

# OUR LADY AND ST JOSEPH'S PARISH, KIRKWALL

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## OUR LADY AND ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

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### MASS TIMES

**SUNDAY MASS**

Next Sunday will be in St Rognvald's Chapel, St Magnus Cathedral

**Sunday at 3.30pm**

**Monday at 11.45am**

Vigil Mass will be in Chapel House,

**Saturday at 5.30pm**

<i>Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: Year 2</i>	
<b>Sunday 24 May</b> PENTECOST SUNDAY	<b>5.30pm</b> (Sat.) - in Chapel House <b>3.30pm</b> - Mass for the People (in St Magnus Cathedral)
<b>Monday 25 May</b> (Mass of Sunday)	<b>11.45am</b> - Dave Ward, RIP (Mass in St Magnus Cathedral)
<b>Tuesday 26 May</b> <i>Saint Philip Neri</i>	<b>12 noon</b> - Mass in Chapel House
<b>Wednesday 27 May</b> ( <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i> ) ( <i>Bishop Michael Foylan, RIP 1976</i> )	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Thursday 28 May</b>	<b>5.30pm</b> - Mass in Chapel House
<b>Friday 29 May</b> ( <i>Saint Paul VI</i> )	<b>12 noon</b> - Mass in Chapel House
<b>Saturday 30 May</b> (Vigil of Sunday)	<b>12 noon</b> - Mass in Chapel House <b>5.30pm</b> - Mass in Chapel House
<b>Sunday 31 May</b> THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	<b>3.30pm</b> - Mass for the People (in St Magnus Cathedral) <b>11.45am</b> (Mon)

#### Confessions

Confessions available 15 Minutes before Holy Mass.

#### Eucharistic Adoration

No Eucharistic Adoration this week.

#### The Holy Rosary

No recitation of the 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.

*If you know someone who is sick of housebound please as if they would like to be on the prayer list.*

**Please pray for those who have recently died:** Ken Smith, RIP.

### READINGS AT MASS

Pentecost Sunday (Year A)

#### At the Mass during the Day

#### FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-11

*'They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.'*

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 104(103)

**R/. Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**  
**or: Alleluia.**

#### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

*'In one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.'*

#### SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of light...

#### ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

**Alleluia.**

#### GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

*'As the Father sent me, even so I am sending you. Receive the Holy Spirit.'*

## Consultation on Diocesan Structures & Resources

### Purpose

The bishops of Scotland have initiated a consultation on the Church's present diocesan structures and resources. In their current form, are the diocesan structures the best there can be for promoting the mission of the Church in Scotland? Or, are there better ways to share the resources we have in our respective dioceses?

### Background

Prompted by the Holy See, there are at present consultations afoot in England and Wales concerning the possible amalgamation of the dioceses of Leeds, Middlesbrough and Hallam in England. In September last year, the Diocese of Menevia was merged with the Archdiocese of Cardiff to form the Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia. Similar discussions are taking place in Ireland.

### Three Questions to be Addressed

The **third question** is of particular relevance to the consultation.

- 1) Where do we see good examples of mission in our parishes, deanery, diocese and country?
- 2) Where does mission need to develop or even begin? What are the barriers to better mission and what can encourage it?
- 3) **Does the present structure of eight dioceses in Scotland support mission? Does our diocese already have all that it needs? Would it help if we were to share resources with another diocese or dioceses? Would it help if our diocese were merged with another diocese?**

### Returns - by the end of 31st May 2026

Please complete the online survey by 31st May 2026

### Survey:

<https://forms.gle/aYQwdP9RqF93fZgN8>

### Conversation in the Spirit:

by email, to [consultation@rcda.scot](mailto:consultation@rcda.scot).

Any respondent may also send their own submission to the same email address, if they wish.

## Festival of Synodality - Saturday 19 June 2026

Join Catholics from across Scotland for a joyful and hope-filled day of prayer, listening and Conversation in the Spirit, celebrating the life and mission of the Church in Scotland today.

The Festival of Synodality will take place on Saturday 6th June from 9am to 4pm at Glasgow Caledonian University.

The day includes guest speakers Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ, Fr David McCallum SJ and Sandra Chaoul, with opportunities to take part in Conversation in the Spirit and various workshops. Lunch included.

Tickets: £45 Book now: [bit.ly/synodality26](http://bit.ly/synodality26)

*Of your charity  
please pray for the soul of*



**Kenneth (Ken) Smith**  
*who died 7 May, aged 97*

### **Funeral**

Friday, 29 May 2026 at 2.30pm  
Stromness Cemetery

*R.I.P.*

## COLLECTIONS

### 17 May 2026

Offertory	£231.40
Special (Communications)	£165.00
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.**

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