

# GOD'S GRANDEUR

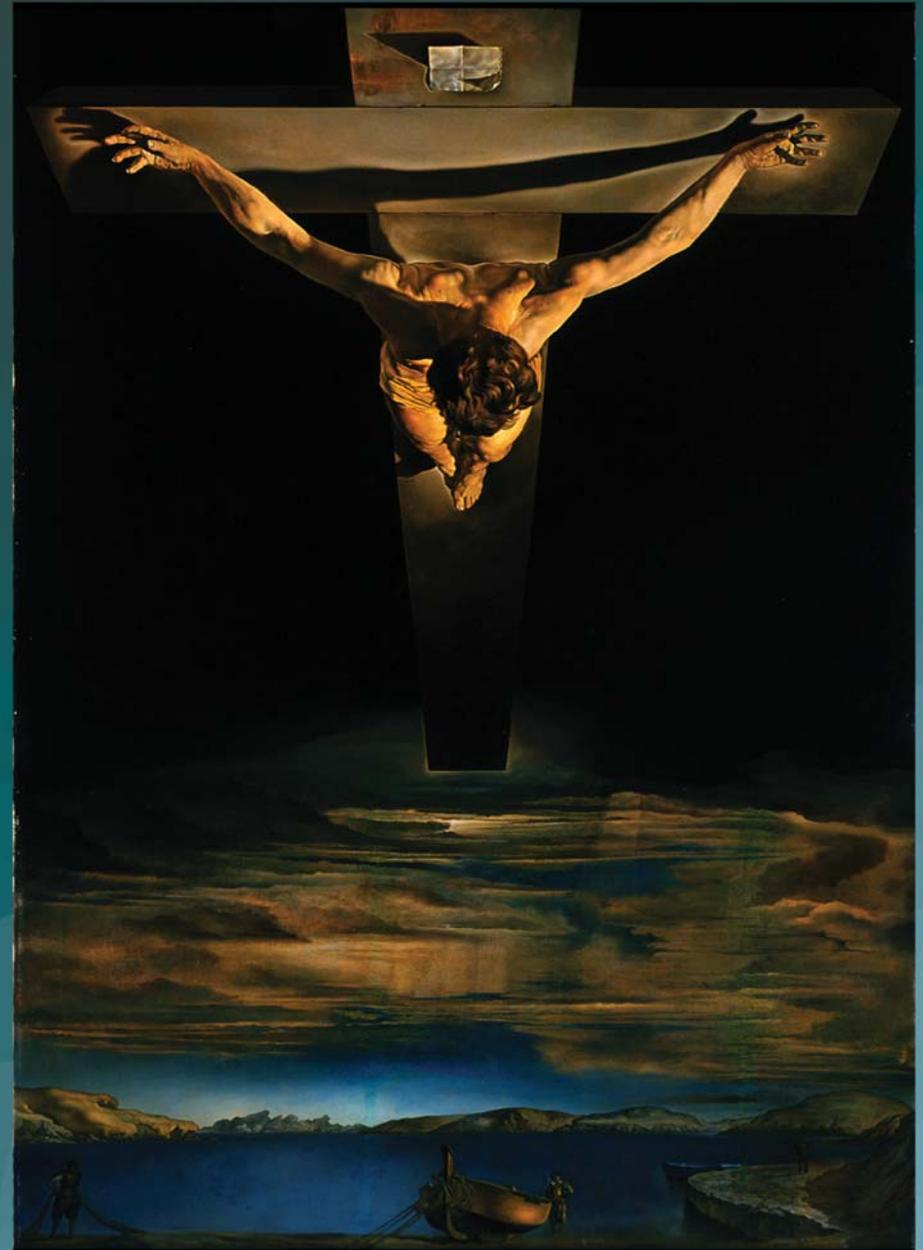
By Gerard Manley Hopkins

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.  
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;  
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil  
Crushed. Why do men then now not reckon his rod?  
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;  
And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;  
And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil  
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;  
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;  
And though the last lights off the black West went  
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs —  
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent  
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

Front cover:

Salvador Dali's Christ of St John of The Cross, 1951  
Displayed in Kelvingrove Museum, Glasgow



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by Sunday 19th March. Comments and  
suggestions should also be placed in the box.

## Dear Friends,

In the life of this church we recently have had a very busy time with Funerals, Baptisms and the customary round of services for Christmas and New Year. The footfall in this sanctuary has been incredible and it does emphasise the importance of this place to many people. This is a good community to belong to and St Margaret's is a fabulous church plant. There have been a lot of people making very appreciative comments and for that we as a community should thank God. As I said at one funeral recently, ritual and symbol convey something a lot deeper than words can express, it is the very ground of our being. In a recent sermon I quoted the French Philosopher Simone Weil who wrote in Letter to a Priest... "the Church is only perfectly pure under one aspect; when considered as guardian of the sacraments. What is perfect is not the Church; it is the body and blood of Christ upon the altars". These words should be written above the door of every church. It is because Christ's body and blood are upon the altars of this church and because of his real presence on the altar that we are able to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and all that that promises a beleaguered and broken humanity.

