

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

26th July 2026

Offertory £280.46
Standings Orders £132.50*

2nd August 2026

Offertory £223.03
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 9th August 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Sat.) 11.00am – For the People
Monday 10th August (Mass of Sunday)	11.45am
Tuesday 11th August <i>Saint Clare</i>	12 noon
Wednesday 12th August (<i>Saint Jane Frances de Chantal</i>)	NO MASS
Thursday 13th August (<i>Saints Pontian and Hippolytus</i>)	5.30pm
Friday 14th August (<i>Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe</i>)	12 noon
Saturday 15th August (<i>Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Hugh Gilbert, 2011</i>) (Vigil of Sunday)	12 noon 5.30pm
Sunday 16th August THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	11.00am – For the People 11.45am (Mon)

READINGS AT MASS

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
'Stand on the mount before the LORD.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 85(84)
R/. Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING Romans 9:1-5
'I wish that I were accursed for the sake of my brothers and sisters.'

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Psalm 130(129):5
Alleluia, alleluia.
I long for you of LORD, my soul longs for his word.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33
'Command me to come to you on the water.'

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.

Parish Summer Barbecue

Sunday 23 August

12.30pm - 2.30pm

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

Journey through the Reconquista

An 8-day pilgrimage in Spain with guided tours and Masses, 3rd to 10th October 2026, led by Fr Domenico Zanzi. Deposits are being taken now. [Itinerary and Booking Info: Journey through the Reconquista of Spain - with Father Domenico](#)

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.

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 Pluscadden Abbey Saturday 26 September. Teenagers and young adults from all over the country will travel to our diocese to tour Pluscadden 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/>

Registration now open: World Youth Day 2027

The Diocese of Aberdeen is taking a group of young adult pilgrims to Korea and Japan to join with Pope Leo and hundreds of thousands of young Catholics from around the world.

Ages 18 to 35

27 July to 15 August 2027 or 1 to 15 August 2027
£2800 or £2550

Registration closes 13th September 2026

More Info: <https://www.rcda.scot/world-youth-day-2027/>

Registration: <https://forms.gle/Z8MbudYVKSeFY2GdA>

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/>