

OUR LADY AND ST JOSEPH'S PARISH, KIRKWALL

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OUR LADY AND ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

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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.

Please pray for those who have recently died: Val Clark, RIP.

COLLECTIONS

16th August 2026

Offertory £298.14
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 23rd August 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Sat.) 11.00am – For the People
Monday 24th August (Mass of Sunday)	11.45am
Tuesday 25th August (Saint Louis); (Saint Joeseeph Calasanz)	12 noon – Terry McHugh, RIP
Wednesday 26th August	NO MASS
Thursday 27th August Saint Monica	5.30pm
Friday 28th August Saint Augustine	12 noon
Saturday 29th August The Passion of Saint John the Baptist (Vigil of Sunday)	12 noon 5.30pm
Sunday 30th August 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00am – For the People 11.45am (Mon)

READINGS AT MASS

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING Isaiah 22:15, 19-23
'I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 138(137)
R/. O LORD, your merciful love is eternal;
Discard not the work of your hands.

SECOND READING Romans 11:33-36
'From him and through him and to him are all things.'

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Matthew 16:18
Alleluia, alleluia.
You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church,
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20
'You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.'

Ordination of Rene de los Reyes:

Deacon Rene will be ordained into the Priesthood on 28th August in Aberdeen. Mass will be at 6pm.

Assisted Suicide (Westminster):

Ask Your MP to Vote No

Please contact your MP today and urge them to vote no to assisted suicide in Westminster. Vulnerable people must be protected, proper care strengthened, and compassion, dignity and support prioritised over assisted suicide. Find your MP at: <https://members.parliament.uk/members/commons>

Be Part of the National Conversation

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland is encouraging Catholics across Scotland to take part in the National Conversation, a nationwide listening exercise giving people the opportunity to share what is working well in their communities, the challenges they face, and their hopes for the future. Our faith calls us to play an active part in society and to work for the common good. This is an opportunity to ensure that Catholic voices, experiences and values are part of this important national conversation. Complete the National Conversation survey at: <https://www.national-conversation.ox.ac.uk/>

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

Mass for the Season of Creation, Culloden

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. It runs from 1 September, the International Day of Prayer for Creation, to 4 October, the Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. This special Mass is intended to mark this season within the Highland Deanery. Everyone is welcome!

Parish Summer Barbecue

Sunday 23 August

12.30pm - 2.30pm

in the grounds of
Our Lady & St Joseph's Church.
ALL WELCOME!

Men's and Women's Retreats, Kilcoy Castle

You are invited to encounter the power and freedom of the Gospel at these Men's and Women's Retreats at Kilcoy Castle, led by the Dominican Sisters.

Women's Philips Retreat: 18th to 20th September 2026

Men's Philips Retreat: 30th October to 1st November 2026

More Info <https://www.rcda.scot/mens-and-womens-retreats-at-kilcoy-castle/>

Diocese of Aberdeen Youth Events 2026/27

Teenagers from across the RC Diocese of Aberdeen are invited to join in retreats and events for the next academic year! The first two events are happening in September.

S1-3 Power of Grace Retreat 18-20 September, St Michael's Centre, Tomintoul. Please send a message to Sister Angela Marie (op@rcda.scot) if you'd like to attend; spaces are limited.

National Youth Pilgrimage to Pluscarden Abbey Saturday 26 September. Teenagers and young adults from all over the country will travel to our diocese to tour Pluscarden Abbey, hear testimonies about religious life and learn a bit of chant!

More Info: <https://www.rcda.scot/diocese-of-aberdeen-youth-events-2026-27/>

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.