

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
Thu: 5.00pm – 5.15pm
Fri: 11.30am – 11.45am
Sat: 5.00pm – 5.15pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Tue: 11am – 11.50am
Fri: 11am – 11.50am
Sat: 11am – 11.50am

The Holy Rosary

Sat: 11.05am

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

COLLECTIONS

13th August 2026

Offertory £238.00
Standings Orders £132.69*
*Average weekly figure

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MASS TIMES

Sunday 20th September 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Sat.) 11.00am – For the People
Monday 21st September Saint Matthew	NO MASS
Tuesday 22nd September	NO MASS
Wednesday 23rd September Saint Pius of Pietrelcina	NO MASS
Thursday 24th September	NO MASS
Friday 25th September	NO MASS
Saturday 26th September (Saints Cosmas and Damien), (Blessed Virgin Mary) (Vigil of Sunday)*	12 noon 5.30pm – Canon Leo Glancy, RIP
Sunday 27th September 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00am – For the People 11.45am (Mon) – Graham Pickford, RIP

*N.B. - Saturday, 26th September will be the last Vigil Mass of the summer season 2026.

READINGS AT MASS

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

FIRST READING
'My thoughts are not your thoughts.' Isaiah 55:6-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
R/. The LORD is close to all who call him. Psalm 145(144)

SECOND READING
'For to me to live is Christ.' Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL
Alleluia, alleluia.
Open your hearts, O Lord,
that we may pay attention to the words of your Son,
Alleluia. John 13:34

GOSPEL
'Do you begrudge my generosity?' Matthew 20:1-16

Singers and Recorder Players

The *General Instruction on the Roman Missal* (GIRM) with regard to the importance of singing says:

The Christian faithful who come together as one in expectation of the Lord's coming are instructed by the Apostle Paul to sing together Psalms, hymns, and spiritual canticles (cf. Col 3:16). Singing is the sign of the heart's joy (cf. Acts 2:46). Thus St. Augustine says rightly, 'Singing is for one who loves', and there is also an ancient proverb: 'Whoever sings well prays twice over'. (GIRM 39)

As we will be celebrating Christmas in only a few months' time, I would like to form a small *schola* (choir) to help with the singing of the Psalm, hymns and other musical settings at Mass. Also, with a view to Christmas, I would like to invite any recorder players to form a group to support the singing of carols and other liturgical music. If you are interested, please contact me.

Father Andrew

Gift Aid

If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider Gift Aid for any contributions to the parish. For further information about Gift Aid, please speak to Mary Dunn or to Father Andrew. Gift Aid Declaration forms are available.

Gift Aid Envelopes

Father Andrew has ordered new Gift Aid envelopes which should arrive in the next few weeks and will be made available at the back of the church.

Looking at Sacred Music in Our Parishes & 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 26 September 2026, 10.00am – 4.00pm

Greyfriars Convent, Abbey St, Elgin

If you require more information or wish to register, please contact the Bishop's P.A bishopspa@rcd-abdn.org

Smiddybrae House Service

The last Sunday Service of 2026 to be held at Smiddybrae House in Dounby, will be on 8th November at 3pm. The service, which is about 30 minutes long, will include hymns, readings and prayer. There will also be an opportunity to chat to the residents over a cup of tea and makes Sunday a special day for all. Everyone is welcome.

ECUMENICAL READING GROUP

Rewilding the Church

by Steve Aisthorpe

Starting 23rd September at 7.00pm

Meeting fortnightly via Zoom

For details, contact:

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Ongoing Formation for Clergy and Laity, Inverness

On Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th September, Fr Paul, from the Glasgow Opus Dei Centre, will be at St Mary's Church, Inverness to offer people the chance for formation, through meditations, Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions and spiritual direction.

- For clergy: Wednesday 23rd: 2-4.30pm
- For lay men: Wednesday 23rd: 6.30-9pm
- For lay women: Thursday 24th: 10.30am-1pm

Becoming Retreat, Cathedral

The FaithChat *Becoming Retreat*: 'From brokenness to purpose – turning your past and pains to purpose' is open to all who seek to grow in faith, understanding of the self and life's purpose. Rooted in our Catholic identity, the retreat offers a sacred space for participants to journey from their present realities toward their ultimate eternal goal in God. Thursday 1st to Sunday 4th October 2026, including an exciting opportunity to visit the Carfin Grotto on a pilgrimage. Spaces are limited, please register at: <https://www.cognitofirms.com/FaithChatPlatform1/BECOMINGRETREATUK3>