

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*2 Kings 4:42–44* When they had eaten, there was some left over.

*Psalms 144* 'The Lord is loving, the Lord is kind.'

*Ephesians 4:1–6* 'Live in a manner worthy of the calling you have received.'

*John 6:1–15* Jesus feeds the multitude with five barley loaves and a few fish.

In the first reading, Elisha takes an offering of barley loaves and shares it with many more people than it would be expected to feed. All ate plenty and some was even left over. In the Gospel, Jesus takes five barley loaves and two fish and is able to share them with over five thousand people. All ate their fill, and twelve baskets were filled with the leftovers. God is able to provide more than we need, despite all appearances to the contrary. As we sing in the psalm today, 'You open wide your hand, O Lord, you grant our desires.'

## CALENDAR

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| Monday, 26th July   | Memorial of St Joachim and St Anne |
| Thursday, 29th July | Memorial of St Martha              |
| Saturday, 31st July | Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola  |

## BOOKSTALL

The stall continues to sell cards, gifts, prayer books and spiritual items. The Catholic newspapers which we used to sell (Scottish Catholic Observer, the Universe, the Catholic Times) have stopped publishing, partly due to the pandemic. However, Flourish is still available and our stock of books from Catholic Truth Society can help you grow in your faith.

## OFFERINGS

**Second collection** : we hope to restart these in the near future.

**Regular worshippers**, please consider making your offerings by standing order. Details from the Cathedral Office (address on front page).

**Gift Aid:** If you are a parishioner, a regular or even an occasional visitor please consider using gift aid for your donations. This adds 25% to your contribution, as we can reclaim the tax you pay to HMRC. To do this, you should fill in a Gift Aid form (available in the sacristy) and obtain some of our Blue regular GA envelopes. If you require more envelopes, please speak to Fr. Sharkey. To make a one off donation, please use a yellow Gift Aid envelope, available in the pews, and fill in the details required on the front. If you have questions please speak with Canon Sharkey or email the parish office, [cathedral@rcag.org.uk](mailto:cathedral@rcag.org.uk).

## STREAMING

Watch Cathedral services online—see link at [www.cathedralG1.org](http://www.cathedralG1.org)



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# SAINT ANDREW'S METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL

Parish founded in 1792. Church opened in 1816

## 25th July 2021

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"There is a boy here who has  
five barley loaves and two fish."*

*John 6:9*



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| SUNDAY MASS       | Vigil 5.15pm, 10.00am, 12.00 noon, 5.15pm   |
| MASS MON—SAT      | 1.00pm and 5.15pm   |
| CONFESSIONS       | Please see information inside.  |
| PRAYER & DEVOTION | Our usual devotions will resume as soon as possible.  |
| CATHEDRAL CLERGY  | Canon Gerald Sharkey, Fr Joseph Walsh, Fr Augustine Abayomi<br>Fr Charles Randall CSsR (on loan from St Mary's, Kinnoull, Perth)  |
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## CATHEDRAL NEWS

**Volunteers Required** to assist with stewarding and sanitising the pews after Masses throughout the week. Please email/phone the Cathedral Office (see front page) with your name and contact details, and let us know when you would be available.

**Singing:** We have a small group of singers at the 10am and 12noon Mass on Sundays and congregational singing is now permitted, but face masks must still be worn.

**St. Andrew's Cathedral Choir** are looking for new members, men especially welcome. Ability to read music not essential. Contact our Director of Music, Maria Madden by email at [music@cathedralg1.org](mailto:music@cathedralg1.org) for more information.

**Flowers:** Please do not leave flowers or plants in any location around the Cathedral. However, you are most welcome to make a donation for flowers. Please put it in a separate envelope marked "Flowers" and place it in the offertory collection box, in any of the votive candle stands or donation boxes.

**Cathedral Finances:** We hope to publish the full details of the Cathedral's annual accounts on the parish website in the near future. Obviously this has been an extraordinary year, and for many months we were closed. But one major fact comes out of the accounts. Although we kept our head above water by drastically cutting expenditure and stopping all but essential repairs and maintenance, the Cathedral's real income last year was just under 40% of the previous year, a drop of more than 60%. This will have a serious effect on what we are able to do in the year ahead. It is likely that it will take some time for Mass attendance to return to previous levels and for donations to the collection at Mass to do the same. Perhaps some of our regular parishioners would consider a bank Standing Order to donate regularly or you could Gift Aid your donations, as this is a simple way to increase your donation to the Cathedral at no cost to yourself.

**Weddings:** We offer our congratulations and prayers to the couples who married in the Cathedral over the past few weeks, often after repeated delays. Despite the difficulties of the past year, we wish them every happiness and blessing in their married lives.

## REDEMPTORIST VOCATIONS

**What is God calling you to be?** Come and find out about life as a Redemptorist Priest or Brother at our Vocations Weekend from Friday 27th—Sunday 29th August at St. Mary's Monastery, Perth. For single Catholic men aged 18—35. For more information or to book, email: [vocations@redemptorists.co.uk](mailto:vocations@redemptorists.co.uk). To find out more about the Order, visit their website: [redemptorists.co.uk](http://redemptorists.co.uk).

## NOTICE

The first **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** falls this weekend on Sunday 25th July. Instituted by Pope Francis, it has been given the theme "I am with you always" from the Gospel of Matthew. The Pope says "The whole Church is close to you—to us—and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!" The Holy Father's letter to elderly people is available on the Archdiocesan website, [www.rcag.org.uk](http://www.rcag.org.uk) and in the July edition of *Flourish*—copies in the bookstall.

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

**Mass:** Currently, we have no fixed maximum attendance for liturgies, but must still observe social distancing (now 1 metre between groups) and continue to wear face masks. Since Scotland moved to Level 0 last week, our capacity has risen, but the layout of the pews means that we will still only be able to accommodate around 100 individuals (somewhat more with family groups).

**There is no need to book for weekday Mass**—attendance is on a first come, first served basis. However, **please continue to book for all Sunday Masses**, including the Saturday Vigil, via the link on our website. Please arrive at least ten minutes before Mass, so there is time to check your name, and follow the safety procedures before Mass begins.

You should also remember that the obligation to attend Mass is still lifted (by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland). The bishops will make clear when this changes. Until then, you may choose to attend Mass another day, rather than Sunday. If you are unwell, if you have any Coronavirus symptoms, or are in self-isolation, you must not attend Mass to protect others and prevent the spread of the virus. Even with the progress of the Vaccination programme, these rules are still necessary for now. We will update you when this changes.

To augment good practice with regard to hygiene and to reduce unnecessary contact, please take your parish bulletin and hymn sheet away with you, rather than leaving it in the Church where it might be picked up by someone at a subsequent Mass.

**Confessions:** Although the current rules prevent us from using the Confessional Boxes (people are too close together, there are no opening windows to allow better ventilation), we will arrange more opportunities for Confession as circumstances allow. However, it is still possible at the moment to email or phone the Cathedral House to arrange an appointment at a convenient time for Confession.

**Votive Candles:** We ask you not to light candles yourself. Place your donation in the slot and ask the steward to light the appropriate number of candles for you.