

Westhill Catholic Parish Bulletin



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2nd Sunday of Advent 4th December 2022

The readings for Mass can be found on <https://universalis.com/20221204/mass.htm>

*Please note that two more optional parts of the Mass will now be included:
the sign of peace and the Intercessions/prayers of the Faithful.*

MASS TIMES

- Monday 5th December** Mass at **5:30 pm** in the Small Chapel. Rosary from 5:10 pm. The Legion of Mary Group will meet after the Mass.
- Thursday 8th December** **Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** Mass at **10 am** in the Small Chapel. Adoration from 9 am. Rosary from 9:35 am. The Rosary Cenacle Prayer Group and Mothers Prayers Group will meet after Mass.
- Sunday 11th December** Mass at **9 am.**
The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment with Fr Emmet.

WELCOME

Welcome to all new parishioners and visitors to Trinity Church. If you would like to receive our Parish newsletter every week then please fill in your details in the [online form](#) on the Parish website. The Parish has several prayer groups which help us to sustain our faith and to grow in the Love of God and of our Neighbour. The details for these prayer groups can be found on the Parish website and at the back of the newsletter.

A Parish of the R C Diocese of Aberdeen Charitable Trust, a registered Scottish Charity, No SC005122
Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is Mrs Anne Rae (trinitywesthillpsc@rcd-abdn.org) Newsletter: bronwyn.d@vidson.me

UPCOMING EVENTS

Children's Liturgy on Sunday 4th December

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

Sunday School for First Confession & First Holy Communion, Sunday 4th December

Classes will be in the Small Chapel after the 9 am Mass and are led by Moyra Stephen (moyrastephen@gmail.com).

Confirmation Preparation Class on Sunday 4th December

Classes will be held in the meeting room (near the kitchen) after the 9 am Mass. Classes are led by Mary Arkless (mlarkless@gmail.com).

Parking Restrictions at Ashdale Hall on Sunday 4th December

Ashdale Hall has an early morning event on this Sunday and they have kindly asked that we do not park in their car park. Thank you for your understanding.

St Francis Christmas Dinner on Friday 9th December, 7:30 pm

A full 3-course meal with Turkey and trimmings. White and Red wine on each table. £20 per head. All proceeds go to Mary's Meals. Tickets are on sale after Mass at St Francis Church.

Prayers at the New Skene Cemetery at 3:30 pm on Saturday 10th November

The Legion of Mary group will be meeting at the cemetery to pray for those buried there. All are welcome to join the group in their prayers.

Teas and Coffees on Sunday 11th December after the 9 am Mass in the rear hall

If you would like to help with this, do let us know by speaking to Antonella Tonna (antonellatonna@hotmail.com). All are very welcome to attend.

St Mary's Cathedral Christmas Fair, Sunday 11th December, 12:30 pm to 3 pm

The fair will feature a selection of stalls offering arts and crafts, face painting, tasty treats, raffle tickets and a Santa's Grotto. All are very welcome to come along and join this fun & festive event!

Stronghold Festival, 26th – 29th May 2023, Craig Lodge, Argyll

The Stronghold Festival will be a four-day celebration of God's love for us! Centred on praise, worship, adoration, inspiring talks, and time for building friendships and fellowship. Open to all youth aged 16-35. Early bird tickets now on sale. For more information click [here](#).

World Youth Day, 1st – 6th August 2023, Lisbon, Portugal

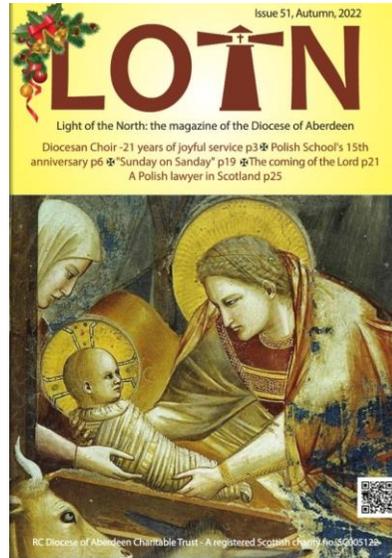
WYD is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the youth world. Open to all youth aged 16 - 35. Cost is approximately £700 -£900. If you are interested, please email Joe Kelly, Youth and Children's Coordinator at St Mary's Cathedral: youth@cathedral-abdn.org

LIGHT OF THE NORTH

In this Advent issue of the [Light of the North](#) you'll find lots of news from around the Diocese and lots of interesting features including Eileen Grant's article about the meaning of Advent, 'The Coming of the Lord'.

Then, continuing with the Advent theme, Dr Shelagh Noden looks at one of the most beautiful and evocative traditions of the Church associated with Advent, the Rorate Mass. In addition, Fr John Boles, Regional Director of the Columban Missionaries in Britain, meets two inspirational Columban supporters from Myanmar who are keeping the faith alive on the Orkney Island of Sanday.

Our Polish and Scottish readers might also be interested in reading Lidia Konar's remarkable story about William Pyka, a Polish lawyer with an enduring faith.



DIOCESAN DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT COURSES

The retreat courses aim to create a community of connected, confident Catholics across the north of Scotland. The retreat is held at Kilcoy Castle on the Black Isle. The retreats cost £60 per weekend for residents in the RC Diocese of Aberdeen and £150 per weekend for those out with the diocese.

Retreat Courses:

The Emmaus Course is an experience of the Word of God, a companion on our journey to heaven. *Course Dates: 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].*

To register and for further information please contact the Ogilvie Centre [here](#).

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 August was £1357.

The collection on Sunday 27th November was £70.

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.**