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FOR BOTH PARISHES

Christmas Schedule

Between 24th and 27th, services are as follows:

Thu 24 th Dec	Fr	09:30 Last Mass of Advent
	Fr	19:00 Readings/Reflections
	Fr	19:30 Vigil Mass of Xmas
	Pe	23:00 Readings/Reflections
	Pe	23:30 Midnight Mass
Fri 25 th Dec	Fr	08:00 Xmas Dawn Mass
	Fr	09:30 Xmas Day Mass
	Pe	11:30 Xmas Day Mass
Sat 26 th Dec	Fr	09:30 St. Stephen
		Note: No Vigil Mass
Sun 27 th Dec	Fr	09:30 Holy Family
	Pe	11:30
Mon 28 th Dec		No Mass

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What to do: Follow the link:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/peterfraserparish>, click on **support this cause**, and follow the instructions.

Share in the Joy! An invitation to young people to join in with Youth2000 for an evening of celebration, prayer, reflection & carols, tonight, Gaudete Sunday: **13th December, 7-9pm**. Email info@youth2000.org for Zoom Details, or speak to Fr. Bruno who has them too. 😊

Bible Study. The Ogilvie Centre is offering a free bible study, "**Genesis to Jesus**", from the St Paul Centre for Biblical Theology, for 7 Tuesdays starting 5 January at 7:30pm or 7 Thursdays starting 7 January at 2pm. The study will be led on Zoom conferencing, which allows for telephone or online log-in. The workbook can be downloaded upon registration for free. Please contact ogilvie@rcda.scot to register by 3 January.

Our Lady of Aberdeen book re-run. "Our Lady of Aberdeen" is the name given in Scotland to a remarkable statue which was saved from destruction in Aberdeen during the Reformation. The book was originally published in 2013 but, **due to popular demand, has recently been reprinted.** It is A5 size, 68 pages plus cover, printed on high quality gloss paper with 24 full-colour illustrations. It is available from St. Mary's Cathedral shop, Aberdeen for £8.00 and can also be purchased by post from Ron Smith for £8.00 plus £1.40 postage (UK). Contact ronsmith9797@gmail.com for details.

Scottish Bishops' Pastoral Letter on the Pandemic. A recently issued Pastoral Letter ("Light Shines in Darkness") dealing with questions related to the pandemic is available online. One of the points discussed is the question of ethical sourcing of vaccines against Covid. Concerns had been raised because some of the new vaccines are being developed using cell lines historically (back in the 1970s) taken from aborted fetuses. Here is an extract of the relevant passage:

"We gladly welcome the news of the approval of the first vaccines for the UK and we hope this will allow an early immunisation programme to protect our population and offer the prospect of some return to normal life.

Contemporary society rightly pays attention to the ethical sourcing of commodities like food and clothing to ensure that the benefits to us do not come at a disproportionate cost. As similar concerns have been raised about vaccines, we reassure our Catholic population that, in accordance with longstanding guidance from the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, **it is ethical to take any of the C19 vaccines purchased by the UK at the present time, either because foetal cell lines have not been used in their development or because their sourcing is sufficiently remote.**

While we affirm the ethical acceptability of taking these vaccines, **we do not support biotechnological processes that develop products from abortion or research using these cell-lines.** We hope that those with objections to such vaccines can be respected and offered alternatives, and we call upon companies to use only ethically sourced material. We encourage wider debate in society on progressively eradicating the misuse of human products in bio-technologies in the future. Similarly, we urge governments to work to

ensure C19 vaccines are made available equitably across the world, according to human need and not economic status."

PETERHEAD

Offertory Collection, 29th November: £187.71
Thank you for your support.

Stewards

Saturday Vigil: Francesca & Connor Meehan

Sunday Mass: Cheryl Murray & Majella

Next Sat, Vigil Mass: Francesca & Connor Meehan

Next Sunday Mass: Kasia & Marcin Noga

Readers

Vigil Mass: Conor Meehan

Sunday Mass: Cheryl Murray

Next Sat, Vigil Mass: Helen Noble

Next Sunday Mass: Eileen Fretwell

FRASERBURGH

Offertory Collection, 29th November: £136.70

Stewards at Sunday Mass: Norma Bisset & Jean Henry

Reader today: Dannie Tom

Reader next Sunday: Jolanta Katiniene

Our Safeguarding Coordinator is Mrs Anne Reilly.

First Communion and Confirmation classes: Registration for next year's classes is now closed. If anyone has completed a form but not yet returned it, please do so as soon as possible.

For various reasons including ongoing Covid restrictions, **all catechism classes at Fraserburgh will take place on Saturday mornings.**

First holy Communion classes for 2021 will start on Saturday 9th January after the 09:30 Mass. Classes will take place in the church. **Parents or guardians should attend with their children.**

Confirmation classes will start on Saturday 9th January 2021 after the 09:30 Mass. Classes will take place in the large Parish Room and in the Reconciliation Room/Creche at the back of the church. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be given to candidates who are ready to receive it on **Sunday 20th June 2021.**

Items for the newsletter, website and Facebook page should be sent to Bob Watson, email: rmbwatson@gmail.com

Sun 13 th Dec	Mass: 3 rd Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday (Rose)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am
Mon 14 th Dec	No Mass	–	–
Tue 15 th Dec	Mass: Tuesday in the 3 rd Week of Advent (Purple)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–
Wed 16 th Dec	Mass: Wednesday in the 3 rd Week of Advent (Purple) followed by Adoration	–	Peterhead 9.30am
Thur 17 th Dec	Mass: Advent Weekday (Purple) followed by Adoration	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–
Fri 18 th Dec	Mass: Advent Weekday (Purple)	–	Peterhead 9.30am
Sat 19 th Dec	Mass: First Holy Communions, Fraserburgh Class of 2020	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–
	Confessions	Fraserburgh 11.30am-12.15pm	Peterhead 5.45 - 6.15pm
	Vigil Mass: 4 th Sunday of Advent (Purple)	–	Peterhead 6:30pm
Sun 20 th Dec	Mass: 4 th Sunday of Advent (Purple)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am



Prepare a way for the Lord, make His paths straight.