We are privileged to belong to this place and to be part of this community.

Candlemas is on Thursday the 2nd of

### The Rector's Chaplaincies

N.E. Scotland College HM Theatre The Box Office The Sea Cadets  
The Music Hall Arts Centre St. Machar Academy  
The Burma Star (Aberdeen & District Branch)

### Partnerships

N.E. Scotland College, Sisters of Saint Margaret's Convent, Port-au-Prince, Haiti  
Saint James, New London, Connecticut

### Our Service Times

Sunday	Parish Mass	10.30
	Evensong	19.00
Tuesday	Low Mass	11.00
Wednesday	Low Mass	19.00
Major Feast Days (Usually)	Sung Mass	19.30

Please see the weekly notice sheets for alterations or additions to times of weekday services which can be found on our website or on the notice board in the church porch.

### Clubs and Societies using the Comper Centre

DAYS	GROUP	TIMES
MONDAY	PILATES EXERCISE CLASS	18.30 - 20.30
TUESDAY	STREET COMBAT SYSTEM - MARTIAL ARTS CLASS	13.00 - 14.00
	STEP AEROBICS CLASS	18.30 - 19.30
	BALLROOM & LATIN DANCE CLASS	19.30 - 21.30
WEDNESDAY	TANGO ABERDEEN DANCE GROUP	19.30 - 22.00
THURSDAY	STEP AEROBICS CLASS	18.30 - 19.30
	STREET COMBAT SYSTEM - MARTIAL ARTS CLASS	19.45 - 21.45
FRIDAY	BALLROOM & LATIN DANCE CLASS	18.30 - 20.30
SATURDAY	BINGO	19.30 - 22.00
SUNDAY		

Further details on the above groups can be found on the main noticeboard in the hall.

The hall is available for private functions - further information and availability from the hall lets convener





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# The Rector's Letter

February - March 2017



February and there will be two masses on that day. One here at 12.00 noon at St Margaret's and the other a High Mass at 7.30 p.m. at the Cathedral. Provost Isaac extended an invitation to us to join the Cathedral Congregation for this Feast. Bishop Mark of Moray, Ross and Caithness will preside and preach. I will be the celebrant and the Mass will follow the 1970 Grey Book Liturgy, our servers will also be involved. Please do try and support this. I think it good that our East End churches are working more closely together than we have done for some time and it is I believe to the mutual benefit of both congregations.

We are advertising a Lent Course elsewhere in the magazine, again I would entuse you to get involved. Last year's turnout was good so let's please build on that.

Some more people have signed up for the trip to Rome in September. If you would like to consider going please speak to me. We are planning to give a good overview of the Eternal City which will include Classical, Christian and Jacobite Rome. Also we have the occupancy of St Drostan's Lodge in Tarfside at the end of February and it would be excellent if more people could sign up for this. It

really is a great place and I cannot stress this enough.

The recent Burns' Tide Ceilidh in the Hall was a superb night of music and dance and brought many people under our aegis as well as giving a considerable heeze to the Fabric Fund. At that end of the day all these things are about building community. That is not something that I do, or you do. It is something that we do together and again I can only be persistent.

Please remember the Clergy and Lay Representatives of the Diocese as we move forward in the process of Episcopal Election and also that the right Bishop will be found to lead this Diocese forward. I personally do appreciate your support in this period as my workload as Dean has somewhat got rather extended.

Anyway, Andy and I have planted lots of Spring bulbs so we all look forward in anticipation to a good display,

See you in Church,

As Aye,



# News & Notes

## February

- Thursday 2nd           Join St Andrew's Cathedral congregation for Sung Eucharist for the Feast of Candlemas 7.30 p.m.
- Saturday 4th           10.00 noon Vestry Meeting. 12.00 noon Gaelic Mass
- Tuesday 7th           Scottish Deans and Bishops meet at Edinburgh.
- Thursday 9th           Rector at Cumineston on Decanal Visit.
- Tues 7th-14th          Marriage Week
- Saturday 11th          Bardic Trio at St Mary's, Inverurie 8.00 p.m. (£12/£9/£1) tenor, harp, guitar with music from variety of countries and emphasis on Burns.
- Wednesday 15th       Rector at Mintlaw on Decanal Visit.
- Friday 17th            Aberdeen City-wide Prayer Gathering 7.30 p.m. St Ninian's, King Street
- Tuesday 21st          Sea Cadet Meeting at Lambeth in London.
- Wednesday 22nd       Diocesan Finance and Property, Diocesan Standing Committee and Cathedral Chapter.
- Fri 24th/Sun 26th      Parish Weekend at Tarfside.
- Saturday 25th          3.00 p.m. Installation of Rev'd Kate Gibson at St Andrew's, Brechin
- Mon 27th Feb – Sun 12th Mar   Fairtrade Fortnight

## March

- Wednesday 1st        LENT begins  
\*See page 17 for details of our Lent Meetings – on Tuesdays and Wednesdays through Lent.\*
- Friday 3rd            World Day of Prayer



