OUR LADY AND ST JOSEPH'S PARISH, KIRKWALL

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Church Open for Prayer
Daily: 9.30am – 6.00pm
(except Wednesday)
Church closed 17th – 19th Nov.

Confessions
Sun: 10.30am – 10.45am
Mon: 11.15am – 11.30am
Tue: No Confessions
Thu: No Confessions
Fri: 11.30am – 11.45am
Sat: 11.30am – 11.45am

Eucharistic Adoration
Tue: No Adoration
Fri: 11am – 11.50am
Sat: 11am – 11.50am

The Holy Rosary
Tue: No Rosary
Thu: No Rosary
Fri: 11.30am
Sat: 11.05am

Please pray for the sick & housebound: Betty Dunne, David Peppitt, Ron Needham, Jean and Maurice Soord, Elizabeth Haney, Judith Miller.

Please pray for those who have recently died: Bishop Peter Moran, RIP; Hilary Nathan, RIP; John Shiner, RIP.

COLLECTIONS

8th November 2026
Offertory £309.50
Standings Orders £132.69*
*Average weekly figure

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

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

MASS TIMES

Sunday 15th November 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of the Poor	**5.30pm** (Sat.) **11.00am** – For the People
Monday 16th November Saint Margaret of Scotland Secondary Patron of Scotland	**11.45am** *(Mass of Sunday)* – Nellie Hopkins, RIP (anniversary)
Tuesday 17th November *(Saint Elizabeth of Hungary)*	**NO MASS**
Wednesday 18th November *(The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul)* *(Saint Fergus)*	**NO MASS**
Thursday 19th November	**NO MASS**
Friday 20th November	**12 noon** – Adam Świder, RIP
Saturday 21st November *The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*	**12 noon** – Fr Brian Logue, RIP
Sunday 22nd November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE Catholic Education Week	**11.00am** – For the People **11.45am** (Mon.)

READINGS AT MASS

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
'She works with willing hands.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 128(127)
R/. **Blessed are all who fear the LORD.**

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
'Do not let the day of the Lord surprise you like a thief.'

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL John 15:4a, 5b
Alleluia, alleluia.
Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord.
Whoever abides in me bears much fruit.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30
'You have been faithful over a little, enter into the joy of your master.'

Saint Andrew's Day Celebrations

SOUP 'n SOMETHING will celebrate St Andrew's Day with simple Scottish fayre after Sunday Mass on 29th November. Everyone is warmly welcome to this informal, fundraising, sociable event, including friends and family. Wear a piece of tartan if you like.

There will also be a RAFFLE on 29th November. This is in celebration of St Andrews Day, as well as an antidote to the commercialisation of Christmas. It is an opportunity to re-gift and raise money for the parish. Please begin donating items to the parish rooms NOW. Raffle tickets will be sale on Sunday 29th November and will be drawn at the end of SOUP 'n SOMETHING.

If you are not a regular at Sunday Mass, please give money for tickets with your name and telephone number in an envelope to Fr Andrew and Gaby will arrange your tickets to be in the draw.

Priests' Retreat

Father Andrew will be attending a Priests' Retreat at Kilcoy Castle, Muir of Ord, from 17th to 19th November. There will be no Mass and Confessions Tuesday and Thursday this week. Father Andrew will return to the parish on Thursday evening (weather permitting!)

Children's Sacramental Preparation

I am conscious that a number of children are now at the age to begin preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. In order to prepare our children for these sacraments, I will need the help of catechists. If you feel that you would be willing to help prepare our children for these sacraments, please contact me for more information.

If we can form a team of parish catechists soon, I would like to start classes in January 2027. Registration forms will be made available in the coming weeks to parents whose children are ready to begin. Children in Primary 3 should be preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession); those in Primary 4 should be preparing for the Sacrament of Eucharist (First Holy Communion); and those in P7 for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Father Andrew

Christmas Lunch

For those who expressed an interest in a parish Christmas Lunch, we are delighted to announce that there has been enough interest to go ahead with this event. Arrangements are as follows.

Venue: **Sands Hotel, Burray**
Date: **12th December 2026**
Time: **1 pm**
Transport can be arranged.

Please add you name to the new list in the porch if your are able to join us. A full menu is also available and names must be in by 27th November to allow final numbers confirmation with the venue. (Please note there is no provision for any funding for this event and guests will be responsible for covering the full cost of their meal)

Please find a message below from Bishop Hugh:

"This morning, 13 November 2026, at Northcote Lodge, Aberdeen, on the memorial of St Machar, first bishop of Aberdeen, Bishop Peter Moran passed away peacefully.

He was 91 years old. Funeral arrangements will be communicated in due time.

I commend him to your prayers.

May he rest in peace.

+Hugh Gilbert OSB

Bishop of Aberdeen"

Draft Conversion Practices Bill – Call for Evidence

The Scottish Catholic Parliamentary Office has published a guide to help you respond to the UK Parliament's call for evidence on the Draft Conversion Practices Bill. Although the proposed legislation currently applies only to England and Wales, it could influence future legislation in Scotland. The guide highlights potential implications for parental rights and offers practical advice on submitting evidence. Deadline: 5pm, Monday 16 November 2026. The guide is available online at **bit.ly/conversionbill** and you can make your submission at **bit.ly/uksubmission**