

**ST FRANCIS ABERDEEN. SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. 14<sup>TH</sup> JAN. 2024. CHARITY NUMBER  
SC005122.**

**Mond** 15<sup>th</sup> Jan: Mass at 10.00am.

**Tuesd** 16<sup>th</sup> Jan: Mass at 10.00am.

**Wedn** 17<sup>th</sup> Jan: Mass at 10.00am.

**Thurs** 18<sup>th</sup> Jan: Mass at 10.00am. Alpha presentation 7.00pm till 8.00pm in Presbytery.

**Frid** 19<sup>th</sup> Jan: Mass at 10.00am.

**Satur** 20<sup>th</sup> Jan: Mass at 10.00am. Adoration and Confessions to follow.

**Sund** 21<sup>st</sup> Jan: Masses at 11.00am and 6.00pm.

**Offertory:** £930. Sunday 07<sup>th</sup> January. Food Bank: Now £702. Very Many thanks. And thanks to those who gift-aid their contribution. If you are a taxpayer, 20% of your contribution can be reclaimed.

Over the Christmas period, donations to the Charity Box went to the **Food Bank**. A wonderful total of £702 was raised. Between this Sunday and until Lent begins, monies now raised will go to H.C.P.T. This will help young people to attend the sick Childrens Pilgrimage to Lourdes at Easter.

The same children's charity ( HCPT ) have a **Race Night** in the Ashvale Fish Restaurant on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.00pm. Cost £17 includes Fish Supper. All details from Margaret Mackie. Email [margaret.macdougall@sky.com](mailto:margaret.macdougall@sky.com) Phone 07739140420. This will help disabled and disadvantaged children to attend the Easter Pilgrimage.

We propose a short **Alpha Course** on 4 Thursday evenings:

18<sup>th</sup> Jan: Who is the Holy Spirit?

25<sup>th</sup> Jan, What does the Holy Spirit do?

1<sup>st</sup> Feb, How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit ?

8<sup>th</sup> Feb. How can I resist evil?

We are keen to have young people reading at Mass. Please let **Gloria Adebo** know if you would like to volunteer or you may put your names and details on the notice-board. We hope to set up a rota.

*Classes for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion and Confirmation continue on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024., after Mass: from 10.40am till 11.20am. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by Bishop Hugh in St Francis on Saturday 09<sup>th</sup> March this year at 10.00am.*

The Holy Season of Lent begins on 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. As in previous years, Station Masses will be celebrated in City churches each Friday. Details to follow.

We are gathering items for the **Food Bank**: tinned food, dried food, hygiene products, jars of food, cleansing products. Sincere thanks from the S.V.de P. in Holy Family. Bring them to any Mass.

*For those wishing to make a **Sunday Offering**, you may wish to pay directly to the Bank. Details: R.C. Diocese of Aberdeen, Mannofield, St Francis No 2 Acc. Acc No 00759404. Sort-Code 80-05-17. Many thanks to those who do Gift-Aid. You may make a direct debit, or put the envelopes into the Offertory Collection. There are gift-Aid envelopes for single use donations at the back of the church.*

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