# From the registers

## November (cont.)

27 <sup>th</sup>	52	(46)
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28 <sup>th</sup>	70	(16) (Requiem)
29 <sup>th</sup>	7	(7)
30 <sup>th</sup>	5	(5)

## December

1 <sup>st</sup>	29	(15)(Requiem)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	40	(5) (Requiem)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10	(8)
4 <sup>th</sup>	51	(46)
	3	
6 <sup>th</sup>	3 (anointing)	
	12	(12)
7 <sup>th</sup>	6	(5)
8 <sup>th</sup>	6	(6)
11 <sup>th</sup>	59	(52)
	3	
13 <sup>th</sup>	10	(10)
14 <sup>th</sup>	2	(2)
18 <sup>th</sup>	63	(59)
20 <sup>th</sup>	9	(9)
21 <sup>st</sup>	9	(9)
24 <sup>th</sup>	130 (Christmas Eve)	
	50	(41) (Midnight)
25 <sup>th</sup>	15	(15)
26 <sup>th</sup>	4	(4)
27 <sup>th</sup>	4	(4)
28 <sup>th</sup>	6	(6) (reserved sacr.)
29 <sup>th</sup>	9	(9)
30 <sup>th</sup>	5	(5)
31 <sup>st</sup>	5	(5)

## January

1 <sup>st</sup>	28	(25)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	2	(2)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	11	(10)
4 <sup>th</sup>	4	(4)
6 <sup>th</sup>	18	(17)
7 <sup>th</sup>	4	(4)
8 <sup>th</sup>	51	(46)
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10 <sup>th</sup>	10	(10)
11 <sup>th</sup>	4	(4)
13 <sup>th</sup>	2	(2)
15 <sup>th</sup>	45	(43)
	3	
16 <sup>th</sup>	300	? (Requiem)
17 <sup>th</sup>	10	(8)
18 <sup>th</sup>	5	(5)
22 <sup>nd</sup>	51	(44)
	3	
24 <sup>th</sup>	9	(9)

## BAPTISMS

- 24<sup>th</sup> Dec – Lily Wood
- 24<sup>th</sup> Dec – Allyanna Gill

## REQUIESCAT IN PACE

- 28<sup>th</sup> Nov – Molly Beck
- 1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Helen Third
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Alice Thomas
- 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – Florence Taylor
- 16<sup>th</sup> Jan – Patricia Clarke

## SICK COMMUNIONS (Fr. Emsley)

- Advent – 7
- Christmas - 15



**OBITUARY**

**Patricia Jane Clarke**

The esteem with which Patricia was held by so many was evident from the number of people who filled the church at her funeral. She was born to Michael and Margaret Grant in Dublin in 1963 and they moved to Edinburgh three years later and then to Milltimber in 1968. She went to Milltimber School and then Cults Academy. She achieved well at school and was a talented piano player.

Her younger brother, Michael Sean remembers her always being fun – as long as he did what he was told. She turned into a very supportive sister.

She was only three when she accompanied her Granda Cooper to a farm to buy a garden shed. She was attracted to a litter there of kittens and ended up taking home a tortoiseshell kitten she called Tammy. This was the beginning of a lifetime of caring for cats. Patricia became very involved with the Cats’ Protection League and it became almost a full time job. Patricia had a variety of interesting jobs.

She met her husband, Geoff, in 1986 and they eloped to marry in Oban in 1988 with nobody really knowing until after the event. They made their family home in Westhill and had two children – Fraser and Stephanie. Geoff was a G.P. and Patricia was always a great support to him. Patricia was determined always to look her best and even when her treatment for her oesophageal cancer made her feet swell she managed to squeeze her feet into her high heeled shoes. She always dealt stoically with her illness and never complained. At Christmas the family said she looked radiant and it was hard to believe that she was so ill. At the end she developed pneumonia and even in the High Dependency Ward she assured the family she was fine. She showed incredible strength and fortitude to the end.

Our prayers are for her family and friends – particularly her mother Margaret, her husband Geoff and her children and also her brother Michael Sean and his wife and children.

*“Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.”*

- Friday 3rd Diocesan Synod Eucharist 7.00 p.m. St Andrew’s Cathedral
- Saturday 4th Diocesan Synod – 9.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. Westhill Community Church.  
Wedding at Logie Country House.
- Tuesday 7th Rector (as Dean) chairing Vestry Meeting of St John’s Crown Terrace.
- Thursday 9th 11.30 a.m. St Machar Academy School Assembly.
- Saturday 11th 12.00 noon Gaelic Mass.  
Epiphany Group Quiet Day 10.00 – 15.30 – Faith and Doubt – Companions on the Way’ – Bruce and Elaine Cameron at Fetteresso Church, Stonehaven.
- Friday 17th Aberdeen City-wide Prayer Gathering 7.30 p.m. Newhills Parish Church, Bucksburn
- Thursday 30th St Machar Academy Easter Services.

**April**

- Saturday 1st Epiphany group Quiet Day 10.00 – 15.30 - ‘Peace on Earth’ – Rev’d Julia Meason at the John Skinner Centre, Aberdeen.
- Sunday April 9th-16th Holy Week.



