

The RC Church of the Immaculate Conception

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NOTICES

Weekly Income from Standing Orders: £310

Collection for 5th May 2024

Stonehaven = £344.80

Inverbervie = £93.60

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. **£70 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:

12th May – Anna Seaton

19th May – Kathleen Findlay

Extra-ordinary Minister of Holy Communion for:

12th May – Karen Smart

19th May – Annette Davidson

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

www.stbeunosoutreach.wordpress.com for further information.

First Holy Communion Preparation: Classes will continue on Sunday 12th May. The classes will take place after Sunday morning Mass and will be in the Soup Kitchen.

World Communications Day – Sunday 12th May.

There will be a **2nd collection** for the Apostolate of Communications.

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:

questmaster@pluscardenabbey.org

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

Aberdeen Diocesan Pilgrimage to Pluscarden Abbey.

Sunday 30th June 2024 – The Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul.

Theme: “Unrolling the Scroll” – The Ministry of Proclaiming God’s Word.

1pm – 2.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

1pm – 2.30pm Confessions

3pm – Pilgrimage Mass & Procession

Refreshments available in the marquee from 12 noon till 2pm.

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

Catechism of the Catholic Church Devotion to the Blessed Virgin

CCC971 ‘All generations will call me blessed’: ‘The Church’s devotion to the Blessed Virgin is intrinsic to Christian worship.’ The Church rightly honours ‘the Blessed Virgin with special devotion. From the most ancient times the Blessed Virgin has been honoured with the title of “Mother of God”, to whose protection the faithful fly in all their dangers and needs... This very special devotion...differs essentially from the adoration which is given to the incarnate Word and equally to the Father and the Holy Spirit, and greatly fosters this adoration.’ The liturgical feasts dedicated to the Mother of God and Marian prayer, such as the rosary, an ‘epitome of the whole Gospel’, express this devotion to the Virgin Mary.

Mary – Eschatological Icon of the Church

CCC972 After speaking of the Church, her origin, mission and destiny, we can find no better way to conclude than by looking to Mary. In her we contemplate what the Church already is in her mystery on her own ‘pilgrimage of faith’, and what she will be in the homeland at the end of her journey. There, ‘in the glory of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity’, ‘in the communion of all the saints’, the Church is awaited by the one she venerates as Mother of her Lord and as her own Mother.

In the meantime the Mother of Jesus, in the glory which she possesses in body and soul in heaven, is the image and beginning of the Church as it is to be perfected in the world to come. Likewise she shines forth on earth, until the day of the Lord shall come, a sign of certain hope and comfort to the pilgrim People of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia, 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 12th May	7th Sunday of Easter – Year B (World Communications Day)	Stonehaven 10am
Mon 13th May	7th Week in Eastertide	Mass 9.30am
Tue 14th May	Feast of St. Matthias	No Mass
Wed 15th May	7th Week in Eastertide	Mass 9.30am
Thurs 16th May	7th Week in Eastertide	Mass 9.30am
Fri 17th May	7th Week in Eastertide	Mass 9.30am
Sat 18th May	7th Week in Eastertide	Mass 9.30am
	Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10-10.30am
Sun 19th May	Vigil for the Solemnity of Pentecost – Year B	Inverbervie 4.30pm Stonehaven 6.30pm
	The Solemnity of Pentecost – Year B	Stonehaven 10am

That they be one like us!