



The Roman Catholic Parish of
Our Lady and St Josephs Kirkwall
 in the Diocese of Aberdeen
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 (Resident in Thurso)



Sunday Mass of Obligation

Our Lady & St Joseph's Kirkwall

Italian Chapel Mass
 1st Sunday of the Month
 April - October

Sunday Mass in Our Lady and St Joseph Kirkwall 5.30pm

Monday 11.45am Mass-Devotions.

Our Lady and St Joseph's, Orkney

CONFESSIONS ON REQUEST

PLEASE CHECK FOR MASS TIMES

Please remember that there is
 Tea, Coffee, after Mass.

In December we pray for the souls
 of :- Maeve Vernon Smith
 Fr Michael Spencer, Jim Donaldson
 Donald Lee, Peg McCann
 Theresa Carroll, Fae Watson Andrew
 Gordon, Emma Barton

**'Eternal Rest grant unto them
 O' Lord, and let perpetual light
 shine upon them, may they rest in
 peace'.**

We pray also for all those we have known
 & loved, and all those whose anniversary
 falls at this time. We remember also those
 who grieve the loss of a loved one.

To add names ask Fr Colin

Music Ministry in Orkney.

I am gratefully appreciative of the
 gifts and talents Bobby is sharing with
 us. If you have a musical gift you
 could share please speak to Bobby

Fr Colin

We also need more individuals who are
 prepared to read.

Please do not request confession just
 before Mass starts as Fr will not rush
 through the rite. Therefore as often
 as not the answer will be NO! So
 please come in plenty of time or
 make an appointment with Fr.

Adverse Weather Conditions.

The weather has certainly taken a
 turn for the worse with sailings
 already being either cancelled or
 re-scheduled. Please keep an eye
 on social media for updates.

Date for the Diary.

As some of you will know, The
 Northern Pilgrims Way, have
 commissioned a stonemason to make a
 reconstruction of the "Skinnet Stone",
 to be erected on the outskirts of
 Hallkirk close to the site of the original
 stone. We have agreed with the
 stonemason that the stone will be in
 place in time for us to have an event to
 celebrate it on Saturday 10th May at
 11:30am. I hope that you will be able to
 share in this event with us. We are
 very excited about it!

Christmas Events

Wick Choral Society Christmas Concert
 St Fergus Church Wick Thur 19th Dec
 7pm Entry a suggested £5 donation.
 Children and students free.

Bells and Brass. 18th Dec 7pm
 A concert of Christmas Music form
 Caithness Hand Bell Ringers and
 Caithness Brass Band

St Magnus Winter Choir
 Christmas Concert Sun 15th December
 the Armed Man by Karl Jenkins
 'a Mass for Peace'

<https://www.catholicgkchestertonsociety.co.uk/>

Orkney Collections.

Thank you all for your continued
 support. Donations to the parish by
 cheque should be made out to

**RC Diocese of Aberdeen Our
 Lady and St Joseph's Parish.**

Bank payments/direct debits can be
 made to

Account No. 00674973
 Sort Code 80-0866

Collection envelopes & Gift Aid
 forms are available if required.

PLEASE ASK

Please pray for the Sick and
 Housebound of our family at Our Lady
 and St Joseph's, Orkney.

Please pray especially for June Wilmot,
 who suffered a stroke of Friday.

Albert Randall (is making slow but steady
 progress)

David Peppitt, Val Clark, Ron on Hoy
 Jean & Morris Soord, Elizabeth Haney
 Ken Smith, Fr Peter Kelly.

***If you know someone who is sick or
 housebound please ask if they would like
 to be on the prayer list.***

Kirkwall Council of Churches

Carols with the Salvation Army.

Friday 13th Dec 7pm

Kirkwall East Church

featuring the

Les Mis Nativity

with songs inspired by the Musical Hit

**Our Lady and St Joseph's
 Refurbishment Projects.**

Repairing and decorating the interior of the
 church will be delayed until late next year.

Induction Loop and CCTV awaiting
 quotation

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in
 202? Details to follow ????????

Never look down on anyone unless
 you're looking down to help them up.

Please remember
 that in Orkney
 you can now
 donate on line
 using the



**Smiddybrae Care Home
 Orkney.**

**The the last date we have
 for Our Lady and
 St Joseph on the rota is
 12th January 2025.
 with a 3pm start, all
 WELCOME.**

There are new diocesan
 registration forms are now
 available. Fr Colin
 please fill in what you are
 happy fill complete and return
 to Fr. Colin



Our Lady & St Joseph's

St Joachim's

St Anne's

Sunday Mass of Obligation

Parish Mass Book pg 84...