# Kalendar- February 2017

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	St Bride of Kildare, Abbess, c 525	7.00 p.m. Low Mass
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>CANDLEMAS</b> <b>THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD</b>	12.00 noon Low Mass 7.30 p.m. <i>High Mass (at the Cathedral)</i>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr	
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	St Gilbert of Sempringham, Simon Stock, Stephen Harding, Priests & Religious Founders	12.00 noon Gaelic Mass
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>EPIPHANY V</b>	<b>10.30 A.M. PARISH MASS</b> 7.00 p.m. Evensong
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	St Paul Miki, priest, and the martyrs of Japan 1597	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Requiem	11.00 a.m. Requiem Mass (preceded by anointing)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	St Jerome Emiliani, Priest	7.00 p.m. Low Mass
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	St Scholastica, Religious, 543	
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Our Lady of Lourdes	
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SEPTUAGESIMA</b>	<b>10.30 A.M. PARISH MASS</b> 7.00 p.m. Evensong
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	St Cyril, Monk, 869, and Methodias, Bishop, 885, 'Apostles of the Slavs'	11.00 a.m. Low Mass
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Thomas Bray, Priest & Missionary, 1730	7.00 p.m. Low Mass
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	St Finan of Lindisfarne, Bishop, 661	
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	St Colman of Lindisfarne, Bishop, 676	
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SEXAGESIMA</b> Martin Luther, 1545	<b>10.30 A.M. PARISH MASS</b> 7.00 p.m. Evensong
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	St Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor	11.00 a.m. Low Mass
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	The Chair of St Peter, Apostle	7.00 p.m. Low Mass
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St Polycarp of Smyrna, Bishop & Martyr, 156	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>QUINQUAGESIMA</b>	<b>10.30 A.M. PARISH MASS</b> 7.00 p.m. Evensong
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	For the Sick	11.00 a.m. Low Mass

## OBITUARY

### Molly Black Petrie Beck

Molly was born in Fraserburgh and had 3 young brothers and a sister. Her father died when she was only 8 years old and after that she was brought up by her grandmother together with Zena - and the two girls, together with a cousin Minnie, became inseparable.

Molly attended St Margaret's School in the days of Father Strachan. It was obvious that she had a great talent for dancing and music and art.

At 17 years old she married James Dow and they had children Cherie, James and Michelle. Molly continued to work hard, trying her hand at anything. She became Aberdeen's first milk lady after managing to receive a heavy goods vehicle licence. This was documented in the Press and Journal. She then moved to London and established her own successful cleaning company.

She retired in 1986 and continued to live life to the full. She met Karl in 1992 and they married in 1995. They lived in Covent Garden and Molly's horizons extended to include Austrian club balls and fancy dress parties. She carried on with voluntary work for which she was recognised and rewarded and she gained a degree in 2006 in drawing and became recognised with work exhibited at various venues in London.

Many of us came to know Karl and Molly through ceilidhs which they loved to attend. They also travelled to America, Australia, Thailand and much of Europe.

Molly also loved gardens and she liked to share this interest in the Church Garden with Fr Emsley.

Molly spoke Doric and loved to use it.

Her love of dance weaves through her life and we believe the 'dance goes on'.

Karl especially, and her children and grandchildren will miss her as will we. We pray for all who grieve.

*"Grant to her eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon her."*



## OBITUARY

### Helen Warden Third

Many of us remember Helen’s hundredth birthday tea in the hall. She died in November aged 104. She was born in Aberdeen and attended St Margaret’s School. Her grandmother was attending our Church in the time of Father John Comper so there was a strong link with our Founder.

Helen’s father died soon after the First World War and so she was mainly brought up by her mother, who also brought up several members of the extended family. After school she became a seamstress and then in the Second World War she was a Fire Watcher. She gave up work to nurse her husband John. She had two sons Gordon and Norman. Again another War had interrupted family life for Helen and her husband. He, a ‘country loon’, had been confined as a Prisoner of War in Changi Jail from 1941-1945.

Helen had five grandchildren as well as great and great-great grandchildren. Her son says she was a determined, strong-willed lady. He told the story of a time when they argued about a suit. She threatened not to go to his wedding if he wore the suit of his choice rather than one she had in mind. She did relent eventually.

Helen had been a member of St Margaret’s Convent’s Third Order and was friendly with Sisters Columba and Thekla. She was also a member of the Mothers’ Union. She liked walking, doing Word Searches and watching snooker on TV.

Until recently she had done her own cleaning and we remember how she used to almost skip to church from the bus. Her age indeed made her a legend.

We pray for Helen and for the family.

