

ST SYLVESTER'S PASTORAL AREA

Chapelton, Dufftown, Elgin, Forres, Lossiemouth & Tomintoul

BULLETIN

YOUNG ADULT STUDY DAY

We spend our lives searching for things that are true, good, and beautiful. But why do these things matter so much to us? Join the Dominican Friars and Sisters, in collaboration with Revive Scotland, for a day exploring one of the great themes of the Catholic tradition: 'The Transcendentals'. The day will include talks, workshops, prayer, discussion, and fellowship. Lunch will be provided. Sat 03 October, 1000-1630, St Mary's House, Aberdeen. For more info or to register <https://english.op.org/godzdogz/dya-study-day-truth-beauty-goodness/>

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Mon - Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Tue - Our Lady of Sorrows
Wed - St Ninian

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Dufftown & Braes

Parishioners in both these locations will

be aware that major structural surveys of St Mary's and the Braes Chapel were conducted in recent months. These were standard Quinquennial (every 5 years) Surveys, in line with our diocesan policy. The time scale was massively affected by the Covid Lockdowns, so we have considerable catchup work to. Both surveys are now available. I need to meet with parishioners in the two locations to look at remedial works that have been flagged as urgent, and the financial implications of these. Oddly enough, funding the works at this stage, which will involve substantial outlay, should not be beyond the resources of either church. How to address the longer term requirements of the reports, however, once the urgent matters are taken care of, is another matter, and will require discussion.

Sacred Music

Bp Hugh invites interested parishioners to attend a special presentation exploring the essential role of sacred music in divine worship - Sat, 26 Sept, 1000-1600, Greyfriars Convent, Elgin. Please register at: <https://stmaryscathedral.churchsuite.com/events/thu47aip>

We remember

... our housebound & sick: Margaret Leslie, Mary Dufficy, Irena Paterson, Philomena Rush-ton, Mary Craig, Jenny Marinello, Anne Oliver, Frances Sutton, Annabel Scott, Jessie Webster, Ernie Grainge, & Bridget McConnachie. To be included in this list, please get in touch.

Kilcoy Retreats

Encounter the power & freedom of the Gospel at the Men's Philips Retreat, 30 Oct to 01 Nov at Kilcoy Castle on the Black Isle. Contact Sr Mary Gianna at ogilvie@rcda.scot. (The women's retreat is now fully booked).

Mass & Service Times from 14 September

Mon - 1200 Convent
Tue - 0900 Convent; 1000 Tel Conf (TC); 1130 Forres
Wed - 1100 Elgin; 1130 L'mouth; 1500 D'town
Thu - 0800 Elgin; no TC; no T'toul
Fri - 1200 Elgin;
Sat - 1700 D'town; 1900 Elgin
Sun - 0900 L'mouth; 1100 Elgin; 1100 Forres; 1400 T'toul; 1600 TC

Birnie Kirk every Wed at 1900
Ecumenical Evening Prayers

National Family Conference

... Saturday 24 October at Saint Augustine's, Coatbridge. This conference is intended for Catholic families across Scotland, and will include talks for adults, catechesis for children and secondary school students, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and a ceilidh to finish the day. Info and Registration: <https://www.rcda.scot/national-family-conference-coatbridge/>

Of your charity

... pray for the souls of Mike Green of Aberlour and Jane Flutter of Forres, both of whom died recently. We commend them to God. May they rest in peace.

St John Ogilvie

50th Anniversary of the Canonisation of St John Ogilvie. Mass at St Thomas', Keith, on Saturday 17 October at 1100. Lunch, afterwards, in the hall. All welcome!

Adult Enquirers

Next OCIA classes are Wed 23 Sept, 1900-2030 2030 in St Sylvester's and Thurs 24 Sept, 1030-1130 in the Convent. Contact Sr Imelda Ann: sia@rcda.scot | 07484 780266.

Bible Toolkit

Ever find the Bible daunting? Not sure how to interpret it or how it all fits together? We all have more to learn. This Bible study is for you. Join us to improve your knowledge of how to get the most out of reading Sacred Scripture. Part 1 - Tuesdays 22, 29 Sep and 6 Oct; 1900-2015 in St Sylvester's parish rooms. Part 2 Spring 2027. Dates and times TBC. For more information or to book a place, contact Madeleine - mmpicozzi@yahoo.co.uk | 07442 081784.

Young People & Music

I hope to restart occasional Elgin Masses with music provided by young people. If you'd be interested, let me know. CS

Soulcore

... is an apostolate that intentionally engages the whole person in the sacred experience of praying the rosary. Classes are held at Greyfriars Convent, Elgin on Mondays at 1000 and Thursdays at 1900. Booking is essential. For more info contact Tammy Matheson at tlfm@btinternet.com or → <https://soulCore.com>.

Prayers for Vocations

Mondays, 1120 in the Convent, followed by Mass at noon. Please join us to pray for the priests of our diocese & vocations to the priesthood & religious life.