



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

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2nd August 2026: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Date	Liturgical calendar	What's on
Mon 3 rd Aug	St Sixtus II, Pope, and companions ■	No Mass
Tue 4 th Aug	St John Marie Vianney, Parish Priest ■	No Mass
Wed 5 th Aug	Dedication of the Basilica Mary Major ■	7.00 pm Mass followed by Adoration until 8.30 pm
Thu 6 th Aug	Transfiguration of the Lord – Feast ■	7.00 am Mass
Fri 7 th Aug	St Mary MacKillop, Foundress ■ (First Friday)	8.30 am Adoration; 9.30 am Mass
Sat 8 th Aug	St Dominic de Guzman ■ (founder of the Order of Preachers - Dominicans)	8.30 am Adoration; 9.00 am Rosary; 9.30 am Mass 5.30 pm Confessions (<i>also available before any Mass and upon request</i>) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass (Polish)
Sun 9 th Aug	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time ■	9.30 am Mass (English)

Beauty for God: Re-ordering of the sanctuary in St Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen

Check out phase two of the project to re-order the cathedral sanctuary.

Please keep this in your prayers and, if you can, support it with your generosity. Make the cathedral great again!

See more at [Beauty for God – St Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen](#)

Sunday Liturgies

If you would be interested in the 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.

Men's and Women's Retreats, Kilcoy Castle

You are invited to encounter the power and freedom of the Gospel at these Men's and Women's Retreats at Kilcoy Castle, led by the Dominican Sisters.

Women's Philips Retreat: 18th to 20th September 2026

Men's Philips Retreat: 30th October to 1st November 2026

More Info: <https://www.rcda.scot/mens-and-womens-retreats-at-kilcoy-castle/>

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/>

Family Summer Festival, St Columba's, Bridge of Don

Saturday, 29th Aug 9:30am – 2:00pm St Columba's Bridge of Don, Aberdeen. Children must be accompanied by at least one parent or guardian who will remain on site throughout the day.

More Info: <https://www.rcda.scot/family-summer-festival-26/>

Registration is compulsory via [this link: https://stmaryscathedral.churchsuite.com/events/cumo9ebn](https://stmaryscathedral.churchsuite.com/events/cumo9ebn)

August: the month of glory

'The glory of God is a human being fully alive' (St Irenaeus of Lyons). Two big feasts this month which draw out the theme of 'glory' are the Transfiguration of the Lord on Mount Tabor and the Assumption of the Blessed Mary into heaven. Both point to the glorification of human nature, its transformation or 'divinization.' We celebrate the presence of God in a great number of saints this month – St John Vianney, Dominic, Clare, Bernard of Clairvaux and Augustine, to name a few...