

# Westhill Catholic Parish Bulletin



**Parish Priest** Fr Emmet O' Dowd

**Contact details:**

7 High Street, Aberdeen, AB24 3EE

Tel: 01224 482657

Email: [eod@rcda.scot](mailto:eod@rcda.scot)

**Website:** <https://westhill.rcda.scot/>

*Trinity Church, Westhill Drive,  
Westhill, AB32 6FY*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021

The readings for Mass can be found on: <https://universalis.com/20211205/mass.htm>

### MASS TIMES

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

Mass at **10am.**

Adoration from 9am. Rosary from 9:35am. The Rosary Cenacle Prayer Group meet after the Mass. Mothers Prayers Group meet after the Mass.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Vigil Mass at **5pm.**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Mass at **9am** (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent).

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available before Saturday Vigil Mass or by appointment with Fr Emmet.*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Parking Restrictions at Ashdale Hall on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

Ashdale Hall have an event on this Sunday, starting early in the morning. Please do not park in their car park.

**Children's Liturgy on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

Children's Liturgy is open to all children from toddlers up to around Confirmation age.

**Sunday School Class on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 10am to 10:45am, in the small Chapel**

Sunday School classes for First Confession and First Communion are led by Moyra Stephen. The last class before the Christmas holidays will be the 12<sup>th</sup> December online via Zoom.

### LIGHT OF THE NORTH



The Advent issue of the Light of the North is now available online:

<https://bit.ly/Lightofthenorthautumnissue-48-2021>

There are many wonderful articles to read which will help support your journey through Advent, beginning with Bishop Hugh's letter on page 3.

### ADORATION ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, from 2pm until 3pm, there will be Adoration in the small Chapel. We will also pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. All are welcome.

### THE CHRISTMAS STORY

The Scripture course on 'The Christmas Story', led by Fr Domenico, continues this coming week Wednesday at 7pm, online via Zoom.

- **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December: *Annunciation(s)***
- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December: *Realisation***
- **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: *Adoration***

For further details please email Fr Domenico ([stcolumbasculloden@outlook.com](mailto:stcolumbasculloden@outlook.com))

### MARY'S MEALS FUNDRAISING EVENT

There will be a fundraising event at St Francis Church for Mary's Meals. A lovely 3 course Christmas Lunch with wine.

- **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Lunch at 1pm**

A ticket is £20 per person. Please contact Jane Arrowsmith (mobile: 07721366341) for more information and to book your tickets. There is a cap of 50 people to allow for social distancing within the St Francis Parish Hall.

### THE LEGION OF MARY

The **Annual General Reunion** of The Legion of Mary will take place at the Catholic Chaplaincy (7 High Street, Aberdeen, AB24 3EE), 12pm to 2pm, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Starts at 12pm with Holy Mass. All members and friends are invited to attend.

***The Spirit of Mary is the Spirit of Joy... And so, Our Lady calls us legionaries to this annual social function to get to know each other thereby fostering the spirit of unity and affection in the Legion family.***

## CATECHISTS & CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM

If you are a Catechist and/or part of our Children's Liturgy Team, and would like know more about courses offered by **The Ogilvie Centre** (our Diocese's Catechist Support Office) then please email **Sr Anna Christi** ([ogilvie@rcda.scot](mailto:ogilvie@rcda.scot)) your details.

For more information about some of the courses offered at The Ogilvie Centre:

<https://ogilvie.rcda.scot/catechists-and-childrens-formation/>

## THE RETURN OF THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION

The Bishops of Scotland have announced the decision to reinstate the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation. This will come into effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022, the Solemnity of the Epiphany.

The Christmas season was chosen, we are told in the letter announcing it, as this is the time when Christ is born for us, a time which reminds us that at the heart of our Christian life is the event of the Word becoming flesh.

The return of the obligation shouldn't be seen as a burden, but as a call to us to come to the Father together with our fellow-believers, to join the wise men, if you will, in offering worship to the Infant Jesus.

The full letter can be read on our Parish website here:

[Pastoral Letter on the Restoration of the Mass Obligation](#)

## PARISH GROUPS

**The Legion of Mary, weekly meetings in the Prayer room, on Monday evenings at 6pm.**

**Contact: Eugene Ogosi (Tel: 07983125904).** Meetings consist of prayers (including the rosary), a sermon, reports and discussions. You could also consider becoming an Auxiliary member by supporting the Legion through prayer. For more information see Parish website: <https://westhill.rcda.scot/legion-of-mary/>

**The Rosary Cenacle Prayer Group, weekly meetings on Thursdays after 10am Mass.**

**Contact: Bronwyn ([bronwyn.d@vidson.me](mailto:bronwyn.d@vidson.me))** All are very welcome. We pray especially for our priests, the Pope and for our families. For more information see the Parish website: <https://westhill.rcda.scot/cenacle-of-prayer/>

**Mothers Prayers Group, weekly meetings on Thursdays after 10am Mass.** The 'Mothers Prayers' prayer group was begun by mothers in England in 1995. These mothers felt that they should bring all the pain and the worries they had for their children to Christ and to trust in His words 'Ask and you will receive.' Since then, it has spread rapidly, and Mothers Prayers is now in over 100 countries around the world. For more information see the Parish website: <https://westhill.rcda.scot/mothers-prayers-group/>

## SUPPORTING OUR PARISH

You can support the work of our parish financially either in the **Offertory Collection Basket** at the door, using our **Offertory Envelopes**, or by setting up a **Standing Order** so that money will be donated to the parish every week or month.

If you use the envelopes or set up a standing order and you pay tax, we can claim **Gift Aid** for every donation that you make. This means that we receive a further 25p for every £1 you donate, at no extra cost to you.

To register for **Gift Aid**, to get offertory envelopes, or to set up a Standing Order, please speak to Fr Emmet either directly before or after Mass or by phone/email and he will give you the details. **Thank you to all of you.**

## HELPING TO SET UP FOR MASS

If you think you might be able to help with setting up the Church before Saturday Vigil Mass, do let us know by speaking to Paul Reilly or to Fr Emmet.

## CALL TO KEYHOLDERS

Fr Emmet has been updating our list of keyholders recently, if you have keys to Trinity Church, but Fr Emmet hasn't yet spoken to you about them, can you please contact him.

## UPCOMING DATES IN THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR 2021

- *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary* Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December
- *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent* Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December
- *St John of the Cross* Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December
- *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent* Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December
- *Christmas Day* Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December
- *The Holy Family* Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December
- *St John the Apostle* Monday 27<sup>th</sup> December
- *The Holy Innocents* Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> December