

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: Val Clark, RIP.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries are about now: Bobby Mathieson, RIP (28th).

COLLECTIONS

12th July 2026

Offertory £287.52
Special (Stella Maris) £260.80
Standings Orders £132.50*

19th July 2026

Offertory £270.50
Standings Orders £132.50*

*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 26th July 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Sat.) 11.00am – For the People
Monday 27th July (Mass of Sunday)	NO MASS
Tuesday 28th July	NO MASS
Wednesday 29th July Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus	NO MASS
Thursday 30th July (Saint Peter Chrysologus)	NO MASS
Friday 31st July Saint Ignatius of Loyola	12 noon
Saturday 1st August (1st Sat.) Saint Alphonsus Liguori (Vigil of Sunday)	12 noon 5.30pm
Sunday 2nd August 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00am – For the People 3.30pm – Mass in the Italian Chapel, Lamb Holm 11.45am (Mon)

READINGS AT MASS

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING 1 Kings 3:5-6a, 7-12
'You have asked for yourself understanding.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 119(118)
R/. O LORD, how I love your law!

SECOND READING Romans 8:28-30
'He predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son.'

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 13:44-52
'He sells all that he has and buys the field.'

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, this 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

The next Mass in the Italian Chapel will be at 3.30pm on Sunday 2nd August.

Sea Sunday 2026

Thank you for giving to Sea Sunday. Our parish raised £260.80. Your generous gifts will ensure that Stella Maris chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk

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.

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.

WELCOME!

Bishop Hugh Gilbert, OSB

who will be celebrating Holy Mass
at Our Lady & St Joseph's Church
on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th July 2026
while Father Andrew is away.

Portiuncula Indulgence

Catholic faithful may gain a plenary indulgence from midday on 1st August to midnight on 2nd August, under the usual conditions (sacramental Confession, Holy Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff), by devoutly visiting the parish church, and there reciting at least the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. To gain this, as any plenary indulgence, the faithful must be free from any attachment to sin, even venial sin. Where this entire detachment is wanting, the indulgence is partial.

Date for your Diary

Sunday 23 August: Parish Summer Barbecue in the grounds of Our Lady & St Joseph's Church, 12.30pm - 2.30pm.

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