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3RD MAY 2026 – 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A

MASS SCHEDULE this week

Monday – Thursday
No public 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

Words of Hope from Pope Leo

“[I]n the midst of darkness something new always springs to life and sooner or later produces fruit” (Evangelii Gaudium n. 276). Brothers and sisters, Easter gives us this hope, as we remember that in the risen Christ a new creation is possible every day. This is what today’s Gospel tells us, as it clearly describes the event of the resurrection as taking place on “the first day of the week” (John 20:1). The day of Christ’s resurrection thus takes us back to that first day when God created the world, and at the same time proclaims that a new life, stronger than death, is now dawning for humanity. Easter is the new creation brought about by the Risen Lord; it is a new beginning; it is life finally made eternal by God’s victory over the ancient enemy. (Easter homily, 5th April 2026)

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LITURGICAL DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 4th May
Weekday of 5th Week of Easter

Tuesday 5th May
Weekday of 5th Week of Easter

Wednesday 6th May
Weekday of 5th Week of Easter

Thursday 7th May
Weekday of 5th Week of Easter

Friday 8th May
Weekday of 5th Week of Easter

Saturday 9th May
Weekday of 5th Week of Easter

Sunday 10th May
6th Sunday of Easter

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? Did Jesus’ actions during his earthly lifetime bring heaven to earth? Eschatology is traditionally not just about heaven and hell; it’s about death and judgment too. But why do we die if Jesus has already conquered death? And what happens to us when we die? Is eschatology just about individual souls and what happens to them after death? If our souls are truly happy in heaven, why would it be for bodies as well as souls? Is heaven a place, and if it is, where is it, and could we travel there? Is Jesus there now?

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

Collections last week:

Cash £223.90; Donation £66.10; Gift Aid Envelopes £20; Candles £43.79; Piety Stall £85.00; Easter Raffle £99.90; Tea and Coffee Donations £68.50.

Further Wee boxes for SCIAF: £60

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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.

Find out where your candidates stand on abortion and assisted suicide, contact your candidates and find out the stance of parties by using the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children’s webtool. Go to www.spuc.org.uk/scottishelection