

Westhill Catholic Parish Bulletin



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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7th August 2022

The readings for Mass can be found on <https://universalis.com/20220807/mass.htm>

MASS TIMES

- Monday 8th August** Mass at **5:30 pm** in the Small Chapel.
The Legion of Mary Group will meet after the Mass.
- Thursday 11th August** Mass at **10 am**. Adoration from 9 am. Rosary from 9:35 am.
The Rosary Cenacle Prayer Group and Mothers Prayers Group will meet after Mass.
- Sunday 14th August** Mass at **9 am**.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment with Fr Emmet.

SAINT OF THE DAY

On Thursday 11th August it is the Feast Day of [Saint Clare of Assisi](#).

St Clare is often pictured carrying a monstrance or pyx, to commemorate the time she warded off the soldiers at the gates of her convent with the Blessed Sacrament.

Quote from St Clare: *We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aberdeen City Council's Roman Catholic Religious Education for Secondary School Pupils.

From Monday 29th August, Aberdeen City Council will be resuming its programme. Classes will take place at Harlaw Academy from 4 pm to 5 pm on Mondays for Years 1 & 2, and on Tuesdays for Years 3 & 4. The teaching will follow THIS IS OUR FAITH, a curriculum approved by the Catholic Bishops of Scotland. For more information and to sign up click [here](#).

Power of Grace, Tomintoul Retreats, Welcoming all Youth from the Diocese

There will be 3 exciting retreats happening at St Michael's Centre in Tomintoul for the youth of the diocese:

- S1 Retreat 26th – 28th August 2022,
- S2-3 Retreat 16th - 18th September 2022,
- S4-6 Retreat 24th - 26th March 2023.

Led by the Dominican Sisters (Elgin), Inverurie youth group and Aberdeen Cathedral youth group. For more information please contact: Sr Angela Marie (op@rcda.scot) or Joe McCann (joehandbeaty@gmail.com) or Joe Kelly (youth@cathedral-abdn.org).

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 2023

The 8-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land in March 2023 will be led by Fr Domenico Zanrè. See the gospel come to life by following the footsteps of Jesus in the Holy Land. From Jerusalem and Bethlehem to Nazareth and the Sea of Galilee, you will find yourself immersed in spirituality and culture. For more details of the itinerary and online booking click [here](#).

ABERDEEN DIOCESAN SYNTHESIS

"The following document aims to be a synthesis of the many and lively discussions that took place in parishes and in other gatherings following the launch of the diocesan phase of the Synodal Process in October 2021.

Thanks are due to all participants at parish and diocesan meetings, to the facilitators, and also to the members of the Synodal Team who put this document together with skill and sensitivity.

I hope it will contribute to the further stages of the Synodal Process throughout the Church and provide a stimulus for our diocese." **Bishop Hugh Gilbert, OSB.**

Aberdeen Diocesan Synthesis: <https://www.rcda.scot/download/diocesan-synthesis/>

DIOCESAN DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT COURSES

The retreat courses aim to create a community of connected, confident Catholics across the north of Scotland. Therefore, Catholics or those actively interested in becoming Catholics who live in the Diocese of Aberdeen, Scotland are given priority.

The retreat is held at Kilcoy Castle on the Black Isle. The retreats cost £60.00 per weekend for residents in the RC Diocese of Aberdeen and £150.00 per weekend for those out with the Diocese.

Retreat Courses:

The Philip's Course is an experience of the basic foundation of the Christian life: God's love, our need for salvation, the power of Christ's death and resurrection and the gift of the Holy Spirit to renew our lives. *Course Dates: 23 - 25 September 2022 [Men] and 4 - 6 November 2022 [Women].*

The Emmaus Course is an experience of the Word of God, a companion on our journey to heaven. *Course Dates: 2 - 4 December 2022 [Men] and 3 - 5 February 2023 [Women].*

The John the Beloved Course is an experience of meaning and conditions of discipleship, equipping participants to be life-long disciples of Jesus Christ. *Course Dates: 3 - 5 March 2023 [Men] and 12 - 14 May 2023 [Women].*

Attended before?

If you have attended the Philip's course in the past but have not attended the Emmaus or John the Beloved course, please contact the Ogilvie Centre to register your interest. Retreat spaces at Kilcoy Castle are limited therefore, preference is given to first-timers. However, please [contact us to register](#) your interest. If space is available within two weeks before the retreat, you will be offered a space to attend again.

PARISH GROUPS

The Legion of Mary, weekly meetings in the Small Chapel, Monday evenings at 6 pm.
Contact: Eugene Ogosi (Tel: 07983125904).

The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics, who under the leadership of Mary, serve the Church and the community on a voluntary basis. Meetings consist of prayers (including the rosary), a sermon, reports and discussions.

The Rosary Cenacle Prayer Group, weekly meetings, Thursdays after the 10 am Mass.
All are very welcome. We pray especially for our priests, the Pope and for our families. For more information: <https://mmp-usa.net/>

Mothers Prayers Group, weekly meetings on Thursdays after the 10 am 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.'

COLLECTIONS

The total given by standing order and online payment for June was £1157.

The collection for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time on the 31st July was £165.

Thank you very much for your generosity.

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.**