

St Francis Aberdeen. Charity number SC005122
Sunday 18th April, 2021. 3rd Sunday of Easter Year B.

Offertory Collection for Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday and Low Sunday combined: £2030.
Many thanks, and thanks to those parishioners who have taken out Direct Debit.

First of all, *sincere thanks* to all who have helped in any way to keep our Parish alive during the lockdown: volunteers, musicians, I.T. specialists, readers, eucharistic ministers, and a host of others who attended Mass so prayerfully and gave us optimism and hope for the future.

We are looking for volunteer readers for both Sunday Masses. Please Contact Fr. Peter

The Scottish Govt. has now lifted the 50 person cap and max capacity will be determined according to the rules of social distancing. This will vary according to whether people are attending as households or individuals. We have decided to limit around 70 people. This figure will be reviewed after we have assessed the seating. Booking will still be required.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/daily-masses-march-2021-onwards-tickets-147101052207>

Daily Mass will continue to be *streamed* live every day at 10.00 am., and on Sundays at 11.00 am. The Sunday Masses are stored for further viewing.

If you wish Mass to be celebrated for a particular reason (for example the Anniversary of the death of a loved one, or for someone who is sick), contact Fr Peter on his email address.

If you have specific requests for the *Prayers of the Faithful* at daily Mass, please let Fr. Peter know. For example, the education of seminarians, the end of the virus, courage in adversity, a sick friend or anything similar, the request will be mentioned at Mass.

Fr. Mark Impson is Parish Priest at Banchory and Blairs, and is the *Vocations Director* for the Diocese. Fr. Mark will respond to anyone who thinks they have a Vocation to the Priesthood. Contact Fr. Mark on 01330 822835.

And many thanks to all who contributed during the lockdown to *Mary's Meals* and the *Food Bank*. Our *giving* is recognised by letters of thanks from both organisations.

During the Lockdown the *Religious Sisters* from the Apostolic Community of St. John have helped to prepare our young people for the Sacraments of 1st Confession and Confirmation. All who attended these preparations have received these Sacraments. A thousand thanks to these good Sisters.

And children have also been prepared by the Sisters for the Sacrament of *First Communion*. This will be administered sometime in May 2021. And we hope to continue these Classes as soon as permission is given. At the moment R.E. classes are not permitted.

The Sisters are leading a series of *reflections* on ZOOM Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm, looking at the Gospel readings for the following Sunday. Many thanks for that. See details below.
Meeting ID: 835 9599 3809
Passcode: 606631

And the latest edition of the *Light of the North* can be read online. This edition we have an light-hearted article by Father Peter,

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. Account No 00759404. Sort-Code 80-05-17. Many thanks. For those who gift-aid, you may wish to put the Envelopes through my letter-box. Either way is much appreciated. And now we have gift-aid envelopes in the porch, which can be used for one-off donations. Many thanks to those who use this facility.

The Holy Family R.C. Church *food bank* is still going strong, and they would like to thank St Francis parishioners for their continued financial support. For the time being we are not taking in food items. Father Peter will accept any money donations and pass them on. Currently between 20 and 30 parcels are going out each Wednesday evening.

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