

OUR LADY AND ST JOSEPH'S PARISH, KIRKWALL

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Confessions

Sun: 10.30am – 10.45am
Mon: 11.15am – 11.30am
Sat: 11.30am – 11.45am
5.00pm – 5.15pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Sat: 11am – 11.50am

The Holy Rosary

Sat: 11.05am

Please pray for the sick & housebound: Betty Dunne, David Peppitt, Val Clark, Ron on Hoy, Jean & Maurice Soord, Elizabeth Haney, and all who ask for our prayers.

Please pray for those who have recently died: Valerie Holmes, RIP.

COLLECTIONS

28th June 2026

Offertory £285.34
Standings Orders £132.50*
*Average weekly figure

Donations to the Parish by cheque or standing order should be made payable to:

Account Name: **RC Diocese of Aberdeen Our Lady and St Joseph's Parish**

Account No. **00674973**
Sort Code: **80-08-66.**

MASS TIMES

Sunday 12th July 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Sea Sunday</i>	5.30pm (Sat.) 11.00am – For the People
Monday 13th July (Mass of Sunday)	11.45am – Jean Seecharan, RIP
Tuesday 14th July (<i>Saint Camillus de Lellis</i>)	NO MASS
Wednesday 15th July (<i>Saint Bonaventure</i>)	NO MASS
Thursday 16th July (<i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>)	NO MASS
Friday 17th July	NO MASS
Saturday 18th July (<i>Blessed Virgin Mary</i>) (Vigil of Sunday)	12 noon 5.30pm
Sunday 19th July 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00am – For the People 11.45am (Mon)

READINGS AT MASS

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:10-11
'The rain makes the earth bring forth and sprout.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 65(64)
R/. Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

SECOND READING Romans 8:18-32
'The creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.'

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia.
The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower;
all who find him will live for ever
Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-23
'A sower went out the sow.'

Special Collection – Sea Sunday

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday 12th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.ork.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously.

Thank you.

Deanery Meeting of Priests

The Deanery Priests will be having their next meeting at St. Mary's Beauly on Thursday 16th July, 2026 beginning at 11:00am. Father Andrew will be attending the meeting and will be away from the parish from 14th to 17th July.

Social Committee

The Parish Council met last Monday and, among the various matters that were discussed, it was decided that a Social Committee should be formed to spearhead social events in the parish. The first event that is forthcoming is the Parish Summer Barbecue on Sunday 23rd August. If you would like to volunteer for this committee, and help with the organisation of the barbecue, please contact Father Andrew.

Gardening Group

The Parish Council would like to form a gardening group which will help to enhance the church grounds and develop better links with the community. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Gabrielle Barnby, Mary Dunn or Father Andrew.

Seasons of Creation Conference 2026

The Bishops' Conference Care of Creation Office has just opened registration to attend the Season of Creation Conference 2026, held on Saturday, 5th September: 10:00 – 15:00, Eyre Hall, Archdiocese of Glasgow Offices, Clyde Street, Glasgow, G1 4JY.

More Info: <https://www.rcda.scot/seasons-of-creation-conference-2026/>

Registration: bit.ly/SeasonofCreation26

Date for your Diary

Sunday 23 August: Parish Summer Barbecue in the grounds of Our Lady & St Joseph's Church, 12.30pm – 2.30pm.

Vocations

We continue to pray for our transitional deacon and seminarians, Rene De Los Reyes, Anh Tuan Nguyen, Richard Webster, Jason Nunes and Victor Ezeajughu. Please also pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate and religious life.

Thinking of Priesthood?

Do you sense a call to serve God and His people in the priesthood? The Catholic Church in Scotland is inviting you to explore the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood. If you are considering a life dedicated to serving in the ministry, we encourage you to apply for seminary starting in 2027. To learn more about the application process and what a priestly vocation entails, please contact our diocesan director of vocations, Fr. Mark Impson. He is here to support you in your journey of discernment and will guide you through each step along the way. Don't hesitate; the Lord may be calling you to something extraordinary. Take the first step and contact Fr. Mark today: mark.impson@rcda.scot

2026 Pilgrimage Announcement (Led by Fr. James Anyaegbu)

Join the 2026 pilgrimage to Italy (3rd Nov.-10th Nov. 2026), which will take us to Vatican City in Rome, the shrine of St Padre Pio in San Giovanni Rotondo, and the holy sites of St Francis, St Clare and Blessed Carlo Acutis in Assisi. (£1,675/£1,499 per person). For more information and bookings, visit: <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/RS1115/> Once you have made your deposit, please send your confirmation to 07930 822207. You will then be added to the 2026 Pilgrimage WhatsApp Group for all updates.

Monthly Mass for Scotland, Dingwall

The Association of King James VII and II is organising a monthly mass for the renewal of Scotland at St Lawrence's in Dingwall from 7:30 pm every 2nd Friday of the month.