*‘whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die’*

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>12.00 noon. Low Mass</b> <b>7.30 p.m. Sung Mass</b>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	St David of Wales and St Chad of Lichfield, Bishop, 672	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	John & Charles Wesley, Priests, 1791, 1788	<i>7.00 p.m. Diocesan Synod Eucharist at St Andrew’s Cathedral</i>
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	St Adrian of May Island, Abbot, 875	(Diocesan Synod)
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>LENT I</b>	<b>10.30 A.M. PARISH MASS</b> 7.00 p.m. Evensong
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	St Baldred, Bishop, 608	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	St Perpetua & Companions, Martyrs, 203	11.00 a.m. Low Mass (preceded by anointing)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	St Duthac, Bishop, 1068	7.00 p.m. Low Mass
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis of Rome, Religious	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	St Kessog, Bishop, c 700	
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	12.00 noon Gaelic Mass
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>LENT II</b>	<b>10.30 A.M. PARISH MASS</b> 7.00 p.m. Evensong
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	For Prisoners	11.00 a.m. Low Mass
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Requiem	7.00 p.m. Requiem Mass
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	St Boniface of Ross, Bishop 8 <sup>th</sup> C	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland, 461	
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Teacher, 386	
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>LENT III</b> St Joseph of Nazareth	<b>10.30 A.M. PARISH MASS</b> 7.00 p.m. Evensong
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	St Cuthbert, Bishop, 687	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Thomas Cranmer, Bishop, 1556	11.00 a.m. Low Mass
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Thomas Ken, Bishop 1711	7.00 p.m. Low Mass
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St Turibius of Mongrovejo, Bishop	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Couturier, Priest, 1953	
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Annunciation of our Lord</b>	<b>12.00 Low Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lent IV Laetare</b> <b>Mothering Sunday</b>	<b>10.30 A.M. PARISH MASS</b> 7.00 p.m. Evensong
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	The Annotine Easter	
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Patrick Forbes, Bishop 1635 and the Aberdeen Doctors	11.00 a.m. Low Mass
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	John Keble, Priest, 1866	7.00 p.m. Low Mass
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Feria	



# Reader's Rota- Year A

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> February <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Isaiah 58: 7-10 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5 Matthew 5: 13-16	Heather von Prondynski Matthew Geldart
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> February <i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10 Matthew 5: 17-37	David Jones Kathleen Bremner
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> February <i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23 Matthew 5: 38-48	Olwyn Leadstone Helen Allan
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> February <i>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Isaiah 49: 14-15 1 Corinthians 4: 1-5 Matthew 6: 24-34	Chris Anderson Alan Fraser
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	Joel 2: 12-18 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18	Vi Milne Mark Pithie
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> March <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</i>	Genesis 2: 7-9 & 3: 1-7 Romans 5: 12-19 Matthew 4: 1-11	J or C Langley Allan Macinnes
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> March <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</i>	Genesis 12: 1-4 2 Timothy 1: 8-10 Matthew 17: 1-9	Shirley Crawford R,K,T or A Frost
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</i>	Exodus 17: 3-7 Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8 John 4: 5-42	C, E or G Marston Nina Ashby
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</i>	1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 Ephesians 5: 8-14 John 9: 1-41	John Byrom Kieran Gullan

## OBITUARY

### Florence Pope Taylor

Flo was born in 1940 to James and Jessie Small. She had two brothers and the younger one, Charlie, died soon after birth. She herself had pneumonia and tuberculosis at the age of two and spent a lot of time in hospital during her school years.

Flo shared digs with a friend who became her bridesmaid when she married Doug in 1960. However, she had initially been put off Doug by his ginger hair.

She had a variety of jobs: at Strathdee Bakery, Broadhill Mills, a cook at Hall Russell shipyard, a customer assistant at British Home Stores and a cleaner at the Denburn Health Centre.

She and Doug had three sons – Martin, David (stillborn) and Keith.

Flo and Doug had enjoyed cruises, bus tours and holidays in the States.

Sadly, Doug had developed dementia and Flo became his fulltime carer. So devotedly did she care for Doug that she rather neglected her own health. She lost a lot of weight and Doug was moved to Banks 'o' Dee Care Home where Flo continued to visit him when she could. On their last wedding anniversary she was able to take Doug out for lunch.

March 2016 had been a bad month for Flo and it took its toll on her. Both she and Doug had flu. Her brother Jimmy died in Holland. Her great-granddaughter, Olivia, was fighting for her life in Glasgow Royal Children's Hospital.

Flo was admitted to ARI on 6<sup>th</sup> December after collapsing at home. She had been due to have an endoscopy having been suffering from fibrosis. She proved too weak and died on 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Our prayers are for Doug, for her family and for her friends.

*“May she rest in peace and rise in glory”*



**OBITUARY**  
**Alice Thomas**

Alice was born in Torry and died in November aged 96. She was brought up by the family after her mother died when she was very young. She suffered with polio but was a bright girl who won many school prizes.

She witnessed a Messerschmitt being shot down in the war. She went to work in Edinburgh and one day a heel came off her shoe in Princes Street Gardens. The man who came to her rescue was Wilfred whom she later married. He, like everyone else of his generation, had to go to war. They moved to Sutton in Ashfield for three years before moving back to Aberdeen. They had four children and Alice had a variety of jobs.

