

The RC Church of the Immaculate Conception

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NOTICES

Weekly Income from Standing Orders: £310

Collection for 21st April 2024

Stonehaven = £249.80

Inverbervie = £94.50

Vocations Stonehaven = £292.00

Vocations Inverbervie = £70.00

Thank you for your continued support.

Donations for the Food Bank: If you can help; money donations can be placed in an envelope marked ‘Food Bank’ and placed in the Sunday collection bag. Food donations can be left in the church. **£85 has been donated this week.**

SVdP Collection Box: This is at the back of the church should you wish to support this cause.

Church opening time for private prayer: The church will be open during the day from 10am until 4pm. Please ensure the church door is closed when you depart.

Reader for:

28th April – Mary Nelson

5th May – Clarissa Doonan

Extra-ordinary Minister of Holy Communion for:

28th April – Stephen O’Neill

5th May – Ged Adams

“Prego” is a tool you might consider using for preparing for Mass. Visit

www.stbeunos Outreach.wordpress.com for further information.

First Holy Communion Preparation: Classes will continue on Sunday 28th April. The classes will take place after Sunday morning Mass and will be in the Soup Kitchen.

Ascension Thursday 9th May: a holy day of obligation.

Mass times: Vigil at 6.30pm and 9.30am on the day.

SVdP Meeting: Wednesday 8th May at 7.30pm in the Soup Kitchen.

Pluscarden Abbey 2024 Pentecost Lectures: Four talks by Dr. Linden Bicket entitled: “Scottish Catholic Literature and the ‘Transfiguration of the Commonplace’”. 21st – 23rd May 2024. To register for

the talks, make further enquiries or book accommodation please email:

guestmaster@pluscardenabbey.org

A poster is at the back of the church with more details.

Catechism of the Catholic Church Mary’s Motherhood with Regard to the Church.

CCC964 Mary’s role in the Church is inseparable from her union with Christ and flows directly from it. ‘This union of the mother with the Son in the work of salvation is made manifest from the time of Christ’s virginal conception up to his death’; it is made manifest above all at the hour of his Passion: ‘Thus the Blessed Virgin advanced in her pilgrimage of faith, and faithfully persevered in her union with her Son unto the cross. There she stood, in keeping with the divine plan, enduring with her only begotten Son the intensity of his suffering, joining herself with his sacrifice in her mother’s heart, and lovingly consenting to the immolation of this victim, born of her: to be given, by the same Christ Jesus dying on the cross, as a mother to his disciple, with these words: ‘Woman, behold your son’.

CCC965 After her Son’s Ascension, Mary ‘aided the beginnings of the Church by her prayers.’ In her association with the apostles and several women, ‘we also see Mary by her prayers imploring the gift of the Spirit, who had already overshadowed her in the Annunciation’.

CCC966 ‘Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death.’ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son’s Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians: “In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death.”

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and is celebrated as a “Marian Month” in churches and homes. The custom of dedicating May to Mary is centuries old and is observed by Catholics worldwide.



Sun 28 th April	5 th Sunday of Easter – Year B	Stonehaven 10am
Mon 29 th April	Feast of St. Catherine of Siena	Mass 9.30am
Tue 30 th April	5 th Week in Eastertide	No Mass
Wed 1 st May	5 th Week in Eastertide	Mass 9.30am
Thurs 2 nd May	Memorial of St. Athanasius	Mass 9.30am
Fri 3 rd May	Feast of St. Philip and St. James	Mass 9.30am
Sat 4 th May	5 th Week in Eastertide	Mass 9.30am
	Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10-10.30am
	Vigil for 6 th Sunday of Easter – Year B	Inverbervie 4.30pm Stonehaven 6.30pm
Sun 5 th May	6 th Sunday of Easter – Year B	Stonehaven 10am

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.