

Our Lady, Star of the Sea and St. Drostan

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St. Mary's

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PETERHEAD

Stewards

Sunday Mass 23rd May: Cheryl Murray & Majella Morrison

Next Sunday Mass 30th May: Terry Moran & Juliet Grant

Readers

Sunday Mass 23rd May: Cheryl Murray

Vigil Mass 29th May: Cheryl Murray

Next Sunday Mass 30th May: Julia Buda

Monthly Income from Standing Orders: £265.00

Offertory Collection Sunday 16th May: £261.95

Communications Collection: £79.17

The Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator is Mrs Majella Morrison
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FRASERBURGH

Stewards

Sunday Mass 23rd May: Dannie Tom & Cirila Webster

Next Sunday 30th May: Norma Bisset & Sylwia Matusiak

Readers

Sunday Mass 23rd May: Anne Reilly

Next Sunday Mass 30th May: Shara Wojcik

Monthly Income from Standing Orders: £400.00

Offertory Collection Sunday 9th May: £88.80

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

NOTICES

Monday 31st May is the Bishops of Scotland's Day for Life.

There will be a special collection taken up at our Masses on the weekend of 29-30 May for the work of the apostolate of life.

Face-to-face catechism lessons are projected to begin in our parishes in late August, in line with the beginning of the new school year.

This coming Monday, 24th May, is the memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. Pope Francis inscribed this memorial in the Roman Calendar of the Church in 2018.

We will keep the memorial with a special Mass this Monday at 09:30 at Fraserburgh.

The Mother of the Church

Monday's memorial reminds all Christ's disciples that, if they want to grow and be filled with the love of God, it is necessary to plant their lives firmly on three great realities: the Cross, the Eucharist, and the Mother of God.

In the Preface for the Mass for Mary, Mother of the Church, our attention is drawn to **3 key moments** in Mary's life which explain why She should be honoured as "Mother of the Church".

Firstly, at the **Annunciation** She conceived God's Son in Her womb and thus "nurtured the beginnings of the Church" (Mass Preface). St. Paul tells us that the baptised are members of the Body of Christ (1Corinthians 12:12ff). He is referring to the Church, the members of which are "incorporated" (literally, 'made a part of the body') into Christ at Baptism, and spiritually nourished on His very Body and Blood in the Eucharist. In fact, all the Sacraments point to Christ and bring us into a new relation with Him in light of one or other aspect of His life and being. So when Mary cradled the tiny body of our Lord in Her womb, She nurtured the beginnings of the Church, and truly became Mother of all those who would one day be made sharers in Christ.

Secondly, at the **foot of the Cross**, She received in the person of St. John all those "who by the Death of Christ are born to heavenly life" (Preface; cf. John 19:26). It was fitting that She, who had surrendered Her own Son to God for the oblation required by divine justice and love should receive from God the grace of spiritual maternity over the whole Church.

Thirdly, we see Her at **Pentecost** (hence the reason why this memorial is on the day after Pentecost

every year) joining the Apostles in "the prayers of the disciples" and becoming for them and us "the pattern of the Church at prayer". The gift of the Holy Spirit completes the array of gifts our Redeemer Jesus Christ bestowed on us through His life, death and resurrection, and so it is appropriate that this important event – the birthday of the Church – was prepared for and witnessed by Mary, who had been Her Son's faithful disciple and companion from the beginning.


Mary's motherhood of the Church suggests an **ongoing role** in *bringing new members to spiritual birth* and in the *formation* of the faithful until they acquire the fulness of spiritual maturity and resemble Christ, the image and model of all holiness. As the Liturgy prays, "Raised to the glory of heaven, She accompanies Your pilgrim Church with a mother's love and watches in kindness over the Church's homeward steps, until the Lord's Day shall come in glorious splendour" (Preface).

This is why staying close to our heavenly Mother – **looking to Her example, asking for Her help, imitating Her** – is important, and very much in line with what the Founder of the Church, our Lord Jesus, wishes.

"More blessed to give than receive". A primary school teacher was asking her pupils if they could remember something that Jesus said in the gospels. The good children (who had completed their first holy Communion preparation) offered some of the best known words of our Lord: "I am the good Shepherd"; "I am the Bread of life"; "He who believes in Me will never die"... Then little Johnny piped up: "It's more blessed to give than to receive," Miss" (Acts 20:35). "Oh, that's very interesting, Johnny. Who told you that?" "My dad", he replied cheerily. "He says it often." "Yes? What's your dad's job?" "He's a boxer."



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Sun 23 rd May	Mass: Pentecost Sunday (Red)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am	 <p><i>"I still have many things to say to you, but they would be too much for you now. But when the spirit of truth comes, he will lead you to the complete truth."</i></p>
Mon 24 th May	Mass: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	Fraserburgh 9:30am	–	
Tue 25 th May	Mass: St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin and Religious	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–	
Wed 26 th May	Mass: St. Philip Neri, Priest (White), followed by Adoration	–	Peterhead 9.30am	
Thur 27 th May	Mass: Thursday in the 8 th Week of Ordinary Time (Green), followed by Adoration	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–	
Fri 28 th May	Mass: Friday in the 8 th Week of Ordinary Time (Green)	–	Peterhead 9.30am	
Sat 29 th May	Mass: Pope St. Paul VI (White)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	–	
	Confessions	Fr'burgh 11.30am-12.15pm	P'head 5.45pm - 6.15pm	
	Vigil Mass: The Most Holy Trinity (White)	–	Peterhead 6.30pm	
Sun 30 th May	Mass: The Most Holy Trinity (White)	Fraserburgh 9.30am	Peterhead 11.30am	