She loved painting. Father Emsley remembers that she loved to discuss Scottish History when he visited her in latter years with Communion. She liked going out to High Tea with her friends. She played the piano and she loved opera. She even did some woodwork. She loved debates and was a strong supporter of the Labour Party. She also enjoyed TV documentaries. She liked to travel to Guernsey where daughter Joan lived when husband Alan was in the army. She and Wilfred also travelled far and wide in their caravan – often abroad.

Her family remember her as a gem of a mother who loved to have them altogether for Sunday lunch and at Christmas.

Alice latterly suffered with osteoporosis. Eventually Alice had to be cared for at Fairview and the family were grateful for the care the staff gave to her there.

There were nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren to date – one of whom was baptised at St Margaret’s on Christmas Eve.

Although Alice grew to love ‘posh’ things but never forgot her roots.

We pray for the children – Richard, Joan, Raymond and Michael and all their families.

*“May she go from strength to strength in the everlasting habitations”*

**Intercessors’ Rota**

February		March	
5 <sup>th</sup> ( <i>Christ’s Church – A Light in the Darkness</i> )	Carole Phelan	5 <sup>th</sup> ( <i>Christ, the Second Adam</i> )	Heather von Prondynski
19 <sup>th</sup> ( <i>The Lord is Compassion &amp; Love</i> )	John Byrom	19 <sup>th</sup> ( <i>The Living Water</i> )	E & C Marston

**Offertory Rota**

February		March	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sandra & Elsie	5 <sup>th</sup>	Vi & Eunice
12 <sup>th</sup>	Garden/Gullan Family	12 <sup>th</sup>	Kathleen & George
19 <sup>th</sup>	Mattie & Doreen	19 <sup>th</sup>	Marston Family
26 <sup>th</sup>	Rose & Helen	26 <sup>th</sup>	Garden/Gullan Family

**Collection Rota**

February		March	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Rose & Ellen	5 <sup>th</sup>	George & Andy
12 <sup>th</sup>	Mattie & Doreen	12 <sup>th</sup>	Helen & Rose
19 <sup>th</sup>	Kathleen & Elsie	19 <sup>th</sup>	Sandra & Vi
26 <sup>th</sup>	Sandra & Eunice	26 <sup>th</sup>	Mattie & Kathleen

It would be great to have some more names on the rotas so please let Elsie (01224 638354) or Carole (01224 895033) know if you would like to be included.

If you are unable to take your turn or if you have arranged a swap please let Elsie (Offertory and Collection) or Carole (Readers and Intercessors) know.



# Tea Rota

DATE	NAMES
05 FEBRUARY	MAUREEN WATSON ANGELA SUTHERLAND
12 FEBRUARY	SANDRA TREDINNICK ELSIE GARDINER
19 FEBRUARY	ELLEN GARDEN ROSE ROBERTSON
26 FEBRUARY	NINA ASHBY ELIZABETH LYON
05 MARCH	MAUREEN WATSON ANGELA SUTHERLAND
12 MARCH	SANDRA TREDINNICK ROSE ROBERTSON
19 MARCH	ELLEN GARDEN NINA ASHBY
26 MARCH	ELSIE GARDINER ELIZABETH LYON



“What was really easy was falling in love with this person – was falling in love with Jesus Christ. That was the most surprising thing.”

“I felt so bad for Jesus and angry on his behalf when I finally did meet him, because everyone has given him such a bad name.”

“The hidden life of Jesus felt very beautiful. When I’m tempted constantly to be producing, to be seen, to be appreciated, etc. I was shown the beauty of living a hidden life, of retreating in order to offer myself in a deeper way to my art, to my life, to the world.”

*During a meditation on the Nativity, he imagined himself, as Ignatius recommends, as a nurse during the birth of Christ:* “I felt at home there. I felt like that was where I was meant to be - in service of this woman doing this profound act. God, I wish I could feel like that all the time, in humble service, if I can be of service and as humble as I possibly can while doing it.”

“I was brought to my knees by the Exercises and yet I sit here before you struggling. The act of making the film was secondary to the act of going through the Exercises, and the act of the film coming out is third to those things... and the depth of the experience follows suit. The depth of the experience of the Exercises was enough. And then making the film felt very,very deep, deeper than any other artistic experience I’ve ever had, but it wasn’t as deep as theexperience of the Exercises, but to all intents and purposes it was damn deep.”

“This is my sincere prayer. I’m praying that I’m freer to offer myself vulnerably, cracked open heart... in service of God, in service of the greater good, in service of love, in service of the divine. I feel like this is what God is showing me.”

# SILENCE – the film



*(Director, Martin Scorsese, with Andrew Garfield)*

SILENCE tells the story of two Jesuit priests who face the ultimate test of faith when they travel to Japan in search of their missing mentor at a time when Christianity was outlawed and their presence forbidden. The priests were played by Andrew Garfield and Adam Driver. The film was long and sometimes hard to watch but incredibly gripping and ‘real’. Questions and insights seem to linger long after the film has been watched!

