

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 - 11.45am
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, 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.

COLLECTIONS

28th June 2026

Offertory £248.54
Special (Peter's Pence) £198.00
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.**

MASS TIMES

Sunday 5th July 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Sat.) 11.00am - For the People 3.30pm - <i>Mass in the Italian Chapel</i>
Monday 6th July (Mass of Sunday)	11.45am - Valerie Holmes, RIP
Tuesday 7th July	12 noon - The Colvin Family
Wednesday 8th July	NO MASS
Thursday 9th July Our Lady of Aberdeen	5.30pm
Friday 10th July (<i>Saint Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions</i>)	12 noon
Saturday 11th July Saint Benedict (Vigil of Sunday)	12 noon 5.30pm
Sunday 12th July 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sea Sunday	11.00am - For the People 11.45am (Mon)

READINGS AT MASS

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING Zechariah 9:9-10
'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 145(144)
R/. I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

or: Alleluia

SECOND READING Romans 8:9, 11-13
'If by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.'

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 11:25-30
'I am gentle and lowly in heart.'

Special Collection – Sea Sunday

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday 12th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.ork.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously.

Thank you.

Peter's Pence

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish, we collected £198.00. Our contributions join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Leo XIV in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en/dona.html.

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.

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

Date for your Diary

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

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.

WYD: SEOUL 2027

Pope Leo XIV is inviting youth, aged 18-35, from all around the world to join him in Seoul, South Korea, in August 2027 for World Youth Day. There we will join young Catholics worldwide to be inspired by the words of Christ, "Take courage! I have overcome the world." (Jn. 16:33).

If you are part of the Diocese of Aberdeen and interested in joining us for WYD, please register your interest via this [link](#) so we have an idea of numbers, and you can weigh in to help us create our pilgrim package: <https://forms.gle/XzZAcqBVKZkPffjK7>