

# Our Lady, Star of the Sea and St. Drostan

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# St. Mary's

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## PETERHEAD

### Stewards

**Sunday Mass 16<sup>th</sup> May:** Kasia & Marcin Noga  
**Next Sunday Mass 23<sup>rd</sup> May:** Cheryl Murray & Majella Morrison

### Readers

**Sunday Mass 16<sup>th</sup> May:** Kevin Oliphant  
**Vigil Mass 22<sup>nd</sup> May:** Ellen Carchrie  
**Next Sunday Mass 23<sup>rd</sup> May:** Cheryl Murray

**Monthly Income from Standing Orders:** £265.00  
**Offertory Collection Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May:** £262.70

The Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator is Mrs Majella Morrison  
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## FRASERBURGH

### Stewards

**Sunday Mass 16<sup>th</sup> May:** Gwen Craigie & Jean Henry  
**Next Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May:** Dannie Tom & Cirila Webster

### Readers

**Sunday Mass 16<sup>th</sup> May:** Dannie Tom  
**Next Sunday Mass 23<sup>rd</sup> May:** Anne Reilly

**Monthly Income from Standing Orders:** £400.00  
**Offertory Collection Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May:** £226.73

The Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is Mrs Anne Reilly (01771 623029; [annereilly01@aol.com](mailto:annereilly01@aol.com))

## NOTICES

There is a special collection this Weekend in support of **Catholic Communications**.

This Sunday is "World Communications Day". In his message for this day, Pope Francis made the following points:

1. "Come and see" (words of our Lord, John 1:46). Communication involves encountering people where and as they are.
2. There is a danger in modern news reporting: to not ever "hit the streets". News reporters need to take care to meet people face to face to research stories or to verify certain situations first hand.

3. The Gospels bring us "news" about Jesus' life, and are trustworthy sources of information. The events described invite us into relationship with Jesus.
4. Many journalists have shown great courage in their reporting of the truth, and this is very praiseworthy, especially when they bring us news about cases of oppression and injustice that would otherwise be overlooked or hushed up.
5. The internet is a great way of disseminating news, but it carries the danger of misinformation. There is need for "greater discernment and responsibility for contents both sent and received."
6. Nothing replaces seeing things at first hand. As persons, we communicate in many ways; "some things can only be learned through first-hand experience." Communicate, therefore, "by encountering people, where they are and as they are".

In passing, I note that the Holy Father also mentions how **John wrote his gospel as "an old man", "more than half a century" after he knew Jesus** through personally associating with Him in His public life. This is important because some years ago, the idea went around that John's gospel was written by later Christians as a kind of theological reflection on things handed down through generations. Some even postulated a date of composition as late as the 3<sup>rd</sup> century. Removing the authorship of the gospels from the Apostles Matthew and John, and Evangelists Mark and Luke, tends to weaken faith in the historical accuracy of the gospels, and this is not helpful at all. Well, now the Holy Father has added weight what we always believed: of course John's gospel was written by St. John the Apostle!

**SPUC White Flower Appeal.** On Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2021, at Carfin Grotto, SPUC Scotland will display 14,000 white flower images, one for every child lost to abortion in Scotland in one year, to create a 'carpet of flowers for the unborn'. Bishop Toal will bless the physical display at 2.00pm. If you would like to sponsor a virtual flower, please visit [www.whiteflower.org.uk](http://www.whiteflower.org.uk) or call SPUC Scotland (0141 221 2094) to make a donation.

**St. Andrew's Children's Society and Foster Care Fortnight, 10<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021**

There are many children across Scotland who need stable, loving families to care for them because their birth families are not able to provide the nurturing or safe environment that would allow them to flourish and become confident and well balanced adults. Could you provide the stability and love these children deserve? Would you like to hear more about whether fostering a child could be an option for you? Contact us on 01224 878158 or [info@standrews-children.org.uk](mailto:info@standrews-children.org.uk)

### Wisdom of the Saints

"'To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.' His approach is gentle, His presence fragrant, His yoke very light; rays of light and knowledge shine forth before Him as He comes. He comes with the heart of a true protector; He comes to save, to heal, to teach, to admonish, to strengthen, to console, to enlighten the mind first of the man who receives Him, then through him the minds of others also. As a man previously in darkness, suddenly seeing the sun receives his sight and sees clearly what he did not see before, so the man deemed worthy of the Holy Spirit is enlightened in soul and sees beyond the power of human sight what he did not know before." (St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Catechesis 16)

### Prayer of Pope Francis

**Lord, teach us to move beyond ourselves, and to set out in search of truth.**

**Teach us to go out and see, teach us to listen, not to entertain prejudices or draw hasty conclusions.**

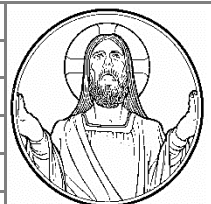
**Teach us to go where no one else will go, to take the time needed to understand, to pay attention to the essentials, not to be distracted by the superfluous, to distinguish deceptive appearances from the truth.**

**Grant us the grace to recognize your dwelling places in our world and the honesty needed to tell others what we have seen.**

**Amen.**

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Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Mass: 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (White)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> May	No Mass	-	-
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Mass: Tue in the 7 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter (White)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	-
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Mass: Wed in the 7 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter, followed by Adoration	-	Peterhead 9.30am
Thur 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Mass: St. Bernardine of Siena, P, followed by Adoration	Fraserburgh 9.30am	-
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Mass: St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions, Martyrs	-	Peterhead 9.30am
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Mass: St. Rita of Cascia, wife, mother, and nun (White)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	-
	Confessions	Fr'burgh 11.30am-12.15pm	P'head 5.45pm - 6.15pm
	Vigil Mass: Pentecost Sunday (Red)	-	Peterhead 6.30pm
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Mass: Pentecost Sunday (Red)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am



**"Consecrate them in the truth, your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world."**