There is another story that is tied up with the film and that is the story of the journey Andrew Garfield undertook in order to ‘feel’ the part. He decided to make the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. He wanted to know what it felt like to be a Jesuit priest, and the Jesuits’ spirituality is based on the teachings of Ignatius of Loyola. All Jesuits make the Exercises.

Andrew Garfield was interviewed by Brendan Busse, a Jesuit priest, and here are some quotes from the interview where he talks of his spiritual journey:-

“There were so many things in the Exercises that changed and transformed me, that allowed me to be who I was...and where I believe God wants me to be”

## DIOCESAN PRAYER DIARY

5 February -- St John’s Church, Longside

Rector: Rev Richard O’Sullivan

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12 February - St Drostan’s Church, Old Deer

Rector: Rev Richard O’Sullivan

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19 February - St Peter’s Church, Peterhead

Rector: Rev Richard O’Sullivan

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26 February - Please pray for the work of the chaplain, and for the prisoners in HMP and YOI Grampian and their families.

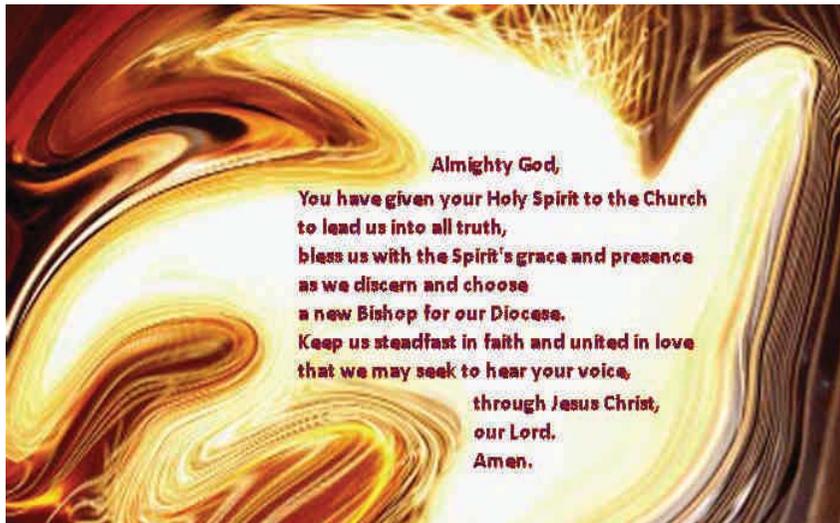
Chaplain: Rev Ali Harvey

- *March not available on Diocesan Website as yet.*
- *Look on [www.aberdeen.anglican.org](http://www.aberdeen.anglican.org)*



## DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN AND ORKNEY

The date of the electoral synod to elect the new bishop has been fixed for Friday April 28<sup>th</sup>. The list of candidates will be published on or around 21 March, with the Meeting with the Candidates scheduled for Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup>.



## Prayer of Bishop Thomas Ken



O God, make the doors of this house  
wide enough to receive all  
who need human love and fellowship,  
narrow enough to shut out  
all envy, pride and strife.

Make its threshold smooth enough  
to be no stumbling block to children,  
not to straying feet,  
but rugged rugged and strong enough  
to turn back the tempter's power.

O God, make the doors of this house  
the gateway to your eternal kingdom. Amen.



## THOMAS KEN

*July 1637 – 19 March 1711*



Ordained an Anglican priest in 1662, Thomas Ken served as rector in several parishes before becoming chaplain to members of the royal family, and, in 1685, Bishop of Bath and Wells. A man of principle and strong conviction, he was one of seven bishops imprisoned for refusing to sign King James II’s “Declaration of Indulgence”, the purpose of which was to allow Catholics to resume positions of political power in England. After strong expressions of popular support by the people of London, Bishop Ken was quickly tried and acquitted.

King James II was forced to flee the country when King William and Queen Mary were invited to become co-monarchs of England. William and Mary demanded oaths of allegiance from all persons holding public positions, including the bishops. Thomas Ken and others (known as the Non-Jurors; the older meaning of “juror” is “one who takes an oath”, hence “perjurer” as “one who swears falsely”) refused to take the oath on the grounds that they had sworn allegiance to James and could not during his lifetime swear allegiance to another monarch without making such oaths a mockery. Bishop Ken took this stand as a matter of principle despite his strong disagreement with much that James had done. In 1690, he and the other surviving non-jurors were deposed.

Most of the bishops of Scotland also refused the oath; William and Mary retaliated by disestablishing the Episcopal Church in Scotland and making the Presbyterian Kirk the established state church there instead.

Ken is honoured with a feast day on the liturgical calendar of the Scottish Episcopal Church on March 22nd.



Thanks for donating,

£600.00

The Tree of Hope Charity raises funds for treating children where treatment is not available on the NHS. This is where our congregation agreed to send 1% of our income (in 2015-2016) at the AGM.



The Christingle and Christmas collections for Aberdeen Cyrenians yielded a total of £500.



## Comper Hall – News

Well, not really much to report this time but as we go to print, we still have to have our meeting to pencil up and coming social events – WATCH THIS SPACE

### Hall Information

#### Bingo

Nothing to report here but it was pleasing to see most of the bingo people turning up on Saturday 14 January 2017 especially after the bad weather we had in the previous few days. What a hardy bunch we have.