St Joachim's Wick

Sunday Vigil Mass 5.30pm

Tea & Coffee after Mass, first Sun of Month

St Anne's Thurso

Mass 9.45am

Tea and Coffee in Parish Room after Mass.

Our Lady & St Joseph's

Kirkwall

Sunday Mass 5.30pm

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Weekday Mass Times

MONDAY:

Our Lady & St Joseph's Kirkwall

11.45am Mass & Devotions

TUESDAY:

Fr's Day Off

WEDNESDAY:

St Joachim's Wick

10am Devotions and Mass

THURSDAY:

FRIDAY:

St Anne's Thurso. 10am Mass

and Devotions.

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Prepare a way for the Lord.

The prophet Buruch delivers a comforting message to Sion in our first reading. Her sorrows were ended and her children will be restored to her from exile. God will level the highway to facilitate their return, and bring about a great restoration. Even though the actual return from exile fell far short of the picture painted here, it did point the way to the Messianic era.

This in turn leads to the Gospel where Luke introduces us to the Messiah and his herald John the Baptist. To underline the universality of salvation, Luke sets the event within the framework of world history. In the manner of an Old Testament prophet, John undertakes to prepare the people for the coming of the Saviour by calling them to repentance.

While the second reading deals with the final coming of Christ. In his love for his fellow Christians, Paul urges them to prepare a way for the Second Coming by pure and blameless lives.



100 Club November

Draw Winners

1st No 8 Veronica Nicol £25

2nd No 54 Gerry Franzoni £20

3rd No 57 Kieran Mahon £15

4th No 5 Martine Hughes £10

Cheques available shortly.

There is a bad Flu and

Cold Virus doing it's

rounds at the moment,

so if you have symptoms

PLEASE STAY AT

HOME and keep

Safe and Warm

HAPPY NEW LITURGICAL YEAR

Our Christmas Mass celebrations this year are:
Sun 22nd Dec Readings and Carols 5pm Kirkwall, followed by Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent.

24th Dec, Christmas Vigil 6pm St Joachim's

25th Dec, Christmas Morning 10am St Anne's

26th Dec, Mass of Christmas Day 12pm Kirkwall.

Parish Safeguarding Coordinators

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IN GOD'S IMAGEv.2 is available at

<https://Bocs.org.uk/InGodsImageV2>

In December we pray for the repose of the souls of:-

Jimmy Berry, Frank Canavan
Peter Gannon, Edward Bannerman
Duncan Spiers, William Rodgers
Eileen Stout, Sandra Proudler
Jemima Doody, Alexander Sinclair
Ian McLeod, Bronwyn Kean
Lauren Cormack, Gerry Wilson
Harvey, Dorothy Booth
Kenneth Taylor, Brooks
Terry MacLeod, Helen MacKay
William Balfour, Maria Mackie
Patricia Sinclair, Susan C. Hart
Andrew Cabrelli, Harry Quinn
Owen Miller, Bridget O'Rourk

Please pray for the Priests, Deacons and Religious of our diocese along with all those we have known & loved. We also remember those who grieve the loss of a loved one.

Please pray for the sick and house bound of our parish especially:-

(Wick) Pina Cabrelli, Marie Arnold
Nina Robertson, Helen Budge.
Marie & Gerry Franzoni
Alison Franzoni White
Clair Franzoni, Dermot Rachbone
Helen & Tommy Timbrell
Margaret Sutherland
(Thurso) Jim Benbow, Jean Calder
Fred & Gay Catlow, Little Ewan
Lornneka Murphy, Jan Hughes
(Talmine) Gitte MacKay, Pam Stamp

We pray for the Sick Clergy and Religious of our Diocese, especially for Fr Peter Kelly and all who are ill at this time and ask of our prayer.

Special Collections

A huge thankyou to everyone who brought items for the FoodBank last Sunday

Today the **Second Sunday of Advent** we will have a collection for Abraham's Children in Crisis. Please give only what you can afford and not all you have.

Collections. Thank you all for your continued support.

Cheques should be made out to RC Diocese of Aberdeen St Anne's and St Joachim's Parish.

Sort Code 80... 0986

Account No. 00723675

Collection envelopes & Gift

Aid forms available from M.

Jennings.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE

If you pay Tax please complete a

Gift Aid Form,

Hospital, Nursing Home & Home Visiting in Caithness & Orkney.

Contact Fr Colin 01847 893196