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FOR BOTH PARISHES

Year of St. Joseph. In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* ("With a father's heart"), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father behind the scenes.

The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (8 Dec) 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

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 5th January at 7:30pm or 7 Thursdays starting 7 January at 2.00pm. 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 3rd January.

An online Service of Readings and Carols, led by Bishop Hugh Gilbert at St. Mary's Cathedral, will take place on **Monday 21st at 7 pm.** You can participate by tuning in to "St Mary's Cathedral Aberdeen" YouTube channel.

PETERHEAD

Offertory Collection Cash Plate, 6th December: £466.20

Approx. Monthly Standing Orders i/c: £265.00

Thank you for your support.

Stewards

Saturday Vigil: Ann Murphy & Ellen Carchrie

Sunday Mass: Kasia & Marcin Noga

Stewards – Christmas Masses

Midnight Mass: Kasia & Marcin Noga

Christmas Day Mass: Francesca & Connor Meehan

Next Sat, Vigil Mass: No Vigil Mass

Next Sunday Mass: Margaret Wyness & Rose Weir

Readers

Vigil Mass: Helen Noble

Sunday Mass: Eileen Fretwell

Christmas Midnight Mass: Francesca Meehan

Christmas Day Mass: Conor Meehan

Next Sat, Vigil Mass: No Vigil Mass

Next Sunday Mass 27th Dec: Ellen Carchrie

FRASERBURGH

Offertory Collection Cash Plate, 6th December: £215.28

Approx. Monthly Standing Orders i/c: £195.00

Thank you for your support.

Stewards at Sunday Mass: Norma Bisset & Jean Henry

Reader today: to be determined

Reader Christmas Vigil Mass: Bob Watson

Reader 8.00am Dawn Christmas Mass: Claire Kellock

Reader Christmas Day 9.30am Mass: Anne Simpson

Reader next Sunday 27th Dec: Dannie Tom

Stewards – Christmas Masses

Christmas Vigil Mass: Norma Bisset & Dannie Tom

Dawn Mass 8.00am Christmas Day: Gwen Craigie & Cirila Webster

Christmas Day Mass: Anne Reilly & Sylwia Matusiak

Our Safeguarding Coordinator is Mrs Anne Reilly.

Congratulations to the 9 children in the class of 2019/2020 who received their first holy Communion

on Saturday. May Jesus our Eucharistic Lord be always with them and their families.

First Communion and Confirmation classes 2021. All catechism classes at Fraserburgh will take place on **Saturday mornings.**

First holy Communion classes 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 also start on Saturday 9th January 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.**

Lottery/Fundraiser: The winning lottery number for Wednesday 16th December, is No 33. The weekly cash prize is £24.00.

Sadly this Fundraiser is not sustainable in current climes, I have kept it, and the prize money going throughout the year in respect of the present members who have been very loyal, but the decision has been made to suspend it for the moment. Back lying dues are still coming in so a balance will be printed asap. The financial year ends on the 23rd December 2020, so that will be the last draw meantime. Appreciation to those who contributed during the last 11 years of its present reign. - Pet

Prayer to St. Joseph from *Patris corde*

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.**

**Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy & courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.**

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

Sun 20 th Dec	Mass: Mass: 4 th Sunday of Advent (Purple)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am	 <p>"Look! You are to conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you must name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High."</p>
Mon 21 st Dec	No Mass	–	–	
Tue 22 nd Dec	Mass: Of the Day (Purple)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–	
Wed 23 rd Dec	Mass: Of the Day (Purple), followed by Adoration	–	Peterhead 9.30am	
Thur 24th Dec	Mass: Of the Day (Purple), followed by Adoration	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–	
	Readings & Reflections followed by Christmas Vigil Mass	Fraserburgh 7.00pm & 7.30pm	–	
Fri 25th Dec	Readings & Reflections followed by Midnight Mass	–	P'head 11.00pm & 11.30pm	
	Mass: The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Dawn Mass	Fraserburgh 8.00am	–	
Sat 26th Dec	Mass: The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Day Mass (W)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am	
	Mass: Saint Stephen, First Martyr (Red)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–	
Sun 27th Dec	No Vigil Mass	–	–	
Sun 27 th Dec	Mass: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (White)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am	