

Our Lady, Star of the Sea and St. Drostan

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FOR BOTH PARISHES

Booking for Sunday Mass. We are asking people who wish to attend Mass on Saturday evening or on Sunday to book a place in advance. This is for two main reasons: to limit the number of people at Mass (the Government has placed a cap of 50 on any church service) and to provide us with a list of attendees for "Test and Protect" (contact tracing) purposes. Access to the online booking service is through our parish website:
www.peterfraserparish.rcda.scot

If anyone has difficulty in using the online booking service, please speak to a passkeeper at Mass or phone Father, who will be happy to help.

If Sunday Mass is fully booked, remember that your "weekly Mass" can be one of the weekday Masses, which have only a small number of participants.

Ministers of Holy Communion. Some people have enquired about ministers visiting people at home to bring them Holy Communion and fellowship. Under present Government rules, **it is possible for extraordinary ministers to bring Holy Communion to housebound people that they normally visit, provided Covid-safety protocols are strictly adhered to.** Eucharistic ministers should let Fr Bruno know about any planned visits.

Facebook Page of the parishes can be found at **www.facebook.com/fraserpeterparish**, or by typing **@fraserpeterparish** into the search bar of any Facebook page, or by 'clicking' on the Facebook icon at the foot of the parish website home page (address above in "Booking for Sunday Mass").

"In the crossing of my arms." Live online talk by Fr Bruno on our Lady of Guadalupe, Thursday 1st October, at 20:00 – as part of a 9 day virtual pilgrimage to various Marian Shrines. Free. No registration.

Search for **Fellowship of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary** on Facebook, or type the following into your browser:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/735955183628950>

The talk will also be live-streamed on YouTube.

PETERHEAD

Offertory Collection, 13th September: £347.33

Piety Stall: £36.31

Thank you for your support.

Reader today: Ad Hoc

Reader next Sunday: Ad Hoc

The position of Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator is currently vacant.

FRASERBURGH

Offertory Collection, 13th September: £621.50

Donations during Lockdown: £245.00

Thank you for your support.

The Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is Mrs. Anne Reilly.

Reader today: Bob Watson

Reader next Sunday: Clare McMahon

Lottery Fundraiser: If you wish to pay your dues please put your money into a sealed envelope with your details and pass it to me when I am taking in the Offertory Collection when Parishioners are exiting the Church after Sunday Mass. I will continue the Lottery till the end of this year when I will review its viability. Thanks. Pet

Christmas Savings – Tidly, Fundraiser: If you wish to pay into your Tidly please put your money into a sealed envelope with your name and preferably with your Tidly Card, and give it to me when I am taking the Offertory Collection when Parishioners are exiting the Church after Sunday Mass. Cheques are due to be paid out on November 1st when I will review the situation. Thank you. Pet

Gift Aid Envelopes: Parishioners who have yet to pick up their gift aid envelopes are asked to collect them from the sacristy.

Lottery/Fundraiser: The winning lottery number for Wednesday 23rd September, is Lucky Dip No 15. The weekly cash prize is £24.00.

Introductions

As promised, a bit of background info about myself. As you will probably have noticed, I come

from down south, and grew up in London. My mum is Swiss (and hence the "Bruno") and my dad (God rest his soul) was of Irish background (hence the "Murphy" – Yes, I know it's a weird combination). I thank God for the Catholic faith of both my parents, and the fact that they weren't afraid to talk about it at home with the kids.

After secondary school in Enfield, I went to King's College London to study medicine. I graduated in 1996 and then worked for 3 years in hospitals London and Oxford. I loved medicine, and these were great years.

But God ... doesn't think the way we do. He began edging me towards the priesthood while I was still in med school. However, it was only some years later that I actually made the jump.

After a year in a diocesan seminary in London, I encountered the Franciscans of the Immaculate, and felt strongly drawn to this religious institute that aimed at continuing the work of St. Maximilian Kolbe. He too was a Franciscan friar. His idea was to bring people to Jesus in the "shortest, surest, and most beautiful way", which is through Mary. I spend nearly 17 years with the Franciscans of the Immaculate. Still today I consider myself strongly associated with the spirituality and apostolate of St. Maximilian.

After 3 years of work with a different group of Franciscans (the Friars Minor Conventual), I discerned a call to return to where I began: the diocesan pathway, and ... here I am.

I have always loved Scotland and the Scots. (In fact, I might actually be, in a way, Scottish, but that's not a story for a newsletter...) As some of you know, I served as University Chaplain for the universities of Aberdeen in 2017-2018, and so it was a logical choice for me to come back to the diocese of Aberdeen.

Thanks for all your patience while I adjust to what in many ways is for me a new way of life. Please keep me in your prayers, as I do you – every day – in mine. God bless.

Newsletter: Please email any newsletter information to both Bob Watson and Aleksandra Cieslik. Bob's email is:

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Sun 27th Sept	Mass: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am
Mon 28th Sept	No Mass	–	–
Tue 29th Sept	Mass: Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels – Feast (White)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–
Wed 30th Sept	Mass: St. Jerome - Memorial (White)	–	Peterhead 9.30am
Thu 1st Oct	Mass: St. Therese of the Child Jesus – Memorial (White)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–
Fri 2nd Oct	Mass: The Holy Guardian Angels (White)	–	Peterhead 9.30am
Sat 3rd Oct	Mass: Sat in the 26th Week in Ordinary Time (Green)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–
	Confessions and (in Fraserburgh) Exposition	Fraserburgh 10.00 - 10.30am	Peterhead 5.45 - 6.15pm
	Vigil Mass: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)	–	Peterhead 6.30pm
Sun 4th Oct	Mass: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am



"In truth I tell you, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you."