

Weekday Masses & Services

Monday	Banchory, Mass at 10.00am.
Tuesday	No Mass.
Solemnity of the Ascension	
Wednesday	Braemar, Vigil Mass at 5.30pm. Ballater, Vigil Mass at 7.00pm.
Thursday	Aboyne, Mass at 10.00am. Banchory at 7.30pm.
Friday	Banchory, Morning Prayer & Exposition, 9.30am, followed by Mass at 10.00am.

Next Sunday – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Saturday, 19th May	Braemar, Mass at 5.30pm. Ballater, Mass at 7.00pm.
Sunday, 20th May	Banchory, Mass at 10.00am. Aboyne, Mass at 12.00 noon. Banchory, Mass at 6.00pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Aboyne, monthly on 1st Sunday, after Mass.
Ballater, monthly on 1st Saturday, after Vigil Mass.
Banchory, monthly on 1st Sunday, 5.00-5.30pm.
Braemar, monthly on 1st Saturday, 4.45-5.15pm.

Deacon Peter Macdonald: You may know Peter, who has been the deacon at St Mary's, Blairs, for a number of years. He has ended his period at Blairs and has offered to help me out, particularly at weekends, in the short-term. I am very grateful for his offer. It means we can share liturgical responsibilities, such as preaching; he will be able to assist me with other tasks, such as baptisms, weddings and funerals. Deacon Peter will begin next weekend, so we look forward to seeing him among us. *Fr Andrew*

New Appointment in Edinburgh: Congratulations to Mgr Stephen Robson, who this week was appointed as Auxiliary Bishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh. He will be available to help Cardinal O'Brien, given his many responsibilities nationally and internationally. May God bless Mgr Stephen in his ministry.

Journey of Faith meeting on Monday, exploring the Catholic faith for those who aren't already Roman Catholics, from 7.30pm until 9.00pm in the Parish Centre, Banchory.

Feast of the Ascension falls this Thursday. It is a holiday of obligation.

Papal World Day of Communications: Next weekend we are asked to consider the importance of the press and mass media as the modern means of spreading the Gospel. There will be a special collection for the work of communications in Scotland (contributing especially to the work of the Catholic Media Office).

Sacred Heart Former Pupils meeting on Saturday, 26th May, at the Bishop's House, 3 Queens Cross, Aberdeen, at 2.00pm.

Pluscarden Pentecost Lectures: This year's Lectures will be given by Professor Lewis Ayres, on 'You Have Revealed Your Glory: The Mystery of the Trinity' at Pluscarden Abbey from Tuesday 29th May to Thursday 31st May. To register, make further enquiries or book accommodation, email monks@pluscardenabbey.org

Interested in life as a diocesan priest? A retreat is taking place for those who wish to find out more about life as a diocesan priest, without obligation or commitment. It will give the opportunity to talk about becoming a diocesan priest in the company of priests, other enquirers and

candidates for seminary. It begins on Friday, 1st June, at 6.00pm, and finish on Saturday, 2nd June, at 3.00pm. For more information contact Fr Keith Herrera or the *Priests for Scotland* office (0141 942 8384).

Deanery Walk: On Saturday, 9th June, we are holding a Deanery Walk, from Longside to Peterhead. Details are on poster at the back of the church or in the porch.

Mid-Summer Ball - Charity Dinner Dance in support of the New Nazareth House Care Home on Friday, 15th June, at the Beach Ballroom. Tickets are £45 each, available from Caroline Russo, Nazareth House Care Home on 01224 582091, or email homemanager.nazareth@btconnect.com or Joyce Webster, on 01224 319154, email joyce@rcd-abdn.org

Diocesan Golf Outing for the Deacons' Challenge Trophy will take place on Friday, 29th June, at Elgin Golf Course. Cost is £43, including one round of golf and high tea. If you would like to go and play on behalf of the parish (team of 3), please put your name on the list at the back of the church.

BANCHORY

Prayer Group meets on Tuesdays from 8.00pm in the Parish Centre.

On Friday morning **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** begins at 9.30am, with **Morning Prayer**.

The **Parish Annual General Meeting** takes place after 10.00am Mass this Sunday. If you'd like to join the Parish Pastoral Council, please see either Fr Andrew or Jim Allison. Please take a copy of the Convener's Report, available at the back of the church.

Christian Aid Week: Details of events in Banchory are on display on the poster (at the back of the Church and Centre).

UPPER DEESIDE

Christian Aid Week, 13th - 19th May: In Aboyne, the combined churches are organising an afternoon tea this Thursday, 17th May, from 2.00pm until 5.00pm in the Church of Scotland Hall. Adults, £2.50; children, 50p. Do come and enjoy the wonderful sponge cakes!