OUR LADY AND ST JOSEPH'S PARISH, KIRKWALL

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Church Open for Prayer
Daily: 9.30am – 6.00pm
(except Wednesday)
Church closed 12th – 13th Nov.

Confessions
Sun: 10.30am – 10.45am
Mon: 11.15am – 11.30am
Tue: 11.30am – 11.45am
Thu: No Confessions
Fri: No Confessions
Sat: 11.30am – 11.45am

Eucharistic Adoration
Tue: 11am – 11.50am
Fri: No Adoration
Sat: 11am – 11.50am

The Holy Rosary
Tue: 11.30am
Thu: No Rosary
Fri: No Rosary
Sat: 11.05am

Please pray for the sick & housebound: Betty Dunne, David Peppitt, Ron Needham, Jean and Maurice Soord, Elizabeth Haney, Judith Miller.

Please pray for those who have recently died: Hilary Nathan, RIP; John Shiner, RIP.

COLLECTIONS

1st November 2026
Offertory £265.63
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 8th November 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Remembrance Sunday	**5.30pm** (Sat.) **11.00am** – For the People
Monday 9th November Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	**11.45am** – Alfie McCann, RIP
Tuesday 10th November *(Saint Leo the Great)*	**12 noon**
Wednesday 11th November *Saint Martin of Tours*	**11.00am** – *Mass in the Sacred Heart Chapel, Saville, Sanday*
Thursday 12th November *Saint Josaphat*	**NO MASS**
Friday 13th November	**NO MASS**
Saturday 14th November *(Blessed Virgin Mary)*	**12 noon**
Sunday 15th November 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of the Poor	**11.00am** – For the People **11.45am** (Mon.)

READINGS AT MASS

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING Wisdom 6:12-16
'Wisdom is found by those who seek her.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 63(62)
R/. **For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.**

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
'Through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.'

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Matthew 24:42a, 44
Alleluia, alleluia.
Stay awake and be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13
'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'

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.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
An indulgence is granted the Christian faithful who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the dead. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls in purgatory. This indulgence is a *plenary* one from **1st November through 8th November** and can

Smiddybrae Sunday Service
At the request of Smiddybrae management, the Sunday Service will now start at 2 pm. Please join us if you can, so that we can help make Sunday special for the residents. This Sunday especially as it is Remembrance Day.

Hope to see you this Sunday ready for a 2pm start.

Anne-Marie Ward

Christmas Lunch
For those who expressed an interest in a parish Christmas Lunch, we are delighted to announce that there has been enough interest to go ahead with this event. Arrangements are as follows.

Venue: **Sands Hotel, Burray**
Date: **12th December 2026**
Time: **1 pm**
Transport can be arranged.

Please add you name to the new list in the porch if your are able to join us. A full menu is also available and names must be in by 27th November to allow final numbers confirmation with the venue. (Please note there is no provision for any funding for this event and guests will be responsible for covering the full cost of their meal)

Highland Deanery Priests
Father Andrew will be attending an extraordinary meeting of the priests of the Highland Deanery which is being convoked on Thursday, 12th November 2026 at St Mary's, Beauly. He will return to the parish on Friday night.

Parish Council
The Parish Council will be meeting in Chapel House at 7pm on Tuesday, 10th November 2026. The proposed agenda is posted on the noticeboard in the church entrance foyer.

Children's Sacramental Preparation
I am conscious that a number of children are now at the age to begin preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. In order to prepare our children for these sacraments, I will need the help of catechists. If you feel that you would be willing to help prepare our children for these sacraments, please contact me for more information.

If we can form a team of parish catechists soon, I would like to start classes in January 2027. Registration forms will be made available in the coming weeks to parents whose children are ready to begin. Children in Primary 3 should be preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession); those in Primary 4 should be preparing for the Sacrament of Eucharist (First Holy Communion); and those in P7 for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Father Andrew

Forming a Generation
On Saturday 14 November, all are invited to "Forming a Generation", a free event for anyone passionate about sharing the Catholic faith with children and young people whether in a school, parish or home context. Led by Mark 10 Mission (a Catholic initiative for children), Youth Alpha and the Kilcoy Mission Team, we will explore what children and young people need from us at each stage of their journey from 3–18. This isn't about finding better ways to teach the faith. It's about helping a generation encounter Jesus. 11am - 1.30pm, in St Mary's Cathedral Hall, Aberdeen. Lunch will be provided.

Registration:
https://stmaryscathedral.churchsuite.com/events/2apmw2q4

More Info:
https://www.rcda.scot/forming-a-generation/

Vocations
We continue to pray for our seminarians, 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.