Jesus Christ preached that the Kingdom of Heaven was at hand, that it had come among those where he acted by God's Holy Spirit. Does that mean that heaven, the 'last things' that Christians call 'eschatological', had already arrived on earth? This and many other questions about "the last things" will be answered.

More Info: <https://www.rcda.scot/heaven-earth-and-jesus-the-mysteries-of-christian-eschatology-2026-pluscarden-pentecost-lectures/>

Consultation on Diocesan Structures

Soon we'll have an opportunity to feed back our thoughts on diocesan boundaries, collaboration across dioceses and mission. Here are the key questions that Bishops' Conference has invited us to reflect on:

1. Where do we see **good examples of mission** in our parishes, deanery, diocese and country?
2. **Where does mission need to develop** or even begin? What are the barriers to better mission and what can encourage it?
3. **Does the present structure of eight dioceses in Scotland support mission?** Does our diocese already have all that it needs? Would it help if we were to **share resources** with another diocese or dioceses? Would it help if our **diocese merged** with another diocese?