



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

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26th July 2026: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Date	Liturgical calendar	What's on
Mon 27 th July	St Titus Brandsma OCD, martyr ■	No Mass
Tue 28 th July	Feria of the 17 th Week in Ordinary Time ■	No Mass
Wed 29 th July	Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus ■	7.00 pm Mass followed by Adoration until 8.30 pm
Thu 30 th July	St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor ■	No Mass
Fri 31 st July	St Ignatius of Loyola ■	No Mass
Sat 1 st August	St Alphonsus de Liguori, Doctor ■ (The holy Maccabees)	No Mass 5.30 pm Confessions (<i>also available before any Mass and upon request</i>) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass (<i>Polish</i>)
Sun 2 nd August	18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time ■	9.30 am Mass (<i>English</i>)

Sunday Liturgies

We are looking for more people to become readers at our Sunday liturgies. If you would be interested in this ministry of proclamation of the Word, please speak to the priest.

Service at the Altar is also a wonderful ministry and Fr Christopher is encouraging any young people who would be interested in learning more about altar serving to speak to him to arrange a practice session.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes

Registration forms for both Confirmation and First Holy Communion classes are now available at the back of the church. Please hand them in to Fr Christopher or email them to catholicchurchbanff@gmail.com.

National Youth Pilgrimage to Pluscarden Abbey Saturday 26th September.

Teenagers and young adults from all over the country will travel to our diocese to tour Pluscarden Abbey, hear testimonies about religious life and learn a bit of chant!

Ogilvie Centre Catechetical course

Catechists and potential catechists are warmly invited to take part in this year's Catechetical Ministry Course, running from September to May. The course is designed to provide deeper faith formation while also equipping participants with practical skills to share

and transmit the faith effectively. Weekly classes are via Zoom with two in-person workshop days. [Apply now](#) at tinyurl.com/3s9nvhdz.

More Info: <https://www.rcda.scot/the-ogilvie-centre-catechetical-ministry-course/>

World Youth Day South 2027

The Diocese of Aberdeen is taking a group of young adult pilgrims to Korea and Japan to join with Pope Leo and hundreds of thousands of young Catholics from around the world. Ages 18 to 35.

Registration closes 13th September 2026 **27th July to 15 August 2027** or **1st to 15th August 2027** £2800 or £2550.

More Info: <https://www.rcda.scot/world-youth-day-2027/>

Registration: <https://forms.gle/Z8MbudYVKSeFY2GdA>

Scalan Open Days

From a secret seminary and 'heather priests' to the daily life of 19th and 20th-century farm workers, discover the hidden histories of the Scalan. This year's open days will take place on the **8th August and 5th September**. You are welcome to drop in between 13:00 and 16:00.

More Info: <https://www.rcda.scot/scalan-seminary-mill-buildings-open-days-2026/>

This week's saint: St Titus Brandsma

Last week we celebrated the Carmelite martyrs of Compiegne – 16 nuns who were sent to the guillotine on 17th July, 17 for holding fast to the Catholic Faith during the French Revolution. They sang

the *Salve Regina* on the way to their deaths.

This week we remember another Carmelite martyr, Titus Brandsma who, died at the hands of the Nazis in the concentration camp at Dachau on 26th July, 1942. He was a philosophy teacher, theologian and journalist. Before and during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands, he fought for the freedom of Catholic education and of the Catholic press. Because of this, he was arrested and sent to prison and later to a concentration camp. There he faced suffering and starvation and was finally killed by lethal injection.

He was beatified on 3rd Nov 1985 by Pope John Paul II and canonized by Pope Francis on 15 May 2022.

Bishops of Scotland congratulate new PM

The Bishops wrote a letter to new Prime Minister, Andy Burnham (a baptized Catholic) to congratulate him and assure him of their prayers as he begins his term of office. They urge him to keep human dignity at the centre of public life and ask that proposals for assisted-suicide be rejected, and moral clarity be given with regards to conflicts in the Middle East, Iran and Ukraine. We keep him in our prayers.

Tea and Coffee after Mass

After every Sunday Mass there is tea and coffee in the parish room. All are welcome!