### Other Groups

In the last edition of the magazine, I said that I would ask the groups in the hall for information and I have received a second response and it has come from John Grubb of Street Combat System.

### Street Combat System

#### Description of Group

An open and safe, informal group to practice and learning self-defence, martial arts and fitness.

#### Classes

Thursdays 8.00 pm to 9.30 pm

#### Requirements

Trainers & Joggers

Gloves helpful for boxing but not essential

#### Cost

Free for the first 3 weeks thereafter

£ 5.00 per session

#### Website / Further Information

[www.streetcombat system.com](http://www.streetcombat system.com)

& Facebook

John and his group have been using the hall for many years now and it is very much appreciated that they choose to use our hall and have been part of the St Margaret's Community.

- Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness in preparation for his ministry.

Most Christians regard Jesus' time in the wilderness as the key event for the duration of Lent.

### Why is it called Lent?

Lent is an old English word meaning 'lengthen'. Lent is observed in spring, when the days begin to get longer.

### The colour purple

Purple is the symbolic colour used in some churches throughout Lent, for drapes and altar frontals.

Purple is used for two reasons: firstly because it is associated with mourning and so anticipates the pain and suffering of the crucifixion, and secondly because purple is the colour associated with royalty, and celebrates Christ's resurrection and sovereignty.

### East and West

Both the eastern and western churches observe Lent but they count the 40 days differently.

The western church excludes Sundays (which is celebrated as the day of Christ's resurrection) whereas the eastern church includes them.

The churches also start Lent on different days.

Western churches start Lent on the 7th Wednesday before Easter Day (called Ash Wednesday).

Eastern churches start Lent on the Monday of the 7th week before Easter and end it on the Friday 9 days before Easter. Eastern churches call this period the 'Great Lent'.

The last week of Lent is **Holy Week**.



Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before **Easter** in the Christian calendar. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> this year, Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. Lent is marked by fasting, both from food and festivities.

Lent recalls the events leading up to and including Jesus' crucifixion. This is believed to have taken place in Roman occupied Jerusalem.

The Christian churches that observe Lent in the 21st century use it as a time for prayer and penance. These days believers might decide to surrender a particular vice such as favourite foods or smoking or to use the time for giving something positive: money or time or friendship. Whatever the sacrifice it is a reflection of Jesus' deprivation in the wilderness and a test of self-discipline.

#### **Why 40 days?**

40 is a significant number in Jewish-Christian scripture:

- In Genesis, the flood which destroyed the earth was brought about by 40 days and nights of rain.
- The Hebrews spent 40 years in the wilderness before reaching the land promised to them by God.
- Moses fasted for 40 days before receiving the ten commandments on Mount Sinai.

#### **Olga – Private Dance Classes**

Olga has started her classes from Tuesday 10 January 2017 and has booked the hall on the following days:

Tuesdays 19.30 pm to 21.30 pm

Fridays 18.30 pm to 20.30 pm

Saturday 13.00 pm to 16.00 pm

I would assume that she may have the odd class during the week.

Information on her classes are on the notice in the main hall.

#### **10ft High Theatre**

I have received an e-mail that the theatre group that hired the guild room in October and November last year have asked for the availability of the room again in February/March this year. I have said that it is available so here's hoping – every little helps.

#### **Private Parties**

The hall is available for private parties but advanced notice is required (the earlier the better).

Let us hope that 2017 brings new groups into the hall which will not only bring financial benefits but new people into contact with the St Margarets community which is what it is all about.

Paul Digby - Hall Lets Convener



*Words are impossible for me to find to express my heartfelt gratitude to all at St Margaret's for their cards, their prayers and their kindness on the sudden death of Patricia. So many of the large congregation present at her funeral were amazed and in awe of the beauty of the church, and the dignity of the service and the music. To the choir, the servers and the organist I and Patricia's family are so very grateful, and my special thanks to Father Emsley and Father John for their prayers and their support.*

*May Patricia rest in peace and rise in glory.*

*Margaret.*

Christine would like to thank all who helped in any way towards the Christmas raffle which raised £100.

Paul is still collecting used stamps for charity and there is a box in church.

Lent 2017

**LOVING OTHERS THROUGH CHRIST**

**“You are invited to come along on Tuesdays or Wednesdays”**



Session 1 (March 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>) - History of Hospitality

Session 2 (March 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>) - Caring for ourselves

Session 3 (March 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>) - What makes a welcoming place?

Session 4 (March 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>) - Presence of Jesus in all we do

Session 5 (April 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>) - Christ's gift to us

**Tuesdays**

11.00 Mass

11.30 Coffee

12.00 Input and Discussion

12.30 Lunch

13.00 Discussion – personal experience and application – using helpful questions

13.45 closing

**OR**

**Wednesdays**

19.00 Mass

19.30 Input and Discussion

20.00 Coffee

20.20 Discussion – personal experience and application – using helpful questions

20.50 closing