

OUR LADY AND ST JOSEPH'S PARISH, KIRKWALL

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Confessions

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Tue: 11am – 11.50am

The Holy Rosary

There is NO Rosary this week.

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.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries are about now: Leslie Drevers, RIP (21st); Daniel Wake, RIP (22nd); Bobby Mathieson, RIP (28th).

COLLECTIONS

12th July 2026

Offertory £---.---†
Special (Stella Maris) £---.---†
Standings Orders £132.50*

†Totals for these collections will be given in the next issue.

*Average weekly figure

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

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MASS TIMES

Sunday 19th July 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Sat.) 11.00am – For the People
Monday 20th July (Mass of Sunday)	11.45am – Leslie Drever, RIP
Tuesday 21st July (Saint Lawrence of Brindisi)	12 noon – Bobby Mathieson, RIP
Wednesday 22nd July Saint Mary Magdalene	11.00am – Mass in the Italian Chapel, Lamb Holm
Thursday 23rd July Saint Bridget of Sweden	NO MASS
Friday 24th July (Saint Sharbel Makhlūf)	NO MASS
Saturday 25th July Saint James (Vigil of Sunday)	12 noon – NO MASS 5.30pm
Sunday 26th July 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00am 11.45am (Mon) – NO MASS

READINGS AT MASS

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
'You give repentance for sins.'
RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 86(85)
R/. O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

SECOND READING Romans 8:26-27
'The Spirit intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.'

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Cf. Matthew 11:25
Alleluia, alleluia.
I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-43
'Let them both grow together until harvest.'

Summer Holidays

Father Andrew will be taking annual leave from 22nd – 30th July. During this time, sadly, there will not be a supply priest to hear Confessions and celebrate Holy Mass daily.

However, next weekend (25th/26th), Bishop Hugh Gilbert will celebrate the Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm and also Sunday Mass at 11.00am. There will be NO Sunday Mass at 11.45am on Monday 27th July.

Mass in the Italian Chapel

Fr Colin Davies will be leading a group from the parishes of St Joachim's, Wick and St Anne's, Thurso on a pilgrimage and will be celebrating Holy Mass at 11am on Wednesday 22nd July in the Italian Chapel, Lamb Holm. He extends an invitation to anyone who wishes to join them.

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.