



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

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The parish is part of the RC Diocese of Aberdeen Charitable Trust, a registered Scottish Charity, SC005122

9th August 2026: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Date	Liturgical calendar	What's on
Mon 10 th Aug	St Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr ■	No Mass
Tue 11 th Aug	St Claire of Assisi ■ (St Philomena, Virgin Martyr ■)	No Mass
Wed 12 th Aug	St Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious ■	7.00 pm Mass followed by Adoration until 8.30 pm
Thu 13 th Aug	Ss Pontian and Hippolytus, martyrs ■	No Mass
Fri 14 th Aug	St Maximilian Kolbe, Martyr ■	9.30 am Mass
Sat 15 th Aug	Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary ■	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 16 th Aug	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Solemnity ■	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 impressive project to re-order the cathedral sanctuary at beautyforgod.org

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

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/>

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>

Contact your MSPs about support in Scotland following the end of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme.

The UK-wide Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, which enabled us to claim back VAT on work done on listed buildings, has closed. For many parishes and dioceses in Scotland, this means essential repairs and improvement projects for church buildings will become more expensive, placing further pressure on already stretched budgets.

The immediate question is what response the Scottish Government will make. A new Parliament is now in place, MSPs are taking up constituency and regional casework, and this is a good moment for congregations to raise the issue early and clearly with all of their representatives.

The UK Government has replaced the former scheme with the Places of Worship Renewal Fund *for England only*. Decisions about support in Scotland are now for the Scottish Government to make.

Congregations are therefore encouraged to write to their MSPs — ideally to all eight of them.

As many people as possible should write. Individual messages from constituents usually carry more weight than a standard text, so office-bearers, members and church users are encouraged to write in their own words. A briefing paper, which gives some pointers as to how to contact local MSPs is available at the back of the church, or on the parish website (see the top of this newsletter), or from Fr. Bruno or Fr. Christopher.

Sacred Music in Our Parishes and Schools.

For all those who love music at Mass and who want to find out more, Bishop Hugh has invited several local and national leaders to share with you its value and importance. You are warmly invited to attend one of the two days set aside for this purpose: **Saturday 19th Sep. in Aberdeen, or Sat 26th Sep. in Elgin.** More details on the poster at the back of the church. If you're thinking of going, let Fr. Bruno know.

Bishop Hugh Gilbert's episcopal anniversary. On the 15th of August, the Bishop celebrates the 15th anniversary of his episcopal ordination. Mass on Saturday morning will be offered for his intentions. We thank God for our Bishop and keep him in our prayers.